February 28, 2021
2nd Sunday of Lent

Sacred Heart

A Welcoming Catholic Community

Sacred Heart Church
"The Pink Church"
191 Elm Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Welcome!

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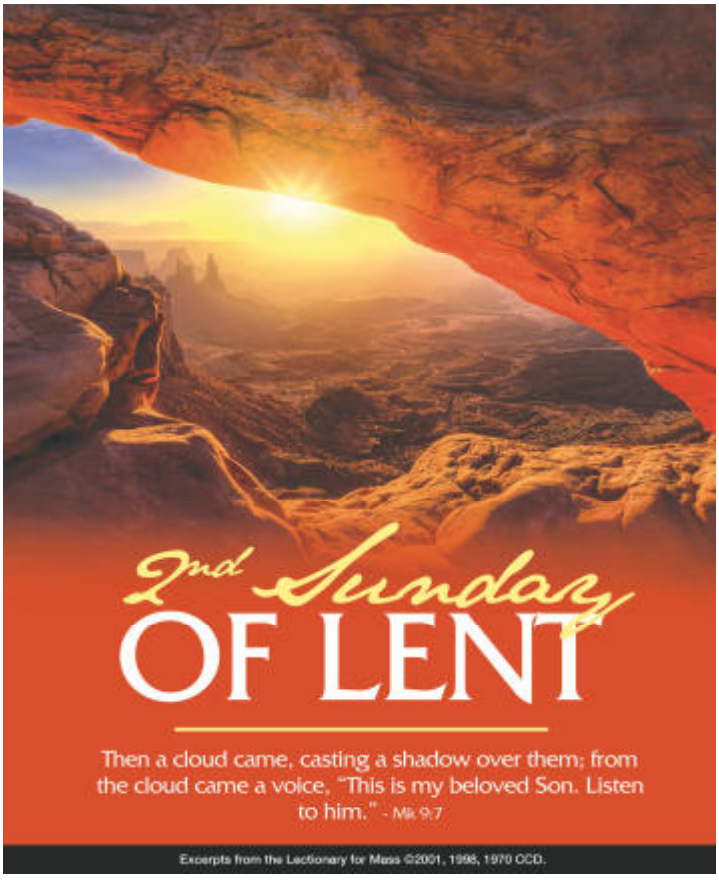
Our Mission:
"Sacred Heart Parish is dedicated to responding faithfully to God's call as a Catholic Community and to serve Him and others through worship, fellowship, education and social justice."



PARISH INFORMATION:
New parishioners should register at the parish office or on-line at www.thepinkchurch.com

LORD'S DAY MASSES
Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 AM

DAILY MASS
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 AM Mass

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday—After Mass (9:30 AM to 12 Noon) in the church

BAPTISMS
Contact the Rectory 443-6960 to assist in the planning for the Sacrament of Baptism in accordance with the Catholic Faith

RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Contact St. Joseph Rectory at 445-5789

MARRIAGE PREPARATION
Please notify the parish office one year in advance

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
Please call the Rectory at 443-6960

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 27th
4:00 PM+ **Jeff Hubbard**
requested by: A.J. , Rita & Family

Sunday, February 28th
8:30 AM+ **Leonard Light**, requested by: Sacred Heart Rosary Sodality

10:30 AM+ **Catherine Bowlby**
(4th Anniversary)
requested by: Her Family

Monday, March 1st
9:00 AM+ **The People of Sacred Heart**

Tuesday, March 2nd
9:00 AM+ **The People of Sacred Heart**

Wednesday, March 3rd
9:00 AM+ **The People of Sacred Heart**

Thursday, March 4th
9:00 AM+ **The People of Sacred Heart**

Friday, March 5th
9:00 AM+ **Communion Service**
4:00 PM+ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Saturday, March 6th
4:00 PM+ **Anna & Salvatore Cancilla**
requested by: Rita & Family

Sunday, March 7th
8:30 AM+ **Deceased members of the Sears Family**
requested by: The Family

10:30 AM+ **Leonard Giroux**
(4th Anniversary)
requested by: His Daughter Denise King and Family

SACRED HEART MASS BOOK OPENINGS

The 2021 Mass Book has many openings available!

To book Daily Masses or Weekly Sanctuary Candles, please call the rectory at (413)443-6960 or e-mail: pinkchurch@aol.com

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Beginning this week, our Daily Mass schedule will change.
Mass will be at 9 AM Monday thru Thursday.
We will have a Communion Service every Friday at 9 AM, with Adoration to follow until noon.

THE 5 CHARACTERISTICS FOR LENT — PRAYERFUL

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch. —*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

PARISHIONER PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Should you not be able to attend mass, please feel free to place your weekly envelope in the mail to:
Sacred Heart Church, 191 Elm Street, Pittsfield 01201
You may also give on-line. See information on next page —->

Sunday — Our Deacons
Monday — Pope Francis
Tuesday — Father Michael Goodreau
Wednesday — Bishop Timothy McDonnell
Thursday — Father Chris Malatesta
Friday — Father Galadima Goni
Saturday — Father Duy Lee

WE'RE MOVING!

The parish office will be moving from the rectory to the Parish Center, Newell Street entrance.
The offices will be closed to all business from Wednesday, February 24th thru Monday, March 8th.

LENT CHALLENGE —Today I will try to keep God's generous love in mind and respond in the light of that love.

LENT REFLECTIONS

Jesus placed heavy wood upon his shoulders and began a journey through the streets toward the place they named Golgotha. He certainly knew what awaited him there. Who would have blamed him if he offered some resistance? He could have shown the authorities that they had no real power over him. But instead, Jesus accepted his cross in spite of the fact that they had no real power over him.

Power is a strange thing. Humans will go to great lengths to gain it. Many who receive great power easily abuse it. It can corrupt the soul of those who have it, while at the same time seem like the cure for the ills of those who are powerless.

True power only comes from God and all power rests in God. We can easily fall into a trap, believing worldly powers have tied our hands. We may believe that we cannot do God's work in the world because the world will not let us. We offer excuses and speak of great obstacles. But the reality is that no one has power over us unless we grant them that power. The only one we should be surrendering power to is God.—Ipi

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

It is important for us to have current information on all our parishioners. When a family member or a loved one becomes housebound, in the hospital or transferred to a nursing home, notifying the Rectory at 443-6960 would help us to minister to all.

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THE UNLIKELY SUSPECTS

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikeliest suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This Lenten Season, we are called to prayerfully consider a sacrificial donation the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. ***"Sowing the Seeds"*** of our faith will sow the seeds of hope to those who most need our help during this time of COVID-19. Ministries and agencies provide emergency food, support services to the family & elderly; services to young people; pastoral and spiritual support services, and supports vocations. Please help our parish meet our goal!

It is simple to give….send in your one-time contribution, or make a pledge using the donation card you receive in the mail, or donate online through www.diospringfield.org/aca or by calling (413)452-0670.

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