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## WELCOME:

Please notify us if you are new to the area, so that we may register you as a member of our parish family.  
(Our church is handicapped accessible.)

## LORD'S DAY MASSES:

Saturday at 4:00 PM • Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

## DAILY SERVICES:

Monday - Friday at 6:45 AM and 9:00 AM (Masses and/or Communion Services)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Thursday & Friday from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM.  
and Saturday from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Please use the Newell Street entrance to the Parish Center Chapel.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

Please call Deacon Jim (499-1072) to set up an appointment with our Bereavement Team.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday at 3:00 PM or by appointment

## BAPTISMS:

First Sunday of the month. Please call the rectory at least one month prior to Baptism. Pre-Baptismal classes for parents and Godparents are held on the Sunday before the Baptism at 7:00 PM in the rectory. Parents must be registered members of Sacred Heart Parish for three months prior to Baptism.

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):

Please contact Deacon Jim Hager (499-1072) for information.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Please notify the parish office one year in advance.

## MISSION STATEMENT:

Sacred Heart Parish is dedicated to respond faithfully to God's call as a Catholic Community and to serve Him and others through worship, fellowship, education and social justice.



Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, March 6**

4:00 PM † *Rosemary Cook* req. by her daughter, Diane & Luciano Balardini

**Sunday, March 7**

8:30 AM † *Deceased members of the Donovan family* req. by Andree Donovan  
 10:30 AM † *Sal & John Procopio and Bob Stechmann* req. by sisters & wife

**Monday, March 8**

6:45 AM † Communion Service  
 9:00 AM † *Lenten Mass*

**Tuesday, March 9**

6:45 AM † Communion Service  
 9:00 AM † *Lenten Mass*

**Wednesday, March 10**

6:45 AM † Communion Service  
 9:00 AM † *People of Sacred Heart Parish*  
 5:30 PM † *Lenten Mass*

**Thursday, March 11**

6:45 AM † Communion Service  
 9:00 AM † *Lenten Mass*

**Friday, March 12**

6:45 AM † Communion Service  
 9:00 AM † *Lenten Mass*

**Saturday, March 13**

4:00 PM † *Barbara Gould Patella* req. by her family

**Sunday, March 14**

8:30 AM † *Natalina & Vincenzo Stracuzzi* req. by their daughters, Antoinette and Concetta  
 10:30 AM † *Angelina & Rosario Pocerobba* req. by the Pocerobba family

**The Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week for a **Special Intention.**

**The Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday evening, March 8, at 7:00 in the Parish Center.

**Lenten Extras**

Sun (3/7) 6:30 PM	Vespers (Sacred Heart)
Wed. 5:30 PM	Mass
Wed. 6:30–7:30 PM	Confessions
Fri. 3:30 PM	Stations of the Cross

**Lenten Reflection and Prayer:** all those who teach in parish religious education programs are invited to a brief evening of prayer on Tuesday, March 23, at 6:30 PM, in the library of St. Mary School in Lee. Please register through the Berkshire Regional Office of Religious Education: 443-3187 or [c.conaghan@diospringfield.org](mailto:c.conaghan@diospringfield.org) – ideally by March 19. No fee; refreshments will follow.

**Last Call for Lay Ministers** wishing to join the *Lay Ministry Certificate in Introductory Leadership Training Program* which begins March 23. Please see the information at the back of the church if you are interested or call The Office of Lay Ministry Formation at (413) 452-0824.

**The Berkshire County Irish American Organization** has chosen **REV. JAMES K. JOYCE**, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, as the 2010 Irish American Person of the Year. He will be honored at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 13, at 6:00 PM at the Elk's Club on Union Street. The event includes entertainment by "Mountain Road" featuring John McManus on Fiddle, Ruari Layton on Bagpipes and the Berkshire County Stepdancers. Mayor Mary Kelly and Town Clerk Carmel Murphy from Pittsfield's Sister City, Ballina, County Mayo will also attend. Reserved tickets (\$25) are available by calling Kevin Cahill at 413-770-7512 or Barbara at 413-684-0038.

**Berkshire Talking Chronicle** is a non-profit radio reading service that reads local news and information for the blind and print-impaired of Berkshire County. The service is free and all that is needed is a radio. They read the Berkshire Eagle, the North Adams Transcript and the Pittsfield Gazette among others. New local programming is constantly evolving. The call letters are: WRRS 104.3 LPFM. They are located within the United Cerebral Palsy building at 208 West Street. If you would be interested in visiting the studio, please call 413-442-1562 extension 26.



*Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3*

**Call to the Diaconate: Class of 2015!**

The Diocese of Springfield is proud to announce the formation of their twelfth class of Deacons. Men, ages 31 and up, who are interested in the Diaconate Program should plan to attend an Informational Meeting on Sunday, March 14, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at St. Joseph Church, North Chapel, 414 North Street, in Pittsfield. If you are interested in the Diaconate Program but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact:

Deacon John Leary  
 413-498-5065  
[deaconjohnleary@gmail.com](mailto:deaconjohnleary@gmail.com)  
 or  
 Deacon Leo Coughlin  
 413-452-0674  
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**Married Couples!** Marriage erodes when we take each other for granted. Hear more about the choices to love that keep marriage strong. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are March 19-21, April 23-25 and May 21-23. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit their webpage at [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org)

<b><u>Please pray for the following this week:</u></b>		
Sunday	-	Bishop Joseph Maguire
Monday	-	Msgr. Mike Shershanovich
Tuesday	-	All Women Religious
Wednesday	-	Father James Joyce
Thursday	-	Our Deacon Candidates
Friday	-	Our Retired Priests
Saturday	-	Father William Cyr

**Pregnancy Support Services** is requesting the following items: approved cribs (no recalls, please), strollers and high chairs, infant clothing, diaper coupons, self help books, and monetary donations. Please check for these items at upcoming tag sales! Thousands of young women have chosen life for their unborn babies. Your generosity through the years has enabled our agency to give them vital support. For pick up, please call 443-7351.

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Men’s Conference:**

next Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at Cathedral High School from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. In addition to the renowned Raymond Arroyo, we have Patrick McCaskey, the co-owner of the Chicago Bears. He will give a dynamic testimony of faith. We are pleased to have Mr. McCaskey with us in addition to our other speakers who will inspire your faith. Brochures are available at the doors of the church. For more information, please call 413-452-0811 or contact the website at [www.diospringfield.org/mensconf.html](http://www.diospringfield.org/mensconf.html).

**“Our Lights Are On For You”** The churches in Berkshire County, including Sacred Heart, will be open **every Wednesday evening** from 6:30 – 7:30 PM during Lent for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**2010 Annual Catholic Appeal** (*Neighbor Helping Neighbor*). To make a donation, there are envelopes available at the doors of the church or call (413) 452-0670.

**Fasting during Lent!**

In the fifth century, St. Peter Chrysologus wrote:

“Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God’s ear to yourself.”

We take the initiative during Lent to curb our desires and exercise an opportunity to put aside what we may want so that we can be reminded of God. Every time we desire that from which we are fasting, we are reminded of why we chose to give it up: to think about God. And, when we give something up, we have more to give away, to help a brother or sister in need because we are not using something for ourselves. Our Lenten fast is intimately connected to our Lenten sharing.

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