June 27, 2021
13th 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

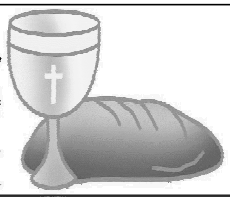
BAPTISMS
Contact the Rectory 443-6960 to assist in the planning for the Sacrament of Baptism in accordance with the Catholic Faith

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 26th
4:00 PM+ **William & Gertrude Deso**
requested by: Their Family

Sunday, June 27th
8:30 AM+ **Deceased Relatives & Ancestors of E. William Sockey Jr.**
requested by: Craig & Paula Laurin and Shane Massey

10:30 AM+ **Jean Tierney**
requested by: Esther Cahill

Monday, June 28th
9:00 AM+ **E. Peter Sabato**; requested by: Craig & Paula Laurin and Shane Massey

Tuesday, June 29th
9:00 AM+ **Brent Furlano**, requested by: Craig & Paula Laurin and Shane Massey

Wednesday, June 30th
9:00 AM+ **Constance Laurin**, requested by: Craig & Paula Laurin and Shane Massey

Thursday, July 1st
9:00 AM+ **Albert A. Laurin**, requested by: Craig & Paula Laurin and Shane Massey

Friday, July 2nd
9:00 AM+ **Communion Service**

Saturday, July 3rd
4:00 PM+ **Mike & Tom Coughlin**
requested by: The O'Brien Family

Sunday, July 4th - **Independence Day Holiday**
8:30 AM+ **Curtis Sears** (3rd Anniversary)
requested by: His Sisters

Walter & Terry Elwood
(50th Anniversary)
requested by: Children & Loved Ones

10:30 AM+ **Deceased Members of the Francesconi Family**
requested by: Esther Cahill

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
will burn this week for:
Carol Kimber
requested by:
Love, Ann Marie

At Rest in the Arms of Jesus

Please remember in your prayers:
Simone Gaunt
May she rest in peace

I SAY TO YOU ARISE!

A woman preparing to celebrate her 50th birthday decided to put skydiving on the top of her bucket list. She had never done anything quite like this before and thought it would be an exciting accomplishment to add to her list of experiences. Overcoming her apprehension and downright fear, she made the arrangements to have her first dive. She remarked about how free she felt and how the world that looked so congested and busy from her usual vantage point, now took on an entirely new look. While still being able to see some particulars in the sights and activity below, what became more amazing was the expanse of it all. The sheer beauty of God's handiwork shined through. Rustling up the courage to do what she never thought she could do, she was forever changed.

This is similar to what happens to the person who discovers the gift of faith. Life changes. The trust and surrender to God that are a most necessary component of the journey soon gives way to brighter, more complete vision. While still being able to see the particulars of their lives, they are now placed within the context of the whole salvation story. God's expertly choreographed symphony plays out before their very eyes. They are at one and the same time both participant and observer with the joyful contemplative experiences of presence and grace flickering around and within. They are both the father with a daughter presumed to be dead and the daughter who is healed and made whole. They realize with the certainty found in the Book of Wisdom that "God formed man to be imperishable," with life, seen through the eyes of faith, being sustained and recreated in one form or another.

Faith tells us that it may not always be as we want. However, God, because of His mercy, will see to it that our lives continue if not in this life, then certainly in the next. When we experience our brokenness and fragility, we see firsthand our desire for healing. It serves us well to remember that physical healing is just one form of healing. There is also spiritual and emotional healing. Often, receiving the gift of wholeness and unconditional love of God in these ways can even be more profound and poignant. God is all about life and not death. We need to move beyond the mentality that God desires for us to die. It is quite the opposite. God desires that we have life and have it in abundance! God's life comes to us in many ways and can be experienced on many levels. It is always grounded in freedom. Faith sees this truth and kindles the inner strength and courage to patiently wait in love and hope to receive it.

When we look at the lives of the Church's saints and the ordinary folks who are living saints among us, it is marvelous to see what can happen with faith. Our preoccupation with certainty, immediate gratification, instant results, and obsession with having tangible evidence and proof are robbing us of the beauty of this search. Many are quickly becoming very superficial and shallow, and hardening themselves to God's voice calling within. We think we have it all but really find ourselves with very little without faith. Look around at our world. Spend some time watching people and taking a moment to be present to them. You will see many living examples of faith, hope, and love in action. But many others wander around aimlessly without any zest for life and without hope. Bring it to them. Arise and go! -Ipi

Sowing THE Seeds

SACRED HEART PARISH ACA UPDATE

As of June 7th —277 Sacred Heart parishioners have contributed **$45,863.00** vs our overall goal of **$48,031.00**. This reflects a 12.86% parish participation vs our 14.96% goal.

We are within $2,163 of reaching our goal!

"Our mission is to serve God, love our neighbors, and care for those in need. In the last year, those needs have grown considerably. The ACA funds ministries and agencies working to meet those needs. Your contributions feed the hungry, clothe those in need, and welcome strangers. As we respond to our neighbors, we sow the seeds of our faith. There is no stronger message of the love of Christ than the one we deliver with our actions." - Bishop William Byrne

If you would like to donate: simply return your Annual Catholic Appeal pledge card in the envelope provided, or online at: www.diospringfield.org/aca or by calling (413)452-0650.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Are you a student in grades 3 thru 12 — Please consider becoming an Altar Server. We will be adding Altar Servers back into the ministry schedule in September. Call Deacon Bob at (413)442-5564

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

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Sunday — Fr. Michael Lillpopp
Monday — Our Deacons
Tuesday — Fr. Peter Naranjo
Wednesday — Msgr. John Bonzagni
Thursday — Pope Francis
Friday — Fr. Michael Goodreau
Saturday — Bishop Timothy McDonnell

WAKING GOD

Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He does have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up? - lpi

ADD YOUR VOICE — MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!

Would you like to raise your voice in praise? We'd love to have new singers join us. Choir options will be Sunday morning masses 8:30 AM and10:30 AM masses. Our choir is full of wonderful folks and we have a great time leading the congregation in a mix of traditional and contemporary music. If you are interested, call Mary Verdi (413)841-1140 or email: mary@maryverdi.com

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