

# St. Joseph ~ 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



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

"Do not be afraid; you are worth more  
than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

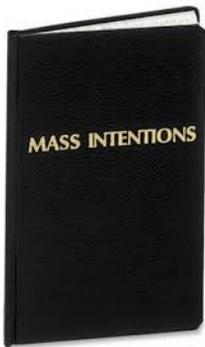
June 21, 2020

# HAPPY Father's DAY<sup>®</sup>

Just a reminder that **MASKS** are required for Mass. Weather permitting we will continue to celebrate weekend Masses outdoors.

## PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Lord Jesus, You came to bring salvation to our world. You humbled yourself to accept death on a cross. Be with us as we confront the spread of the coronavirus with courage and hope. Be present to the sick and to those who accompany them in their suffering. Strengthen our medical professionals and caregivers; comfort families who are separated from one another. Protect those who are at risk of the virus in their work. Grant wisdom to our civic officials and perseverance to scientists. Spare us from the ravages of this illness and console us in our uncertainty and fear. Unite us in hope, enlighten us in faith, and give us the grace as a Church to love one another as You have loved us. Through the intercession of our Heavenly Mother, we make this prayer as we place our trust in You. Amen.



The Mass Intention book is available for Masses for the rest of the year (2020).

**Most Masses are still open for the rest of the month and into July.**



Please consider signing up to give your donations to our parish online. It is very easy to do. You can donate either with a credit card or a check and choose how much you would like to give and how often: weekly, monthly, semi-monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. You can go directly to the website at <https://stjoepittsfield.weshareonline.org> to sign up. We thank you for your generosity during these difficult times.



The Most Blessed Sacrament is still reserved in the church and the candle still burns as a reminder of the real presence of the Lord. Again, you can request a candle to burn for your intention. Call the rectory with your request.

# 20\$20 RAFFLE

## 20/20 WINNERS

Week 1 and 2  
Connie Giguere  
Peter Vosburgh  
Andrea Reeves  
Michael Janchuk



Here's a shout out to all those who have gone out of their way to show extra kindness to the parish, to Bp. McDonnell, Fr. Geoff and Fr. Mike. All is appreciated.

Sunday Mass can be viewed on the parish web page.

At this time we cannot make home visits or nursing home or hospital visits, but I can speak with your loved ones on the phone. Call in advance so we can make arrangements. I have had several blessed occasions to be able to pray and offer a blessings to some of our parishioners who have gone to God.

Funerals are permitted in the church. Your funeral director will inform you of the conditions that need to be observed.

Please take the time to update your contact information for the parish records.

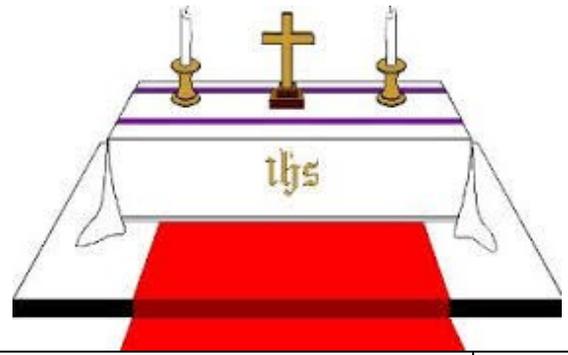
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**JUNE 21, 2020**  
**12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

There are many things of which we can be afraid: being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. For some, identifying and overcoming their fears is a daunting task. Regardless of how much they may want to break the cycle of fear, they find that they remain close friends with old and dysfunctional behavioral habits and norms. Maybe what they really fear is change. There are many who gravitate to the familiar and comfortable, and find safety and security in doing so, even if they remain mired in mediocrity. Human beings have to learn that there is life beyond the “what has always been” and that happiness and depth are possible when old structures and systems have to be left behind. Can you leave the near and dear, the comfortable and familiar, the safe and secure, and discover new opportunities? The sheer thought of doing so can bring on feelings of apprehension, intense anger, resentment, defensiveness, reluctance, resistance, and even apathy. If we have to be responsible for making the change, cowardice can creep in. If someone else is to blame for making the change, any number of possible negative reactions are possible. In the end, only one thing is required and that is God. If I can rely on and deepen my relationship with God, especially in the Eucharist along with a community of believers, then little else is of great concern. We have to figure out what is really important. It is not always what we think. The Gospel calls us to stretch ourselves and try new things, not to remain stuck and stagnant in familiar ways. We are asked to live life more deliberately, radically, and intentionally. We are asked to leave the familiar behind and learn to live with changing, and often limiting, human structures. We cannot get too caught up in the physical, ideological, or structural systems we are used to. The Holy Spirit always leads and guides us. If we trust this, we will find ourselves doing things we never thought we could do. Always seek the path to joy and love. They keep us from falling victim to our fears and from seeking the nostalgic crutches we think we need to achieve a sense of well-being and happiness.

<b>Saturday, June 20th</b> All the Fathers of the Parish	4:00 PM
<b>Sunday, June 21st</b> All the Fathers of the Parish	9:00 AM
All the Fathers of the Parish	11:30 AM
<b>Monday, June 22nd</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Tuesday, June 23rd</b> Paul Potash Requested by Family	12:10 PM
<b>Wednesday, June 24th</b> For the Parish	12:10 PM
<b>Thursday, June 25th</b> All Souls	12:10 PM
<b>Friday, June 26th</b> Intention of Bishop Rozanski	12:10 PM
<b>Saturday, June 27th</b> Walt & Kevin Kotowicz Requested by Family	4:00 PM
Sanctuary Candle Syl Peniuk Requested by Family	

<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21st</b>	
Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/ Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33	
Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5	
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14	
Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17. Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80	
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29	
Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 8:1-4	
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17	