

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MOTHER CHURCH OF THE BERKSHIRES

ESTABLISHED 1849
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM 11:30 AM
Daily Mass	12:10 PM
RCIA	Tuesdays, 6:30 PM
Holy Hour	Monday-Friday, 11:00 AM
Daily Rosary	Monday-Friday, 11:30 AM
Prayer Group	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday, 6:45 PM

The Staff

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Sacrament of Baptism:

All new parents are expected to complete a course of instruction.
Please consult the parish office for classes.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45PM

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Couples should contact the parish office at least one year prior to the wedding.

New Parishioners should register at the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you to the parish family and hope you will become involved with your time, talent and treasure.

Ministry to the Sick and Parishioners confined to home have visitations that are scheduled on a regular basis. Please notify the parish office to make arrangements.

Religious Education Classes are held at St. Joseph's High School following the 9:00 AM Mass for all public school students, grades K-11, and parochial students preparing for Sacraments.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #103 Lumberjack Breakfast Fundraiser, Father's Day, Sunday, June 15, 2014 from 8 AM—11 AM at St. Joseph Parish Center. Menu: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Orange Juice, Coffee, Tea & Hot Chocolate! Adults: \$8; Children 5yr to 12 yr: \$5. For tickets—contact St. Joseph Rectory or Jack Laviolette at 464-6009.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—When summer begins, blood donations from students drop. You can help by hosting summer blood drives and recruiting your peers to give blood through the American Red Cross **Live.Give.Life.** Program. To be eligible, a coordinator must be 16-24 years old and host a blood drive between June 1 and August 31, 2014 and collect at least 25 pints of blood. DID YOU KNOW? High school and college blood drives account for as much as 20 percent of all donations during the school year. During summer, when school is out, we must collect those donations elsewhere. For more information on hosting a summer blood drive, contact Ana Parrelli at (413) 478-6427.

ST. JOSEPH BUS TRIP TO MAC-HAYDEN THEATRE on June 27th to see “FIDDLER ON THE ROOF”. We'll have dinner at Winding Brook Country Club and then on to the Theatre. Bus leaves at 4:30 PM & returns after the show. Cost: \$64. Please call the Rectory for more information or reservations. Hope you can join us!

PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES OF BERKSHIRE CO., INC., is so very grateful to Father Mike and Corinne Mays and her helpers for the very generous \$407 realized in last weekend's benefit Rose Sale. The agency is very dependent on the support of the community to continue in its mission of upholding respect for human life by serving those needing help through their pregnancy, or with babies and young children.

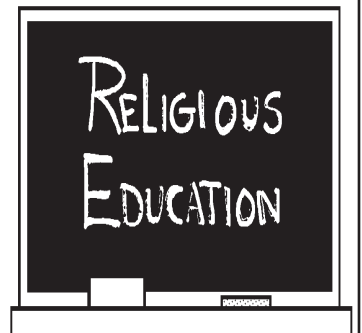
A critical need at this time is for volunteers to serve in the bright new office at 34 Depot St. Just a three hour commitment once a week, or even to serve as a sub at times would be so appreciated. Please call 443-7351 for information.

ST. JOSEPH'S 20/20 CLUB - Week 4 Winners: Lola Warren & Ann Flynn. Week 5 Winners: Irene LaFlash, & Kurt Haswell- CONGRATULATIONS!

From today's 2nd Reading, 1 Corinthians 12: **“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service...”** As unique human beings, we possess individual gifts but serve with dignity and values common to all.

St. Joseph's Religious Education News

A note from John Arasimowicz, Coordinator of Youth Religious Education
School will be out soon! I hope you enjoy your summer vacation and please, all students, try to attend Mass on a regular basis. All Confirmation students should be contacting Fr. Mike for interviews. For questions, please call John at 822-1297. Watch the bulletin for more information. *God bless! John A.*



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH— LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 4 PM <i>June 7th</i>	<u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</u> Carol Gamberoni, Joe Tournier, Kay Tournier, Sheila Christiana, Michael Collins, & Marie Kotowicz <u>LECTORS:</u> Jim Armstrong & Sr. Jean Bostley
Sunday, 9 AM <i>June 8th</i>	<u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</u> Bernadette Sapin, Nancy Woitkoski, John Arasimowicz, Edward Boehm, Gene Cornell & Jeanne Cornell <u>LECTORS:</u> Peggy Taylor & Sharon Vincent
Sunday, 11:30 AM <i>June 8th</i>	<u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</u> Charles Knappe & Daniel Kochapski <u>LECTORS:</u> Robert Bouquet & Anne Dunham

JUNE 8, 2014

PLANNING MEETINGS: We're saving the dates and we hope you do too! It's not too early to plan for our *Festival of Sharing Roots!* Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on Wednesday, August 6, at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph's North Chapel to discuss menus, supplies, electrical and permits. Please join us on Thursday, August 28, at 6:30 PM, same place...the North Chapel, to discuss staffing, donations and final items. Thank you.

FOR OVER 48 YEARS THE POLISH PICNIC is a tradition that has carried forth from Holy Family Church to St. Joseph Church. This event continues to draw a large attendance. We hope to continue the success of the picnic with what we have planned for this year. Frozen Polish food can be purchased starting at 9 AM. Hot Polish dinners will be available at 12 Noon. We'll have American food, beverages for all ages, desserts, raffles, and Kiddie Land too! For your dancing and listening pleasure—The Rymanowski Brothers from New York! Date: **July 20th** Time: 12 Noon—6 PM. *Please bring your lawn chair.*

ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH the St. Anthony devotions will come to its conclusion for this year. On Friday, June 13th, the feast day of the saint, a special Liturgy commemorating Anthony will take place in the church at 6 p.m. The St. Anthony breads will be blessed and distributed at this Mass. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate together.

HOST A SUN - Hosting a Suns baseball player - The players range from ages 18-22, they will not be home very often. They need a safe comfortable place to spend their time while they are at Wahconah Park or on the road. The players will arrive June 1st and depart no later than August 15th. They will need housing for the entire duration of their stay. Our host families play a vital role in the success of the Suns, and can make or break a player's experience in Pittsfield. Benefits include: Free Season Tickets for every member of our household, Two exclusive host family picnics and a 10% discount on all merchandise purchased at Suns merchandise booth. If you want to continue the process of being a host family please contact Kevin McGuire at kevin@pittsfieldsuns.com or call (413) 445-7867. THANK YOU!

KISS ME KATE - A Musical Stage Play presented by Barrington Stage Company (30 Union Street) on Wednesday, June 18 at 2 PM. To reserve tickets please call Sacred Heart Rectory at (413) 443-6960. Sponsored by: Sacred Heart Family Community Life Committee.

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY - *Let's work together to end smoking!* Why not purchase a \$5.00 **SMOKER'S CASH CAN** at Harry's Supermarket, 290 Wahconah Street! Please show your support - - Need to Smoke? - Put 50 cents in your cash can. Very important to order, reference this id# 540983002. For more information contact St. Joseph Rectory.

YOU'RE INVITED to COFFEE & DONUTS after the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, June 8. Please stop by!

GLORIA LANGLOIS IS TAKING ORDERS FOR HOMEMADE PASTA She can be reached by calling (413) 447-7793. Prices are as follows: Cheese Manicotti \$5 per dozen, Cheese Ravioli \$3 per dozen, Potato Gnocchi \$2 per pound with a 5 pound minimum order. All profits are donated back to St. Joseph Church.

Sacrificial Giving 5-25-14: \$4,726 & last week: \$6,156. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

May the fire of the Holy spirit touch the hearts of those men and women He is calling to a Church vocation. May they be both generous and trusting in their response. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Gary Dailey at (413) 452-0811 or email: g.dailey@diospringfield.org Website: www.myvocation.com

Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. As Scripture says: Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me." He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. - Jn 7:37b-39a



"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" What did the disciples think at this moment? They had witnessed a lot of astonishing things in their time

with Christ: healing the sick, multiplying the loaves and fishes, turning water into wine, walking on water, and now the Lord's resurrection from the dead, among other things. But Jesus had never breathed on them before. And in this case, nothing dramatic seemed to take place. Perhaps the disciples wondered if anything had actually happened. Jesus spoke about the Holy Spirit, but other than the breeze from his breath, they didn't experience anything unusual.

Until Pentecost. Then, the wind changed. "Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind," the first reading tells us. Now the drama unfolded as the Holy Spirit was revealed in "tongues as of fire," and the once fearful disciples began to proclaim the Gospel with courage and conviction. Clearly, something had happened when Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. But they didn't really put the gift to use until later, "When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled."

What gifts have we received that we haven't put to use? What graces lay dormant in our souls? At baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit and at confirmation, the gifts and fruits of the Spirit are given to us in their fullness. These sacraments are like receiving the breath of Christ. But have we experienced our own personal Pentecost? Have we allowed these supernatural gifts to rise to the surface of our lives? On this anniversary of the Holy Spirit's arrival, may we follow St. Paul's advice and "stir into flame the gift of God that you have" (2 Tm 1:6).

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GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE TO
THOSE WHO CANNOT TOLERATE GLUTEN.
PLEASE NOTIFY PRIEST BEFORE MASS.

Kindly silence all pagers & cell phones. Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER LINE 443-1221

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 AT 10 AM

PARISH CENTER



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 7th
ROSA & JULIA PARADES & AVELINO ZAVALA 4 PM
Requested by Family

Sunday, June 8th
MICHAEL & JANE NYKORCHUK 9 AM
Requested by Family
JOSE PARALTA & JAMES GIANNOPOLLO 11:30 AM
Requested by Family
FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Monday, June 9th
GENE MOMNIE 12:10 PM
Requested by Deacon Pat & Donna

Tuesday, June 10th

Wednesday, June 11th
ANNE MCMAHON 12:10 PM
Requested by Nancy Wituszynski

Thursday, June 12th
LINDA HERMANSKI 12:10 PM
Requested by Tom & Cheryl

Friday, June 13th
PETER WATROBA 12:10 PM
Requested by John & Tom Arasimowicz

Saturday, June 14th
ANN NASCIMENTO, FIRST ANNIVERSARY 4 PM
Requested by Family

Sunday, June 15th
ALL FATHERS 9 AM
ALL FATHERS 11:30 AM

Readings for the Week of June 8, 2014

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

