

January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord



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A Welcoming Catholic Community



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

Welcome!

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Parish Office — 56 Newell Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201

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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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

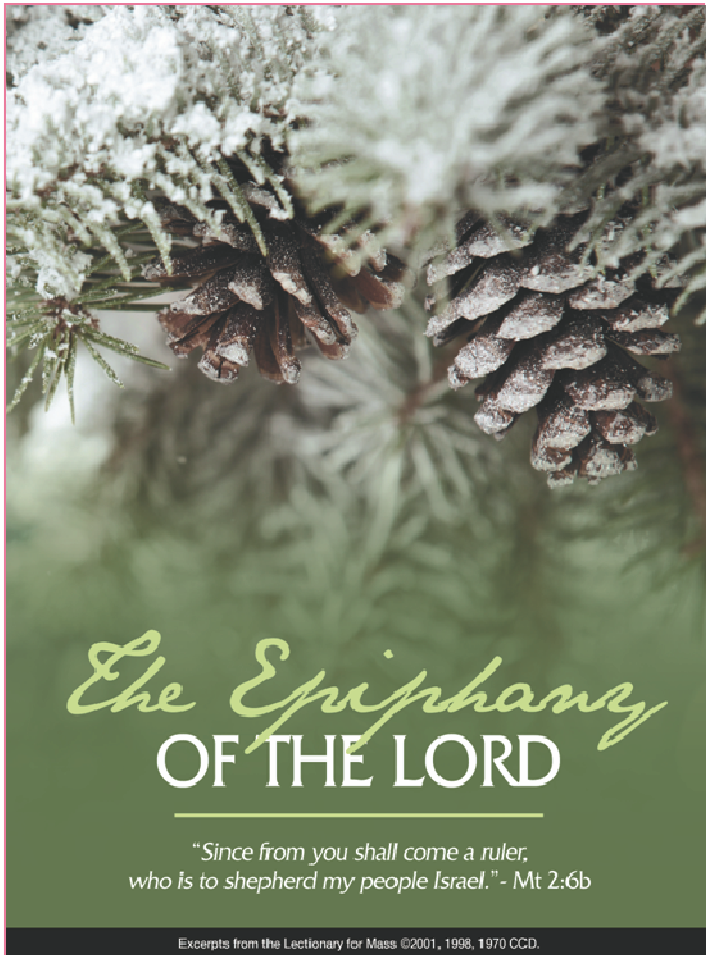
Contact St. Joseph Rectory at 445-5789

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Please notify the parish office one year in advance

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

Please call the Rectory at 443-6960



The Epiphany
OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Source of Peace

Year of the

EUCCHARIST



“May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts” Col.3:15

January 2nd — The Epiphany of the Lord

“Creation and the government of the universe are great works which show thy power, thy wisdom, and thy mercy; but nowhere do they shine as in the Eucharist, memorial of the wonders that thou hast wrought on earth.” St. John Vianney, Eucharistic Meditations: 4th Meditation.

For more information: www.yearout.com www.yearoftheeucharist.net

Saturday, January 1st NEW YEARS DAY
 9:00 AM+ **Eleanor Herlihy**
 requested by: Her Sister in-law, Maryann
 4:00 PM+ **The DeBlieux Family**
 requested by: Don & Mary

Sunday, January 2nd
 8:30 AM+ **David Nichols** (1st Anniversary)
 requested by: Family
 10:30 AM+ **Margaret Polidoro** requested by:
 Joseph & Anne Polidoro and Children

Monday, January 3rd
 9:00 AM+ **Parishioners of Sacred Heart**

Tuesday, January 4th
 9:00 AM+ **Parishioners of Sacred Heart**

Wednesday, January 5th
 9:00 AM+ **Parishioners of Sacred Heart**

Thursday, January 6th
 9:00 AM+ **Parishioners of Sacred Heart**

Friday, January 7th
 9:00 AM+ **Parishioners of Sacred Heart**

Saturday, January 8th
 4:00 PM+ **Vincent Carchedi Sr.** requested by:
 Josephine Carchedi & Family

Sunday, January 9th
 8:30 AM+ **Maureen Lenihan**
 (5th Anniversary Remembrance)
 requested by: Joanie DeMartino

10:30 AM+ **Robert & Michael Gallant**
 (8th Anniversary) requested by:
 Mary Gallant, Wife & Mother

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

My heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the parishioners of Sacred Heart for your Christmas remembrances, gifts and your prayers. My wish for all of you, is a new year filled with peace, joy and happiness in 2022. God Bless —Fr. Jim



2022 FRIDAY MASS ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective on January 7th — Rev. Peter Gregory will be celebrating Mass every Friday at 9 AM. We are forever grateful to Fr. Peter for his tireless generosity and good heartedness.

HAPPY NEW YEAR — FROM THE THRIFT SHOP

After the Masses on the weekend of January 8th & 9th please visit the Thrift Shop on the 2nd floor of the Parish Center and take whatever you wish for FREE. There are many nice items leftover from the Holiday Bazaar.

SACRED HEART PARISH—PRAYER LINE

The prayer line is still active at Sacred Heart Church. Call the Parish Office at (413)443-6960 to leave your prayer request by Wednesday. First name of the person to be prayed for as well as the mass intention prayer.

CHANGING LIVES, BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Partnering with Habitat for Humanity allows parishioners to put their faith into action and change the lives of local families in need. Please consider volunteering on Saturday morning at our next Sacred Heart 'Parish Build' date (to be announced) later in the spring. If you have not previously registered and would like to volunteer, please call our Sacred Heart Parish HFH Chairperson, Eve Valenzuela-Eastzer at (413)637-4723 today!

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

will burn this week for:
The DeBlieux Family
 requested by: Don & Mary



MASS BOOK OPENINGS

To book a mass, please stop by the Parish office at 56 Newell Street, send an e-mail to: pinkchurch@aol.com or call the Parish office at (413)443-6960



Sunday — Fr. Michael Goodreau
 Monday — Fr. Bishop Timothy McDonnell
 Tuesday — Fr. Chris Malatesta
 Wednesday — Fr. Galadima Goni
 Thursday — Fr. Duy Lee
 Friday — Deacon Jim
 Saturday — Msgr. Mike Shershanovich

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WORLD YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration for the Diocese of Springfield's trip to World Youth Day in Lisbon Portugal in 2023 has now opened. The trip (ages 18-35) will take place July 28, 2023 to August 7, 2023 and will cost \$4,300. In addition to airfare, hotels, and standard trip items, the cost of this ticket also includes group travel insurance, which is a must-have in current times. The diocese will also offer an optional track for those 18+ interested in journeying for 7 days of the Camino de Santiago after World Youth Day.

Please reach out to Joe Austin, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry if interested in this track at j.austin@diospringfield.org.

To register, go to: <https://gxw.grouppxpress.com/GX/apps/gxWeb/W58BBE8/>

HOPICECARE in the BERKSHIRES

HospiceCare in the Berkshires is pleased to offer support to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Various opportunities are available, including one-time workshops, eight week closed bereavement support groups, monthly drop in groups, and memory making craft experiences. For more information, please call our bereavement team at (413)443-2994

A DONATION TO SACRED HEART CHURCH

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SACRED HEART PARISH HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Total Profit — \$5,724.54
\$753.50 — 50/50 Winner

Joyce Stephenson - Congratulations!

Thank you to all the parishioners who volunteered and supported the 2021 Holiday Bazaar!

SACRED HEART PARISH—WKLY GIVING —12/19

Weekly Collection —\$6,361.25 On-line —\$1,137.00
Catholic Mirror—\$10.00 Religious Ed—\$13.00
Religious Retirement—\$50.00 Utility Fund—\$90.00
All Saints —\$13.00 Immaculate Conception —\$47.00

Total Giving — \$7,721.25

Thank you for your generous support to Sacred Heart Church!



FOLLOWING THE STAR

The stockings that were hung by the chimney with care have come down and been put away for next year. Christmas presents have been unwrapped and put away or exchanged. Jingle bells have already stopped ringing in stores as after-Christmas sales lure with slashed prices. Soon defrocked Christmas trees will lie on curbs waiting for the garbage trucks or recycling. Much of our world believes that Christmas is over. The Ghost of Christmas Past gathers memories of 2021. They are all that's left. Christmas has come and gone. But...

In these post-Christmas feasts we are steeped in the expansive, wondrous riches of our church. But it isn't over yet! There's a star shining in the East. There are ancient prophecies waiting to be fulfilled...mysterious prophecies wrapped in images of light and darkness...commands to "raise your eyes and look about." In that looking "you shall be radiant at what you see." How marvelous! These awesome, ancient words hold promises that "your heart shall throb and overflow"! Oh, how we yearn for this in our weary, dark world! The prophet, Isaiah, tells of a migration of camels. The caravans advance carrying gold and frankincense, all the while accompanied by shouts of praise to the Lord!

Matthew, the Evangelist, who wrote for the Jewish community, knows well this prophecy of Isaiah. It was meant to instill hope in the hearts of exiled Israelites. Matthew presents a panorama of fulfillment. The star in the East is seen. It is noticed. The wise who view it follow the nudges of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. Their eyes are open. Their hearts have discerned a need to follow this star, this dream, to meet the very personification of Wisdom. So they go forth. Political obstacles confront them. Again, they see with the eyes of Wisdom and aren't sidetracked by false lights.

On this feast of the Epiphany, we too go forth. Each of us is a wanderer following stars throughout the whole of life. We are pilgrims from the day of our birth until the day of our death. Those beginnings and endings were and are out of our control. The in-between time of pilgrimage is a matter of choice. We look for a star to guide us. The choice demands clear seeing and sharp discernment. The choice also demands frequent re-adjustment and re-focus!

We must move on through changes of profession, changes of location, changes in family situations. Pilgrimage is, essentially, movement...hopefully following the true star.—lpi

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