June 13, 2021
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacred Heart

A Welcoming Catholic Community

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

Welcome!

OUR PASTORAL STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

Parish Office — New address: 56 Newell Street
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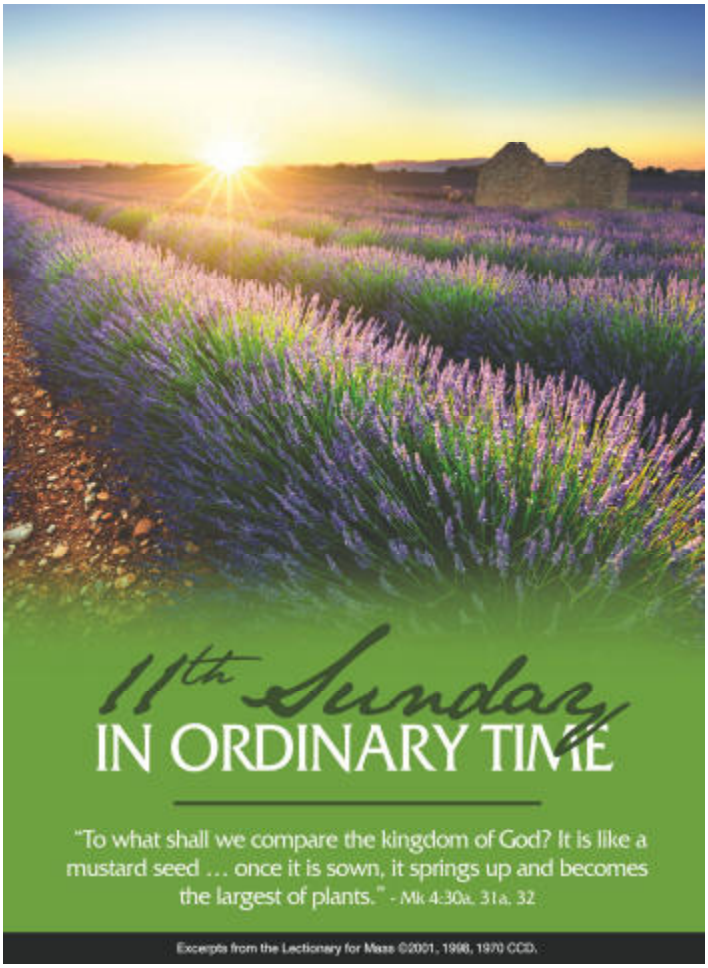
Our Mission:
"Sacred Heart Parish is dedicated to responding faithfully to God's call as a Catholic Community and to serve Him and others through worship, fellowship, education and social justice."



PARISH INFORMATION:
Parish Office Hours — Monday thru Thursday 9-1
Enter the Parish Center building via the Newell Street entrance.
New parishioners should register at: www.thepinkchurch.com

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

DAILY MASS
Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM Mass.
Communion Service — Friday 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday at 3:00 PM — 3:30 PM

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

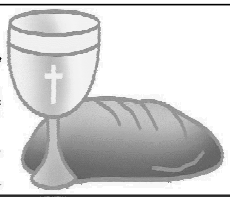
BAPTISMS
Contact the Rectory 443-6960 to assist in the planning for the Sacrament of Baptism in accordance with the Catholic Faith

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, June 12th
4:00 PM+ **Deceased members of the Carchedi and Ricchi Family**
requested by: Josie Carchedi & Family

Sunday, June 13th
8:30 AM+ **Mickey Allessio**
(12th Anniversary)
requested by: His Family

10:30 AM+ **Ted Cahill**
requested by: His Wife Esther

Monday, June 14th
9:00 AM+ **Benjamin Virgilio**
requested by: His Wife, Elda Virgilio

Tuesday, June 15th
9:00 AM+ **J. Dawn Sabato**, requested by:
Craig & Paula Laurin and Shane Massey

Wednesday, June 16th
9:00 AM+ **Maura O'Brien Fissel**
(11th Anniversary)
requested by: Her Family

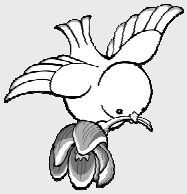
Thursday, June 17th
9:00 AM+ **Emma DuPont**
requested by: Her Daughter

Friday, June 18th
9:00 AM+ **Communion Service**

Saturday, June 19th
4:00 PM+ **All Fathers Living & Deceased**

Sunday, June 20th
8:30 AM+ **All Fathers Living & Deceased**

10:30 AM+ **All Fathers Living & Deceased**



At Rest in the Arms of Jesus

Please remember in your prayers:
Pauline Janis and Joseph Livecchi
May they rest in peace

THE SURE AND SILENT GROWTH OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus uses the image of the seed to describe God's Kingdom. Like a seed planted in the ground, God works in hidden ways. We cannot always understand what He is doing or why things are turning out the way they are. We wonder why He is not doing more to end suffering or why so many people do not believe in the gospel of love. But somehow our Heavenly Father is using all the world's events — both the good and the bad — to bring His Kingdom to fruition. All we can do is trust that He has it all under control and that He knows what He's doing. And we have to wait patiently until it is finally manifested in all its glory.

We can understand the truth of Jesus' words by looking at our own history. There were probably times when we couldn't understand why people left our lives, why our careers didn't turn out the way we thought, or why what we expected out of life never came to pass. Looking back, however, we can see how everything fit into place. Without knowing it and without controlling it, the pieces came together. Now we can't imagine our lives being any different. Like the seed hidden in the soil, we blossomed in ways that we could never have planned on our own. We realize that it could only have been by God's plan that it all worked out.

Saint Paul describes the attitude we must have, "We walk by faith and not by sight." In a culture hostile to the gospel of life, we base our decisions not on what is popular and convenient, but on what God has revealed through His Church. In a society that devalues the dignity of human life, we work to feed the hungry, care for the sick, and visit prisoners. We can only persevere in living the good news by trusting that God will somehow make it worthwhile even if we don't see any progress.

We walk by faith and not by sight. God's Kingdom is growing silently, but surely, because that's what God's Kingdom does. We won't see the Kingdom in full flower until we enter into our heavenly reward. But we can be sure that just as the flower is more beautiful than the seed it grew from, so God's Kingdom will be infinitely more glorious than anything we can imagine. Until then, no matter how dark and hopeless our world may seem, we live, work, and pray with trust that it is all going according to God's plan.—lpi

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Please note — Missalettes may now be left in the church pews to share with other parishioners.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

will burn this week for:
Mary & Louie Lamone
requested by:
Her Daughter Anne

Sunday — Fr. Christopher Fedoryshyn
Monday — Fr. William Cyr
Tuesday — Our Deceased Priests
Wednesday — Fr. Steven Montesanti
Thursday — Deacon Bob
Friday — Marian Fathers & Brothers
Saturday — Fr. Jack Roach

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the following students:

- Walker Abdallah—Sebastian
- Ava Brazeau—Joan
- David Castegnaro—Joseph
- Kiera Devine—Joan
- Jamie Duquette—Marie
- Randi Duquette—Catherine
- Nicholas Guachione—John
- Kellie Harrington—Mary
- Olivia Iovieno—Gabriella
- Collin Merwin—Steven
- Thomas Mullin—Michael
- Emma Newberry—Patrick
- Aida Nichols—Patricia
- Abigail Parker—Joan
- Jake Salvie—Simon
- Robert Smith—Joseph
- Lily Smith—Francis
- Lennox Silvestro-Dias—Joseph
- Cecelia Supranowicz—Vincent
- Jacqueline Roccabruna—Ann
- Tessie Tierney—Francis
- Emma Vittum—Catherine
- Lyndsay Vosburgh—Kathleen
- Tyler Vosburgh—James
- Jack Wildgoose—Anthony

Please pray for our new 2021 Confirmation class!

GOD DOESN'T TAKE A BREAK

An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation.

This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or waterskiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if — like typical Americans — our break is full of productive work.

Thank God — literally — that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is — and remember the thanks we owe the Giver. - lpi

THREAT TO HOPE

"The biggest threat to hope is when you feel that you do not matter to anybody or that that you have been left aside. This is the great obstacle to hope: when, in a family, society, school or a group of friends, you are made to feel unimportant to them." — Pope Francis

Reflection: Do you feel you matter to someone? How does this impact the way you live? What might you do to remind yourself that you matter to God and the Church as you are a precious member of the Body of Christ?

UPDATE — COVID POLICIES & GUIDANCE

A message from the office of the Bishop:

Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we are joining dioceses in the Boston Province, (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) in lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective the weekend of June 19th and 20th.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have been recently exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness; those who are confined to their homes or to hospitals or other facilities due to illness, infirmity, frailty, or age; and those who are not yet able to be vaccinated, due to age or any health consideration. Parishioners should consult their local pastor if they have questions about the obligation.

To all of those who have not been able to be with us during this last year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass. Thank you, and God bless you.

+ Most Reverend William D. Byrne, Bishop of Springfield

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Thursday, June 17th 7PM
St Patrick's— 30 Main Street, South Hadley

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest '—Matt 9:17-38

Jon Reardon will be available to talk to men discerning a all to the priesthood following the holy hour.

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