



# 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 AM & 11:30 AM**

*The 9 AM Mass is streamed live at  
[stjoepittsfield.com](http://stjoepittsfield.com) & on the Parish App*

**Daily Mass-12:10 PM**

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

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

**Rosary** —Monday - Friday 11:30 AM

**PRAYER LINE 413-443-1221**



## 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

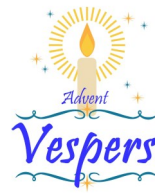
'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply,  
'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

November 8, 2020



### COOKIE WORKSHOP

Thurs., Nov. 17th to bake Italian cookies to sell at the COVID modified bazaar being held on Sat. Nov. 21st. Your help is needed. Please come and lend your support and dedication to this effort starting at 9. Come for an hour or the morning but come and help.



Vespers will be held each Sunday evening at 6 p.m. during Advent which begins on Nov. 29th. This is a peaceful closing to the Lord's Day and a peaceful start to the 4 weeks of Advent. This year the service will be in the main church and we will not have the video presentations following the service. Plan on attending.



### 20/20 GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

- 1st- John Mathes
- 2nd- Geraldine Dahrouge
- 3rd- Joe Sinopoli
- 4th- Judy Taylor
- 5th- Peggy Donovan

## HOLIDAY Bazaar

### LIMITED BAZAAR

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Bazaar from 10 to 1 in the parish center featuring frozen food to go, homemade Italian Cookie trays, limited Italian meat sauce, frozen cheese and cabbage perogies. Knitted items and a \$100 lottery tree raffle. Cookie plates are \$10 for 1 pound. A quart of frozen sauce is \$5. Masks must be worn.



No one can take my faith from me. If in order to spread the love of Jesus among the poor and neglected, there were no alternative but to remain in a country that despises Christianity, I would remain. But I would not renounce my faith. I am prepared to give up my life, but never my faith. ~ Mother Teresa



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

### THANKSGIVING ANGELS

Thanksgiving Angels request for GRAVY by November 11. Donations of name brand gravy are requested for this year's Thanksgiving dinner. Please bring donations to church or by the St. Joseph Food Pantry on Wednesday mornings before 10. We need to collect 1000 packets for the dinner.





**HELP NEEDED: Nov. 4th and 18th we will be making pierogi for the upcoming LIMITED BAZAAR starting @ 2:00 in the parish center.**



**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

Class of 2021 meet their teachers and receive materials and each students email. They will be meeting via Google Meet in the next few weeks.

For those students who did not attend this class and have not registered for Confirmation you need to do that as soon as possible. Please contact John Arasimowicz at 413-822-1297

**PLEASE  
REMAIN  
SEATED**

*During the pandemic, please remain seated for the entire Mass. We ask that you leave the kneeler down in the pew in which you are sitting so we know which pews need to be cleaned ~ Thank you*



**Grades K-9:** Families should have received their student's at-home work by now. This work will ensure the children are engaged in the faith and connected to the church during these unprecedented times, while we are not able to meet in person.

Please continue to use the materials that were sent home for your child to help with weekly gospel Saints and thoughts for the week. If your child has not received materials and you would like them mailed to you please contact John A. at 413-822-1297. Also, if your child is to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please make sure they are registered. Thank you

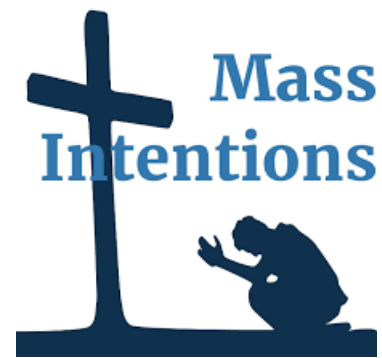


Please consider signing up to give your donations to our parish online. It is very easy to do. You can donate either with a credit card or a check and choose how much you would like to give and how often: weekly, monthly, semi-monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. You can go directly to the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



**NOVEMBER 8, 2020**  
**32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin. We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part. Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.



<b>Saturday, November 7th</b> Louis Mazza—12th Anniversary Requested by Family	4:00 PM
<b>Sunday, November 8th</b> Peter Dinh Van Nguyen Requested by Family	9:00 AM
Alfonso Cirillo Requested by Family	11:30 AM
<b>Monday, November 9th</b> Maria Paralta Requested by Family	9:00 AM
<b>Tuesday, November 10th</b> Thomas Lang Andrew & Brittany	12:10 PM
<b>Wednesday, November 11th</b> All souls of the Parish	12:10 PM
<b>Thursday, November 12th</b> Pat Collins Requested by Friends	12:10 PM
<b>Friday, November 13th</b> Rita Ramsdell—Anniv. Remembrance Requested by Family	12:10 PM
<b>Saturday, November 14th</b> Jim Archey Requested by Kara, Maura, Meghan, Linda and Bob McNeice	4:00 PM

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 8th**

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1  
Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13  
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
[5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22  
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27  
and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10  
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/  
Lk 17:11-19  
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/  
Lk 17:20-25  
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk  
17:26-37  
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8