

ST. PETER AND ST. CASIMIR PARISH

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Bread of Life

• "I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." *Jn 6:48-50*

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MISSION STATEMENT

In communion with the Universal Church,
The Roman Catholic Parish

Saint Peter and Saint Casimir Westfield, MA has been entrusted and is committed to proclaim and communicate the saving message of Jesus Christ. As a Roman Catholic Family, with the *Eucharist* as our center, we draw strength and dedicate ourselves to praise God through prayer, worship and service.

A collaborative participation in all aspects of Parish life is encouraged.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to share the Gospel of Christ with all God's people in the following way:

- * The religious education and formation of all parishioners in the living tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith.
- * The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who wish to join the Roman Catholic Church.
- * The celebration of the Eucharist and sacraments, proclamation of the Word of God, prayer and adoration.
- * The assessment, communication, and fulfillment of the spiritual and emotional needs of all parishioners.

Daily Mass Schedule

7:15 a.m., Monday through Thursday
Eucharistic Prayer Service, 7:15 a.m. on Friday

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - is held every Saturday afternoon from 3:00-3:30 p.m. in the parish reconciliation room or by appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

6:00 p.m. on the eve of the Holy Day

Holy Day 7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

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Pastor, Rev. William H. Wallis

Deacon, Paul Briere

Administrative Assistant, Ms. Annette V. Kazlauskas

Organist, Ms. Rosemary Swochak

Visiting of the Sick and Homebound Coordinator,

Mrs. Marcia Rogers 568-0762

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Faith Formation Office (413) 568-6261

Director of Faith Formation, Mrs. Patricia Kern

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Faith Formation Classes:

Grades K through 8 ~ Sunday 9:20 to 10:20 a.m.

High School ~ Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..

Parish Social Center (413) 568-1860

Website parishesonline.com

Parish Pastoral Council Members ~ 2014/2015

Alicia Belanger, Rosey Bonner, Sue Drummey, Ashlie Felix, James Liptak, Linda Lucia, Jim Pratt, Bette Ptaszek, Tom Smith, Frank Sposito, Rudy Versailles, Chris White
Ex-officio ~ Fr. William H. Wallis, Pastor, Deacon Paul Briere, Director of Faith Formation, Mrs. Patricia Kern

Parish Finance Council Members ~ 2014/2015

John Amrich, Armand Brochu, Tom Gates, Frank Horrigan, Steve Lucas, Tom Mihalek, Robert Rutkowski

We Welcome New Parishioners

Please call the Parish Office to obtain a census form and to arrange a visit with the Pastor 568-5421



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 10

7:15 am † Louis and Sophie Canor

Requested by Nancy Lecuyer

Tuesday, August 11

7:15 am † Sister M. Gill Reilley

Requested by the Osowski family

Adoration after the 7:15 Mass until 8:00 pm

Wednesday, August 12

7:15 am † Joseph LaPlante

Requested by Brian and Rosey Bonner

Thursday, August 13

7:15 am † Tim Puffer

Requested by Ray and Ann Crum

Friday, August 14

7:15 am ☩ Eucharistic Prayer Service ☩

Saturday, August 15

4:00 pm † Charles G. Kennedy

Requested by his wife

Sunday, August 16

8:30 am † ☩ Don and Joanne Osowski ☩

50th Wedding Anniversary

10:30 am †

☩ THE PARISHIONERS OF THIS PARISH ☩



Readings for the Week of August 9, 2015

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21--19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58



Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

	8/15 Saturday	8/16 Sunday	
	4:00 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Lector	R. Briere	E. Fournier	M. Wright
Hosts	Y. Kriesak	A. Crum	K. Brown
Cup	A. McGaharn/ R. Versailles	A. Belanger/ E. Onofrey	H. Gates/ A. J. Felix
Choir	K. Kriesak	C. White	L. Bobe
Servers	F. Horriagan		K. Piccolo

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Reflections



"I am the living bread come down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." Three astonishing claims in one sentence. First: Jesus announces that he came from heaven. Second: He says that he is bread for people to eat. Third: He promises eternal life to anyone who eats this bread.

What a lineup! What tremendous faith he expected of these people to believe such radical statements.

First, he wants them to believe that he was sent by God the Father. He wants them to believe that he is one with God. If we ever struggle to believe this, just imagine how much harder it must have been for these folks who knew him as a normal guy: "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" We have the benefit of Scripture, the tradition of the church, thousands of years of Christian witness, and the sacraments to convince us of who Jesus is. They didn't.

Next, he does all this talking about bread. He refers to the miraculous manna--bread that fed the wandering Jews in the desert--and then claims that he is the new manna. He is the true bread; his flesh, in fact, is this bread. His body will become food. Again, we have the whole history of eucharistic faith, devotion, and miracles to rely on. They didn't.

Finally, he goes so far as to say that in receiving him as bread, we will live forever. He promises that this intimate union with him through Communion brings with it the gift of eternal life. Yes, these three claims work together: Jesus is God. The bread of Communion is God. And this God we receive is the source of eternal life.



Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compared himself to manna. A long time ago God's people ate manna in the desert, because there was no other food to eat. By sending manna falling from the sky every morning, God taught his people to trust him. Manna tasted good, and it kept them healthy. God took care of them and gave them all they needed. Then, hundreds of years later, God sent Jesus down from heaven, so people could have everlasting life with him.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus down from heaven so that we can look forward to living with you forever in heaven. Amen.

☩ PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND ☩

Martha Bachleda, K. Miller, Ray Rossi, Peter Crepeau, Joseph Pignatare, Louann Grimaldi, Mary Barry, Robert Pierpont, Billy Antonucci, Richard W., Joseph Mayeros, Robert Pitoniak, William Costello, Richard Johnson, Grace Pignatare, Michael Francis, Barbara Ouimet, Dolores Lingaitis, Rick S., Linda, Lori, Bernadette Lippman, Michael R., Joseph Kalesnik, Sandy & Dennis G., Logan, Angelina Lacy, Stella and Luther Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Noh, Natalia Masaitis, Mary Swierk, Karen Page, Louise Buckities, Anne Dalikas

~ *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* ~

Parish Remembrance



Sanctuary Light

Paul F. Hadley Sr.

Requested by his wife
Patricia and family

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th is on Saturday and it is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation this year.



**EVERYONE'S INVITED
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**THIS SUNDAY, AUG. 9TH
AFTER THE 8:30 & 10:30 MASSES
AT THE SOCIAL CENTER**



In Memory of

Priscilla Lewis,
Birthday Remembrance

Requested by Phil and Sheryl Lewis

Tom Drummey

Requested by Susan Drummey



Parish Picnic ~ The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12th at 7 pm in the Social Center. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Parish Food Collection

- ◆ Aug 9 ~ juice, coffee, and tea
- ◆ Aug 16 ~ mac and cheese
- ◆ Aug 23 ~ pasta and pasta sauces
- ◆ Aug 30 ~ peanut butter, jelly and fluff

Your donations will be brought to the Westfield Food Pantry on Meadow St.

Parish News and Events



8/10/15 Quilting Social Center 9-11 am



Eucharistic Adoration

Consider this: "In order to convert America and save the World what we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer. (Blessed Mother Teresa) *We pray this week for all the healthcare professionals who serve those who are ill and for all who love and care for the sick.* Join us for the prayer service that begins at 7 pm, an hour before the Blessed Sacrament is reposed.



BINGO~6:45-10:15pm~Monday 8/10/15

Upstairs Sue and Bill Phelon
Downstairs Sandy Fitzsimmons
Sellers Cookie, Marianne, and Linda

Thank you to all the workers at our weekly 'Bingo' sessions. Please think about helping out or attending! Ann Crum is always looking for helpers even if it is one Monday night a month. As shown in our financials, this program is a vital part of the parish's well being. This week's \$2,000 donation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of many. If you would like to get involved, please call the office at 568-5421.

❖ **8/11/15 TOPS Social Center 5-7 pm**



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, SEPT. 13, 2015, 11-4 pm. National Grandparent's Day Celebration. Come for a day of hope and blessings at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, Stockbridge MA.



The welcoming is about to begin. Keep watch for details on how you can be involved, in making our new parishioners feel welcome and a part of our growing parish community



The 2016 Mass Book will be opened for your requests beginning Wednesday, September 9, 2015. Please note there are only so many weekend Masses. Therefore, to be fair to everyone, we ask that those of you with multiple requests to limit the booking of your intentions on weekends and place some of your requests on the weekday Masses. Thank you for your understanding and willingness to share. Office hours to call in your intentions are Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at 568-5421. Please, no calls or e-mails before the 9th of September. Also please do **NOT** send in your requests via the blue and white envelopes in the pews. You may use them only to submit your offering **AFTER** your date and time has been reserved.



Catholic Charities ~ Annual Back to School Backpack and Supplies Drive Catholic Charities is accepting donations for our annual Back to School Backpack and Supplies Drive. Donations of backpacks, supplies, backpacks filled with supplies, and/or monetary contributions can be dropped off at Catholic Charities, 65 Elliot Street, Springfield, M-F between 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Deadline for donations is **Friday, August 14, 2015**. For more information, please contact Laura Saponare, Social Service Coordinator at (413) 452-0605.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in North Adams is hosting a 5K race, 1 mile fun walk and pancake breakfast on Saturday, August 15, 2015 from 9am-1pm. There will be lots of fun for the whole family, including a bounce house and face painting. All race and walk registrants receive a free breakfast. Visit facebook.com/JP2FamilyFunRun for more information or register online

St. Joseph Parish ~ Shelburne Falls ~ Come to what has become to be known as the “*Best Tag Sale in West County*” on Saturday, August 29 from 9am – 2pm at St. Joseph Church, 34 Monroe Avenue in Shelburne Falls, MA – Rain or Shine! This 11th annual parish fundraising event features the tag sale, a bake sale, multi-raffles, teacup auction and food concession, all of which will take place at the church. Contact Nancy at 625-8148 if you have items you’d like to donate, or may need help transporting. There is plenty of free parking. Remaining items will be offered at an even further reduced rate on Sunday, August 30 from 9am – noon.

Our Lady of the Valley Polka Party ~ Sponsored by Easthampton Knights of Columbus #1116— August 23th, 2015, from 12:00 – 6:00 PM. All Donations Accepted – Large or Small **NO COOLERS ALLOWED!** Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the music! For information contact: Frank Furman [\(413\) 527-7400](tel:4135277400), Jean Duquette – [\(413\) 527-2895](tel:4135272895) or OLV Rectory [\(413\) 527-9778](tel:4135279778)

Silent Ignatian retreats in Boston, MA, based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, offered by the priests of Miles Christi, a religious order devoted to the laity's sanctification. Throughout the centuries, the spiritual exercises have become known as an excellent means of sanctification, highly praised by popes and saints. There will be spiritual talks, Eucharistic adoration, daily Mass and Rosary. Women: September 11-13, 2015; Men: October 30-November 1, 2015. Contact Mary Jaye at boston@spiritualexercises.net or at (248) 767-1669.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed." - Lk 1:46-48

August 9, 2015

Faith on Fire Catholic Rally-Save the Date Please join us on Thursday, August 20 and Friday, August 21 at 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM for a *Faith on Fire Catholic Rally* to be held on the grounds of *Sacred Heart Parish*, 1065 Springfield St in Feeding Hills. This two evening celebration includes: Praise and worship music, great speakers, a Eucharistic Procession, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and prayers for healing with the laying on of hands. The **Most Rev. Mitchell T. Rozanski, Bishop of Springfield** and **Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC**, head of the *Diocese of Springfield Catholic Charismatic Renewal*, along with other speakers and lay witnesses will be joining us for the two day event.

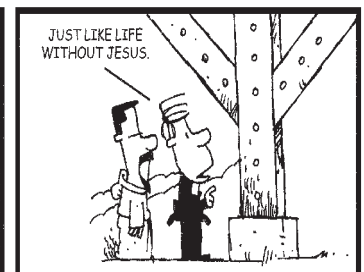
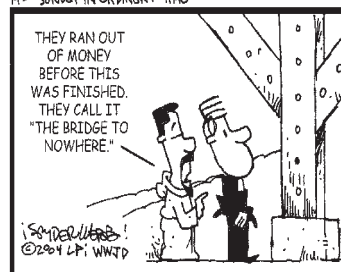
Food and beverages will be available for purchase; hot dogs, hamburgers, chips soda, fried dough, and more. Please bring your own lawn chairs and blankets for comfortable seating. There is no charge for this two day event; a free will offering will be taken up each night. This is a two evening event with different topics and speakers each night, so please come both nights for the entire experience. This event is sponsored by the *Hampden West Deanery* and the *Diocese of Springfield Catholic Charismatic Renewal*. In case of rain, the rally will be held in the church. For more information please call the *Pastoral Minister* Jean Raczkowski at 413.786.8200 ext. 3 or email j.raczkowski@sacredheartfeedinghills.org. Come, bring a friend and celebrate our Catholic faith under the stars.

Parish Offerings

August 2, 2015

Weekly envelopes produced	241
Number of envelopes returned	162
Envelope contributions	\$ 1,911.00
Fuel & Maintenance	532.00
Loose funds received	313.75
'E-Giving' for July	365.00
Candles	45.00
	\$ 3,166.75
Weekly average income required to meet operating cost of Parish FY 14/15	4,130.00
Minus	\$ 963.25
Bingo	\$ 2,000.00

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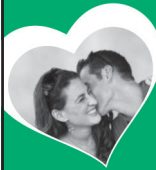


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