

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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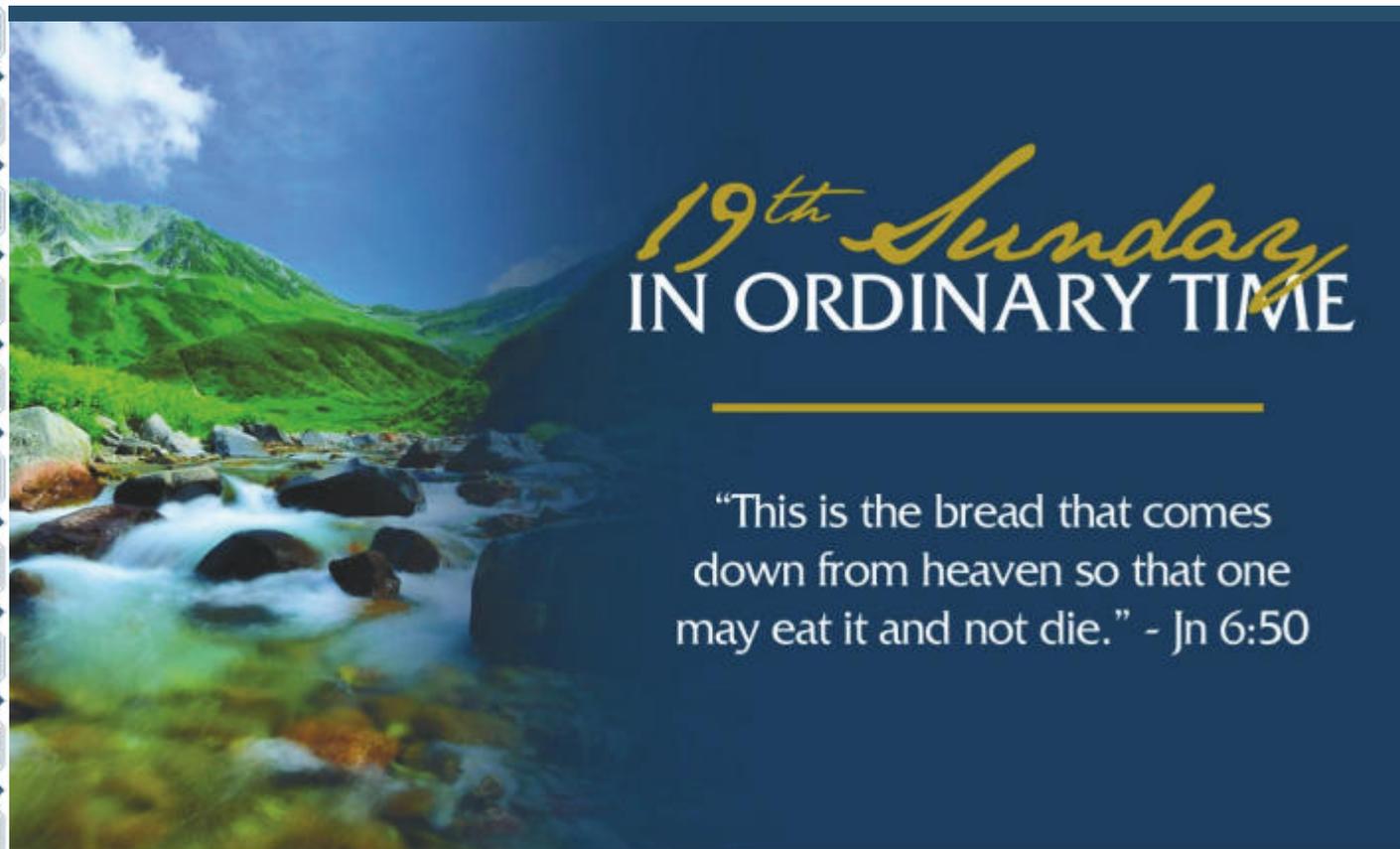
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19th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“This is the bread that comes
down from heaven so that one
may eat it and not die.” - Jn 6:50

July 25, 2021



ST. ANNE SOCIETY

Meeting and ice cream social will take place on August 18th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Our guest speakers will be Lisa Zabian and her daughter Khali from Lee, sharing the remarkable and faith filled journey to recovery following Khali's car accident. We invite women of the parish to join us for a truly inspiring evening of fellowship.



CHICKEN PARMESAN DINNER

Knights of Columbus
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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.

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



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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.



ST. ANNE SOCIETY
St. Anne members are reminded that their presence is requested at the 11:00 am Holy Hour and Rosary on Wednesday, August 11th. Please make every effort to attend and pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and lay ministry.

WHAT'S YOUR HEARTH CAKE?

Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

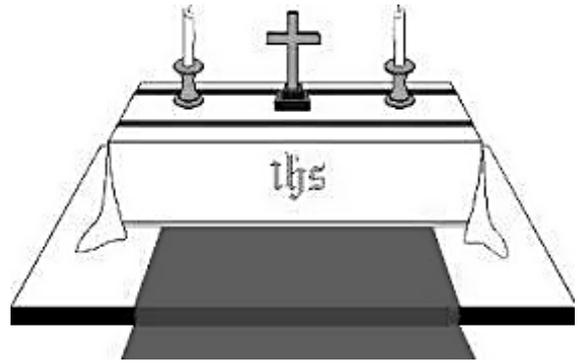
I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed. This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

COMMUNION – Due to COVID concerns If you wish to receive communion on the tongue please be the last in line to receive. Thank you.





AUGUST 8, 2021
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable. But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special. The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

Saturday, August 7th Walter & Amelia Marketonis Requested by Daughter, June	4:00 PM
Sunday, August 8th John & Rae Armstrong Requested by Family	9:00 AM
Carolyn Elias-1st Anniversary Requested by Family	11:30 AM
Monday, August 9th Phil Janchuk Requested by Anne	12:10 PM
Tuesday, August 10th Edward Mickowitz Requested by Family	12:10 PM
Wednesday, August 11th For the Parish	12:10 PM
Thursday, August 12th For the Parish	12:10 PM
Friday, August 13th Jose Paralta Requested by Family	12:10 PM
Saturday, August 14th Jack Harte—3rd Anniversary Requested by Family	4:00 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 8, 2021
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/ Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/ Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/ Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

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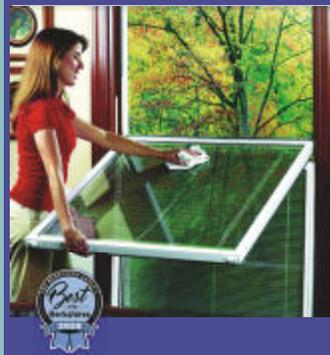
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