

St. Joseph ~ Mother Church of the Berkshires

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday-4:00 PM

Sunday~9:00 & 11:30 AM

9 AM Mass streamed live at
stjoepittsfield.com & the Parish
App

Daily Mass~12:10 PM

RCIA~Wed. 6:30 PM

Holy Hour ~Mon.-Fri. 11 AM

Rosary ~Mon - Fri. 11:30 AM

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18th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the bread of God is that
which comes down from
heaven and gives life to the
world.” - Jn 6:33

August 1, 2021



CHICKEN PARMESAN DINNER

Knights of Columbus Council #103

Fundraiser for Charitable

Knights of Columbus worthy causes. The chicken parmesan fundraiser **take out** dinner is Saturday, August 14th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, at St. Joseph Parish Center. All dinners are to be preordered and prepaid at St. Joseph Rectory. Donation: \$15.00. God Bless you for caring.

VISITATION MONASTERY: Have you visited the Visitation Monastery? Located at 14 Beach Rd., Tyringham, MA. It is a place of amazing peace and prayer. The Visitation nuns are dedicated to the mystery of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. Through prayer, a simple lifestyle, cloistered living and devotion to the Sacred Heart they bring forward grace to our community. The chapel is open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mass daily at 7:45 a.m. To find out more check out <https://vistyr.org> or stop by for a visit.

The sisters give talks on Sacred Heart Spirituality every First Sunday of the month. The talks are given in the Chapel.

Next Talk: Sunday, August 1st at 4pm.

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. "As we sow the seeds of our faith in the world may we understand that they are the seeds of God's love and the seeds of hope. We are the face of the Catholic Church shown to the world through our actions and generosity. Please make your donation today. Contact 413-452-0670 or email aca@diospringfield.org



20/20 Winners are:

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Peter Vosburgh

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Preparing for the Holy Sacraments

If you have questions or if you would like to speak with someone about receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation please call our parish office at 413-445-5789.



Please consider signing up to give your donations to our parish online. It is very easy to do. You can donate either with a credit card or a check and choose how much you would like to give and how often: weekly, monthly, semi-monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. You can go directly to the website at <https://stjoepittsfield.weshareonline.org> to sign up. We thank you for your generosity during these difficult times.

TRANSITIONAL DEACON

Question: What is a transitional deacon?

Answer: There are two types of deacons in the church. Both are members of the clergy. Both have the same liturgical role. Both have the service of the community as their primary work. One is called a permanent deacon, usually a married man ordained as a deacon with no intention of becoming a priest. They preach, baptize, witness marriages, conduct funeral services, and look after the needs of the poor. They also visit the sick and take Communion to them, although they cannot celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. They might also assist the pastor in his administrative duties. Permanent deacons are usually well known and respected in their communities and have roots there.

A transitional deacon is one who functions as a deacon for a period of time prior to ordination as a priest. His diaconate assignment serves as a kind of internship of ordained ministry. During his year or two as a deacon, he will learn the practical aspects of parish life, getting a firsthand look at the life of a priest. His work has a different focus than a permanent deacon in that he is looking forward to ordination as a priest.



CALL AHEAD

Father John was nervous when he cast Jimmy, the middle school class clown, as Joseph in the annual Christmas pageant. His fears were realized when Jimmy decided to do a little improvisation by pulling out his cell phone in the pageant's opening scene.

The astonished priest, who was narrating, asked, "What are you doing with your phone?"

Jimmy smiled and replied, "This year I'm phoning that inn to make a reservation!"

SERMON

"The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible." — George Burns

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





**AUGUST 1, 2021
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don’t like, want, and don’t want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don’t move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before. We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

Saturday, July 31st Howard Vinson, Jr. Requested by Jo and Trish	4:00 PM
Sunday, August 1st For the Parish	9:00 AM
Matthew Butler Requested by Leo	11:30 AM
Monday, August 2nd Cora Cooney Requested by Paul & Nicolene Wendling	12:10 PM
Tuesday, August 3rd For the Parish	12:10 PM
Wednesday, August 4th Living & Deceased Members of the Andrew M. Lombardi Family	12:10 PM
Thursday, August 5th Suchart “Bic” Surakan Requested by Bruce McKinney	12:10 PM
Friday, August 6th Bob & Joan Armstrong Requested by Family	12:10 PM
Saturday, August 7th Walter & Amelia Marketonis Requested by Daughter, June	4:00 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1ST
Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

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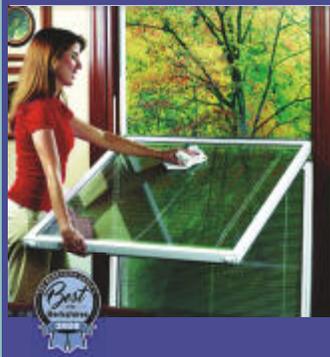
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