

# St. Joseph's Mother Church of the Berkshires

*Established 1849*

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday**-4:00 PM—**Sunday**-9:00 & 11:30 AM

**Daily Mass**-12:10 PM—**Holiday Mass**-9:00 AM

**RCIA**-Wed. 6:30 PM

**Holy Hour**—Monday - Friday 11:00 AM

**Prayer Group**—1st & 3rd Wed. 6:45 PM

**Rosary**—Monday - Friday 11:30 AM

**PRAYER LINE** 413-443-1221



## 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

August 4, 2019

Land of Peace is a nonprofit organization representing Jerusalem Christian Families in the Holy Land. When anyone purchases handmade arts they help Christians in the Holy Land. They are scheduled to visit the church August 3rd and 4th regarding selling religious articles from the Holy Land. To donate online and for more information go to: [www.landofpeace.org](http://www.landofpeace.org)

### MEATBALL & PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER

Knights of Columbus Council #103  
Saturday, August 24, 2019, 5 to 6:00 PM at St. Joseph Parish Center. All proceeds go to St. Joseph Church for the new heating system. Limited tickets at the door if available. Takeout is available. Kindly pick up tickets early at St. Joseph Rectory or contact a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #103.  
Donation; Adults \$12.00, children \$6.00, 5 to 12 years old. If you are unable to attend and are able, donations would be appreciated.

## SARATOGA TRIP

Thursday, August 29th. Bus leaves our parking lot at 9:30 and will drop off at the Casino and then to the Track. We'll leave the track to head home about 4:30. The cost is \$35.

### DAY OF RETREAT (All Are Welcome)

October 29, 2019  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Check in time 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

St. Joseph Parish Center, Pittsfield, MA



#### THEME:

#### Receptivity and Resilience on the Journey of Spirituality

*"Each morning we must hold out the chalice of our being to receive, to carry and to give back. It must be held out empty—for the past must only be reflected in its polish, its shape, its capacity."*

Dag Hammarskjöld, *MARKINGS*, p127

Sr. Colette Hanlon, S.C. Presenter  
Colette Hanlon is a Sister of Charity of Seton Hill whose past ministries include being a teacher of the deaf and the blind, formation ministry, General Counselor, and hospital Chaplain. She is presently a member of the Provincial Council for the Sisters of Charity in Greensburg, PA.

Reservation Donation \$15.00  
(Continental breakfast & lunch included)

RSVP to Josie Buzzanco 413-443-0876 on or before October 22, 2019

Sponsored by Pittsfield Seton Family Group



Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults

### RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of  
Adults

This process to welcome  
adults into the Catholic Faith  
will begin this fall on  
Wednesday, Oct. 16th at 6:30

p.m. in the North Chapel. Sessions last  
approximately one hour. If you are interested,  
please speak to Msgr. Mike or call the rectory at  
445-5789 to register.

### COMING EVENTS



August 29 – SARATOGA – Race track or the Casino. Bus leaves here at 9:30. Cost is \$35.

October 7 – ENDERS ISLAND DAY OF RETREAT – Bus leaves at 7:30 from St. Joe's and we leave Enders to return home about 4-4:30. Cost for the day is \$100.

## ST. JOSEPH FESTIVAL OF SHARING ROOTS 2019 PLANNING MEETING

All chairpersons of booths requested and volunteers welcome to participate, Thursday August 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Many thanks to all who help keep this worthy community tradition going, "Moving forward together from 9-11-01 in a peaceful way, respecting all people and sharing our cultures & food".  
Volunteers needed, kindly give your name to Jeff Vincent.


### GOD GIVES US WHAT WE NEED

A few months back, my wife and I helped move my oldest son into his first real apartment. He was moving to start his first real job and was excited and cautious at the same time. Moving him in reminded me of when his mother and I were first starting out. We received an old couch from her aunt, some kitchen supplies from my mom, and many other things from friends and relatives so we could begin this new journey in our lives. We didn't have much. But we had one another, and we had love. Looking back, those were great times. Sometimes, we think material possessions give evidence of a life lived well. Artifacts from our travels, collections that take time to amass and provide clues to our interests, and various pictures and prints that adorn our walls. However, those who have lived lives of hardship and pain have many of the same items. Not only doesn't all our stuff amount to real evidence of what our life has really been like, but it doesn't make our lives better either. What makes a life well lived will be the love and compassion that we have experienced, primarily with God who loves us so deeply. Due to that love, God gives to us what we need, not always what we want. More stuff will never amount to anything in comparison to what God provides to us. If we reflected on that truth more, perhaps we would spend less time accumulating things and more time simply loving. On that moving day, I wanted to give my son more material things than was possible. However, what he really needs then, now, and always is my love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





**20/20 WINNERS**

Anne Hynes  
Celka Laviolette

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Aug. 3rd 4:00 PM	Sun., Aug. 4th 9:00 AM	Sun., Aug. 4th 11:30 AM
Paula Dodds	Bernadette Scapin	Glenna Gerard
Josie Daviau	Lillian Trzepacz	Michael Wood
Nina Mastrangelo	Jeff Vincent	Anne Dunham
Pat Momnie	Sharon Vincent	Charles Knappe
Sr. Jean Bostley	Nancy Woitkoski	Jeff Gerard
Cheryl Furtek	John Arasimowicz	
Marie Kotowicz	Jeanne Cornell	

### LECTORS

Tom Daly	Al Najimy	Paul Mays
Juliette Ekouah	John Quallen	Anna Stack





## August 4, 2019 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy? "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others. Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards.

This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "stor[ing] up treasure for [our]selves." The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become "rich in what matters to God."

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, August 3rd</b> Timmy Jones-9th Anniversary Requested by Family	4:00 PM
<b>Sunday, August 4th</b> John & Rae Arasimowicz Requested by Family	9:00 AM
Samuel McGovern-8th Anniversary Requested by Nonnie & Papa	11:30 AM
<u>Sanctuary Candle</u> Angelo "Buzz" Buzzanco Requested by Family	
<b>Monday, August 5th</b> Guido Dottavio Requested by Pat Trzcinka	12:10 PM
<b>Tuesday, August 6th</b> Jim DePatie-5th Anniversary Requested by Family	12:10 PM
<b>Wednesday, August 7th</b> For the Parish	12:10 PM
<b>Thursday, August 8th</b> Edward Mickowitz Requested by Family	12:10 PM
<b>Friday, August 9th</b> Paul Giguere Requested by Connie & Joel	12:10 PM
<b>Saturday, August 10th</b> Jane & Gene Walenczyk Requested by Family	4:00 PM
<b>Sunday, August 11th</b> Jimmy Ziter-Birthday Remembrance Requested by Sharon	9:00 AM
Edward Kozlowski Requested by Wife & Family	11:30 AM
<u>Sanctuary Candle</u> Connor & Graham Requested by Lillian Quinn	

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 4, 2019

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17  
[1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21  
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/  
Mt 14:13-21  
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and  
9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36  
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Ps  
106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13  
-23  
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 [12a]/  
Mt 16:24-28  
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn  
12:24-26