

October 25, 2020

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACRED HEART CHURCH
"The Pink Church"



Sacred Heart

A Welcoming Catholic Community

Congratulations to our high school students who received
the Holy Spirit in Confirmation!

Bo (PATRICK) Bramer
Peter (JAMES) Breitmaier
Kaden (JOHN THE BAPTIST) Codey
Abby (LUCY) Lummus
Ryan (JOHN) Massey
Brendan (MAXIMILIAN KOLBE) Muller
Lucas (FRANCIS) North
Molly (CATHERINE) Sherman
Zachary (JAMES) Sullivan

A special thanks to our CCD Teacher, Stephen Garrity
and Deacon Bob Esposito

Sacrament
of CONFIRMATION

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK


Saturday, October 24th

4:00 PM+ **Maura O'Brien Fissel & Bridget O'Brien**

requested by: Their Family

Sunday, October 25th

8:30 AM+ **Agnes Blais**

requested by: Her Son, Robert

10:30 AM+ **In Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary**, requested by:
Sacred Heart Rosary Sodality

Monday, October 26th

9:00 AM+ **Elinor Demartino**

(Birthday Remembrance & Anniversary)

requested by: Joanie & Jack

Tuesday, October 27th

9:00 AM+ **Margaret Knight**

(Birthday remembrance)

requested by: Her Family

Wednesday, October 28th

9:00 AM+ **NO MASS**

Thursday, October 29th

9:00 AM+ **Ann Langlais**

(5th Anniversary)

requested by: Her Family

Friday, October 30th

9:00 AM+ **The Poor Souls in Purgatory**

requested by: Joanie DeMartino

Saturday, October 31st

4:00 PM+ **Peter J. Tierney**

requested by: Paul & Nicolene

Sunday, November 1st

8:30 AM+ **Jeffrey Roman and Kyle Conte**

requested by: Landry & Conte Family

10:30 AM+ **Stephanie Olivieri**

requested by: Maryann Puglissi

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY — CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The St. Joseph Cemetery Commission is pleased to announce that construction work has been completed and all the main roads have been repaved. This includes the main road at the Pecks Road entrance all the way to the Cross in the upper section. Travel in and out of the cemetery is now much easier and is greatly improved.

In addition, the Cemetery carried out extensive drainage improvements last fall to correct long standing flooding issues. All catch basins were cleaned, repaired and/or replaced, and additional ones added. Broken and collapsed drain lines were replaced and 1,700 feet of new drain lines were installed.

Volunteers from the Knights of Columbus Council #103 stepped forward and cleared out an old 700 foot drainage ditch that had been blocked for years. They along with the cemetery staff cleared brush, trees and debris and completed erosion control and seeding.

The total project cost was estimated at 1.8 million. The capital campaign feasibility study recommended 1.2 million. Therefore all roads were not able to be repaved at this time. Additional roads will be repaved in the next 2 years, as the balance of pledges are paid.

The Cemetery Commission is continuing to seek other donations in order to complete the work. Contributions would be appreciated and should be made to the Cemetery office at 222 Pecks Road.

Sincerely,

Jack Laviolette, Cemetery Commission

Peter Lafayette, Capital Campaign

THANKSGIVING ANGELS***Drop off location and collection deadline***

As you know, Sacred Heart Parish is collecting (boxes or envelopes) of INSTANT POTATOES. **Now thru November 8th there will be tables set-up in the parish garage to receive your donation.**

Your donation will help provide turkey dinners for 1,500 families for Thanksgiving. Donations of turkeys (10-12 lbs) may be dropped off at South Congregational Church, South Church Street (back door) Tuesday, November 17th thru Friday, November 20th. (9 am -1 pm).

Should you wish to make a financial donation: Please make checks payable to "Thanksgiving Angels—South Church" 110 South Church Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Please be assured of our gratitude for your support of this very important community endeavor!



Sunday — Vocations for Priests & Diaconate

Monday — Father William Murphy

Tuesday — Father Michale Lillpopp

Wednesday — Our Deacons

Thursday — Father Peter Naranjo

Friday — Msgr. John Bonzagni

Saturday — Our Seminarians



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

will burn this week for:

Mike Pero

requested by:

Sacred Heart Rectory Staff

Pastoral Ponderings - Father Frank

What is the difference between a parishioner and a disciple? A number of Catholic authors have written books or developed programs recently in an effort to help Catholics move from being "parishioners" to being "disciples". The difference is expressed in a number of ways, it involves moving from being a consumer to being a contributor, from being a taker to being a giver, or being a spectator to being a player! For followers of Christ these are subtle but important differences.

I also think that we can define the difference from the point of view of distance. Our social media platforms have "posters" and "lurkers". Some people watch from a safe distance away, in the shadows. They are satisfied to pick up tidbits along the way. Others however let it all hang out there. They are active participants in discussions, shapers of opinion and unafraid. Parishioners, or followers look on from a distance while disciples insist on walking side by side with Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

It is certainly not bad to be a simple follower, it is better than being a "None", but there is so much more available! Dipping your toe into Lake Pontoosuc can be a fun thing to do, but it is nowhere near as refreshing and stimulating as diving into the lake. Immersing yourself into your faith, bathing in it, gulping it down, and splashing others with it is an opportunity that is open to all of us. Don't miss the chance.

Jesus was not a timid guy. He was a counter-cultural leader, a boat rocker and someone who was unafraid. Following Jesus is not for timid people! At the end of the gospel of St. Matthew Jesus sends us on a mission: **"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (MT 28)**. Completing this mission cannot be accomplished from a distance. It can't be accomplished by lurkers or spectators or takers.

We can only succeed in bringing other men and women to Christ if we are "all-in". We cannot give what we do not have. We can only attract others if we are willing to be identified as disciples and have the courage to let our joy and our light shine to the whole world.

How do you do that? Dive in! This parish is in dire need of disciples, disciples who will step up and volunteer to be readers, ministers, teachers, or any number of other things. The opportunities are endless and there is a spot here that would match up well to your personality and talents. The time and energy needed is small, but the rewards are eternal.

Let's go....WEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Our religious education classes will begin in January. If you have not registered, please do so. This will help us in the planning for materials. Please consider volunteering as a CCD teacher. You don't need to have a college degree in theology, just a willingness to share your faith with Sacred Heart's children. Please call the rectory office at (413)443-6960 for upcoming training opportunities with Deacon Bob.

Sacred Heart Church — Advertiser of the week!

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BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH WEEKEND! November 21st & 22nd



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ministries we are planning on re-activating when we are given the "OK" to meet and move forward.

- Lectors
- Ushers/Welcoming Ministers
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
- Music Ministry
- Altar Servers
- Coffee Hour
- Rosary Sodality
- CCD Teachers / Volunteers
- Pastoral Ministry
- Technical Support Help
- Friends of St. Vincent de Paul

If you would like to be part of any of these ministries, please call the rectory at (413)443-6960

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY NOTICE

Winter decorations may be placed on lots starting November 1st. One wreath or flower box is allowed per lot. Cemetery gates will close at 4 PM beginning Sunday, November 1st.

ON-LINE GIVING UPGRADE

Our On Line Giving is getting an upgrade to a newer, easier-to-use platform! If you currently give on-line, you will soon be receiving an e-mail with instructions on how to log into the new system. Best of all, your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again!