

**January 9, 2022**  
The Baptism of the Lord



**Sacred Heart**

A Welcoming Catholic Community



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

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**OUR PASTORAL STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU**

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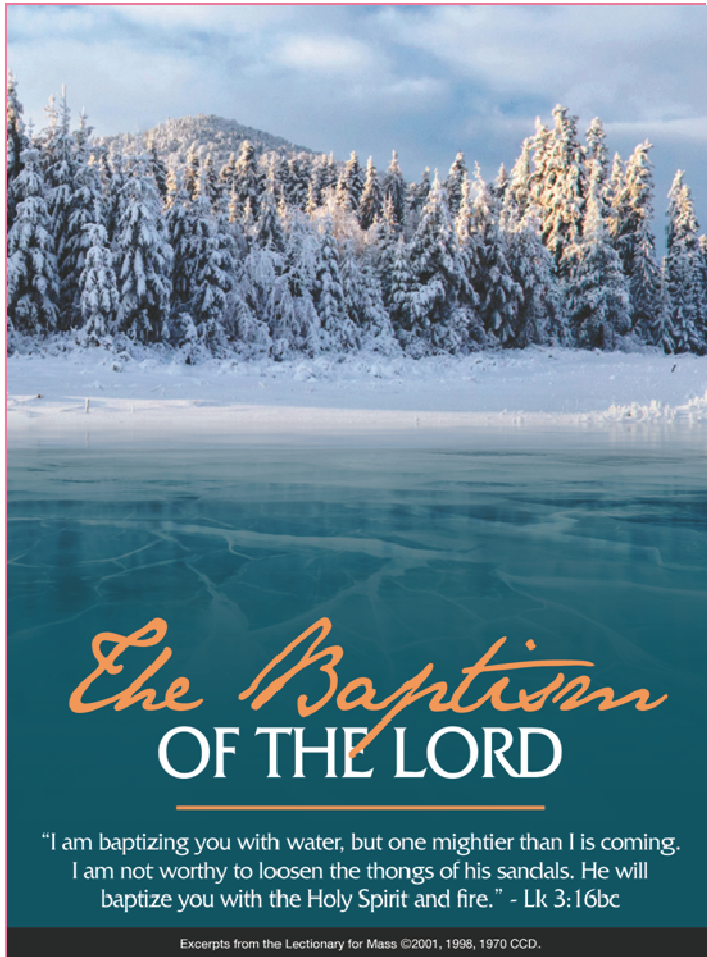
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**Our Mission:**

"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."



*The Baptism*  
**OF THE LORD**

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**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](http://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**

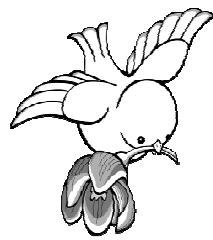
Please notify the parish office one year in advance

**PRAYER REQUEST LINE**

Please call the Rectory at 443-6960

# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK

### At Rest in the Arms of Jesus

Please remember in your prayers:

**Mary Valenti, Timothy Vallee  
Joseph Ostellino and Helen Croce**

May they rest in peace

**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

**Monday, January 10th**

9:00 AM+ **Alphonse & Elvira Presutti**  
(20th Anniversary)  
requested by: Rosemary Graves

**Tuesday, January 11th**

9:00 AM+ **Helen Croce**  
requested by: Father Jim

**Wednesday, January 12th**

9:00 AM+ **Chester Gabriel**  
requested by: Family

**Thursday, January 13th**

9:00 AM+ **Joseph Gleason**  
(13th Anniversary)  
requested by: Peggy & Family

**Friday, January 14th**

9:00 AM+ **Parishioners of Sacred Heart**

**Saturday, January 15th**

4:00 PM+ **Marilyn Johnson**  
requested by: Family

**Sunday, January 16th**

8:30 AM+ **Chuck Ciccarelli**  
(12th Anniversary)  
requested by: Joanie DeMartino

10:30 AM+ **Frank Polidoro** (4th Anniversary)  
**Shirley Polidoro** (1st Anniversary)  
Requested by: Loving Children

**THE BAPTISM OF JESUS CHRIST**

Who is Jesus Christ?

It is a question people asked as they witnessed him preach, heal the sick, and work other wonders. It is a question people have asked through the centuries as they studied the gospels and tried to pattern their lives on his example of self-giving love. If we are to be his followers and pass on the good news to the next generation of believers, it is a question we must constantly ask ourselves.

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord and, in particular, the beautiful reading from the gospel of Saint Luke teach us that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God.

Jesus is the Messiah. The words "Messiah" and "Christ" both mean "Anointed One." Throughout their history, the people of Israel have awaited the one anointed by God to lead them to freedom. This anointing meant that the Messiah would save them not by his own power, but by the power of God.

At his baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the form of a dove. The Heavenly Father was anointing Jesus with power to preach the good news, to give sight to the blind, and to bring freedom to captives. Jesus received this anointing to make it clear that he is the Messiah.

What does that mean for us today? It means that we have no other Savior than Jesus Christ. If we are to find true and lasting freedom, it is only through him. If we are to experience true and lasting justice and peace it can only be through Jesus Christ. As Saint Peter declares on Pentecost Day in the Acts of the Apostles, "No other name is given to us in heaven or on earth by which we are to be saved." This means that in everything we do, whether as individuals, as a Church or as a nation, we must look to Jesus if we are to find the justice, truth, freedom, and peace our hearts yearn for. —Ipi

**WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY**

Please note that during the winter season, when Pittsfield Public Schools are canceled or delayed due to inclement weather, Sacred Heart parish offices are closed, and daily Mass and communion services are canceled.

**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



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**

will burn this week for:

**Chester Gabriel**

requested by: Family



Sunday — All Women Religious

Monday — Fr. James Joyce

Tuesday — Fr. Michael Bernier

Wednesday — Fr. Christopher Fedoryshyn

Thursday — Fr. William Cyr

Friday — Our Deceased Priests

Saturday — Fr. Steven Montesanti

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**REGISTRATION FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY NOW OPEN**

Registration for the 2023 Diocese of Springfield trip to World Youth Day has now opened. Our official pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon Portugal for World Youth Day will take place July 28 to August 8 2023 and is an incredible opportunity for youth and young adults (ages 18-35 in 2023) to encounter Christ with several million youth from around the world who share their faith. For more information, to watch the recording of the November 16 virtual info session, or to register, go to: <https://www.youngandcatholic.org/get-involved/worldyouthday>

**CELEBRATE SPRING!**

St. Peter Women's Guild in Gt. Barrington, is sponsoring a 3 day Maine Coastal trip to Ogunquit, June 7-9, 2022. Included are two Nights at the lovely Meadowmere Resort in Ogunquit, two breakfast & two dinners, (Jonathan's Restaurant and a Lobster Clambake Dinner at Foster's) Ogunquit Playhouse, Portland Head Lighthouse stop, Portland Discovery Cruise, and much more.

The cost is \$495.00 double occupancy. For more information or a registration form, please call Bobbie Kozlowski at 413-528-4961 or Nancy Wilcox at 413-298-4603.

**SACRED HEART PARISH—WKLY GIVING —12/26**

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**SACRED HEART PARISH—WKLY GIVING —1/02**

- Weekly Collection —\$12,849.00
- On-line —\$3,607.00
- Solemnity of Mary—\$736.00 Elms College—\$165.00
- Religious Retirement—\$100.00 Christmas—\$443.00
- Immaculate Conception —\$25.00
- Flowers- \$ 50.00 Utility—\$55.00

**Total Giving — \$18,030.00**

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

**January 9th— Baptism of the Lord**

“After the happiness of communicating: Rise modestly, return to your place, kneel down, and do not immediately take up your book or rosary. What good are the words of men when God is speaking? We must be like someone who is very curious and listens at the door. We must listen to all that the good God says at the door of our hearts.”

*St. John Vianney, Eucharistic Meditations: 16<sup>th</sup> Meditation.*

For more information and videos check out [www.yearoftheeucharist.net](http://www.yearoftheeucharist.net)

**TRAINING FOR THE RACE**

If you were going to run a race, wouldn't you need to train? My wife is not a runner, but a few years back, she wanted to participate in a race with my youngest son. She embarked on a journey which included a healthy diet, exercise, and a lot of running. After several months, she was ready. The race came and went but what remained was a sense of accomplishment. She would have never made it through that event if not for her training. When the time came, she was ready.

Our life in Christ is a race of sorts. It is not a race that starts and stops again and again but one that continues from our baptism until eternal life with him (hopefully). Even though we never stop the race, we do have moments where we need to hydrate, take nourishment, and gain strength. That's what we do at the Mass and in our parish community. It is in our parish where we find what we need to keep running that race.

The problem is that too many assume we only are running the race when we are involved with the parish. Living out our discipleship in stewardship is not only to be done in the Church. In fact, what we do in the Church is to prepare us for what we are called to do during all the times we are not at Church. We encounter Christ in his Church so that we may bring him into a world that needs him. In community, we train and take nourishment so that we have any chance of running the race every day. Don't let your stewardship stop at the church doors. *Outside those doors, the race is on!* — Ipi

**HAPPY NEW YEAR — FROM THE THRIFT SHOP**

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