

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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## Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,  
No matter what your family or marital situation,  
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation,  
No matter what your personal history, background, race or other,  
No matter what your own self-image or esteem,  
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. John's.

## EUCCHARIST:

Lord's Day Mass: *Saturday* 4:00 pm, *Sunday* 8:00 am, 10:30 am

Weekday Mass: Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday at 8:00 am & Wednesday at 6:00 pm | Adoration: Wed. 12:00 - 6:00 pm

CONFESSION: Saturday 2:45 to 3:45 pm, Wednesday 4:30 to 5:30 pm, or by Appointment.

BAPTISM: Please call the parish office to schedule.

MARRIAGE: To be arranged at least one year in advance. Please call the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Is available in the Confessional every Saturday or see Father after Mass. If you or a loved one needs Father to come to you, please call the parish office.

CONFIRMATION: Takes place in 11th Grade, please contact the Director of Religious Education to enroll in classes. If you are an adult and need to make your Confirmation, please contact the same office and ask about the RCIA program.

HOLY ORDERS: Are you thinking about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Please call Fr. Pierz at the parish office, or call the Office of Vocations at (413) 452-0811.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: *We are a Roman Catholic community inspired by the Holy Spirit to follow the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by sharing, growing and spreading God the Father's love through our parish ministries, and by coming together as a community in meaningful prayer and worship to celebrate that love.*

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time —July 4, 2021

## **14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Jesus is met with misgivings and rejection by his own relations. Like them, we often resist the prophetic word because of an obstinacy of heart, rooted in a self-pride which must give way to weakness and powerlessness.*

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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*Friday - Closed*

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David Ross

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Dorota Maliszewska                Leo Marinak  
Jessica Pokora                        Jane Seaver  
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## ***Thoughts from the Rectory ...***

Dear friends of St. John the Evangelist,

As we gather today for Holy Mass and share in the mystery of the Eucharistic sacrifice, we come to celebrate an authentic act of freedom. While our nation commemorates the declaration of our independence this fourth of July in the social, political, and historical order, we likewise participate each week in the great gift of our freedom won in Christ. It is a freedom from sin. Freedom from eternal death. Freedom to live. Freedom to hope. Freedom to be.

As we consider the great gift of freedom, as a nation and as individuals, I share with you some words from Pope St. John Paul II during his 1995 visit to Philadelphia and rejoice in the treasure that is our freedom.

I have mentioned the Declaration of Independence and the Liberty Bell, two monuments that exemplify the spirit of freedom on which this country was founded. Your attachment to liberty, to freedom, is part of your heritage. When the Liberty Bell rang for the first time in 1776, it was to announce the freedom of your nation, the beginning of the pursuit of a common destiny independent of any outside coercion. This principle of freedom is paramount in the political and social order, in relationships between the government and the people, and between individual and individual. However, man's life is also lived in another order of reality: in the order of his relationship to what is objectively true and morally good. Freedom thus acquires a deeper meaning when it is referred to the human person. It concerns in the first place the relation of man to himself. Every human person, endowed with reason, is free when he is the master of his own actions, when he is capable of choosing that good which is in conformity with reason, and therefore with his own human dignity.

Freedom can never tolerate an offense against the rights of others, and one of the fundamental rights of man is the right to worship God. In the Declaration on Religious Freedom, the Second Vatican Council stated that the "demand for freedom in human society chiefly regards the quest for the values proper to the human spirit. It regards, in the first place, the free exercise of religion in society ... Religious freedom, which men demand as necessary to fulfill their duty to worship God, has to do with immunity from coercion in civil society. Therefore it leaves untouched traditional Catholic teaching on the moral duty of men and societies toward the true religion and toward the one Church of Christ" (Dignitatis Humanae, 1).

Christ himself linked freedom with the knowledge of truth: "You will know the truth and the truth will make you free" (Jn 8:32). In my first Encyclical I wrote in this regard: "These words contain both a fundamental requirement and a warning : the requirement of an honest relationship with regard to truth as a condition for authentic freedom, and the warning to avoid every kind of illusory freedom, every superficial unilateral freedom, every freedom that fails to enter into the whole truth about man and the world" (Redemptor Hominis, 12).

Freedom can therefore never be construed without relation to the truth as revealed by Jesus Christ, and proposed by his Church, nor can it be seen as a pretext for moral anarchy, for every moral order must remain linked to truth. Saint Peter, in his first letter, says: "Live as free men, but do not use your freedom for malice" (1 Pt 2 :16). No freedom can exist when it goes against man in what he is, or against man in his relationship to others and to God.

Happy Fourth of July!

*St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!*

**Fr. Pierz**

**14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Saturday, July 3rd**

**4:00 pm—Rita Moore †**

Requested by the Catholic Women's Club

**Sunday, July 4th**

**8:00 am—Maria Waterman †**

Requested by A Friend of the Family

**10:30 am—For the People**

**Monday, July 5th—Saint Anthony Zaccaria,  
Priest, USA: Saint Elizabeth of Portugal**

**8:00 am—Wedding Anniversary Remembrance**

Requested by Jackie

**Tuesday, July 6th—St. Maria Goretti**

**8:00 am—Rev. L. George Clermont †**

Requested by L. J. Parent & Family

**Wednesday, July 7th**

**6:00 pm—Paul Ambrogio-God's Blessing on the  
Occasion of His Birthday**

Requested by A Brother

**Thursday, July 8th**

**8:00 am—Anna Pierz † on the First Anniversary  
of Her Death**

Requested by Her Grandsons

**Friday, July 9th—St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs**

**8:00 am—Frank & Dorothy Cook †**

Requested by Jim & Mikie Cook

**15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Saturday, July 10th**

**4:00 pm—Mary O'Rourke †**

Requested by the Catholic Women's Club

**Sunday, July 11th**

**8:00 am—Nazare Lopes †**

Requested by the Francisco Family

**10:30 am—Edwin Adamski †**

**& Felicia Szewczyk †**

Requested by Helene & Little Ed

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**JULY 4—10**

WILL BE LIT IN MEMORY OF

**BARBARA AND EARL RIVERS**

REQUESTED BY

**HER SONS GARY, RUSSELL & FAMILY**

If you would like to request the Sanctuary Candle to be lit in honor of or in memory of someone, please contact the parish office.



**Please remember in your prayers:**

Please pray for the sick and dying of our parish. Remember all who are in hospitals, nursing homes and homebound. Pray for the hungry, the unemployed and under-employed. Pray for an end to abortion and a true respect for all life, from conception to natural death. Pray for peace. In a

concrete way we pray for all those who have died and all the deceased members of our parish and diocese, especially Howard Sawyer and George Woods, Jr.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.**

*And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**

**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

*If you would like to include someone who has recently passed away, please call the parish office or email: [sje.pariahsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sje.pariahsecretary@gmail.com).*

**IN MY MOTHER'S ARMS  
PRAYER LINE:**

If you have a serious intention that you need prayers for: surgery, sufferings, medical, illness, cancer treatment, a sick child, or anything like that, please give Pat (786-3023) or Mary (786-9671) a call and you will have countless rosaries and prayers.



*If anyone else is interested in being a prayer partner, please call Pat or Mary.*

# Welcome Father John Hurley to St. John the Evangelist Parish!

Born on Aug. 10, 1959 in Springfield to the late Dr. Frank and Barbara Hurley, Father John Hurley has four siblings: Ann, Regina, Christopher and Marita. His home parish is Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Chicopee.

He attended Ursuline Academy in Springfield from 1967 through 1974 and graduated Cathedral High School in 1979. He received an associate's degree in communication from Springfield Technical Community College and then studied journalism and sales and sales management.

Father Hurley did his seminary formation at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in Weston. He comes not only with a strong business background, but also an understanding on issues facing persons with disability as he was born with cerebral palsy.

Upon ordination, Father Hurley's first assignment was Parochial Vicar at Jericho, the Bureau for Exceptional Children and Adults, in Holyoke. "It was a great pleasure to serve an organization tasked with integrating the handicapped into the diocese." From Jericho, he was at Blessed Sacrament in Holyoke and then Holy Name before coming to St. John the Evangelist Parish.

Secular life commitments often include family, children, and jobs where, by comparison, there is only one commitment in the priesthood. "I wanted a 40 hour workweek to care for people," says Father Hurley, who worked at MassMutual until 2003. He had provided care for his father and sister for nearly ten years.

"We are excited to have Father Hurley share his ministry in the person of Christ here at St. John's," says Father Michael Pierz, Pastor.

As Parochial Vicar at St. John's Father Hurley hopes to enliven the community! Let us give a warm welcome to Father Hurley into our vibrant parish life.



## Hurley's Haulers



Contact the Parish Office if you can assist Fr. Hurley in his ministry throughout Agawam.

## Join Hurley's Haulers!

The parish is seeking volunteers to join our pastoral ministry and assist in transportation for Fr. Hurley's service around Agawam, and especially to the hospitals, nursing homes, sick and homebound of our Parish.

Must have a reliable vehicle and flexible schedule. Please contact the parish office to include your contact information on the *Hurley's Haulers* list.



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH INVITES YOU TO A

# 1946 Garden Party

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH!  
COME CELEBRATE OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of 75 years on Main Street, parishioners enjoyed a 1946-style garden party, complete with refreshments as well as a hat and trivia contest. Special thanks to the Family & Human Life and the Evangelization Commissions for spearheading this wonderful event; and thank you to parishioners for putting on a great party at no expense to the Parish! It was wonderful to gather in fellowship after more than a year of being apart!



Jack Seaver emceed the Trivia Contest. Mikie Cook and Stan Ciempa both won the Trivia prize; while Mary Talarico took home the best 1946 garden hat prize.



Members of the Family and Human Life Commission with Father Pierz, pose before a letter from the papal nuncio for the centennial anniversary of Agawam (June 1955), and the other announcing the first Mass to be held at St. John the Evangelist Church (November 1946).

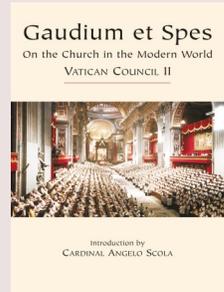


What a treat to see so many smiling faces (while also enjoying some scrumptious refreshments)!





PASTORAL CONSTITUTION  
ON THE CHURCH IN THE  
MODERN WORLD  
*GAUDIUM ET SPES*  
PROMULGATED BY  
HIS HOLINESS  
**POPE PAUL VI**  
ON DECEMBER 7, 1965



## PART I: THE CHURCH AND MAN'S CALLING

18. It is in the face of death that the riddle of human existence grows most acute. Not only is man tormented by pain and by the advancing deterioration of his body, but even more so by a dread of perpetual extinction. He rightly follows the intuition of his heart when he abhors and repudiates the utter ruin and total disappearance of his own person. He rebels against death because he bears in himself an eternal seed which cannot be reduced to sheer matter. All the endeavors of technology, though useful in the extreme, cannot calm his anxiety; for prolongation of biological life is unable to satisfy that desire for higher life which is inescapably lodged in his breast. Although the mystery of death utterly beggars the imagination, the Church has been taught by divine revelation and firmly teaches that man has been created by God for a blissful purpose beyond the reach of earthly misery. In addition, that bodily death from which man would have been immune had he not sinned will be vanquished, according to the Christian faith, when man who was ruined by his own doing is restored to wholeness by an almighty and merciful Saviour. For God has called man and still calls him so that with his entire being he might be joined to Him in an endless sharing of a divine life beyond all corruption. Christ won this victory when He rose to life, for by His death He freed man from death. Hence to every thoughtful man a solidly established faith provides the answer to his anxiety about what the future holds for him. At the same time faith gives him the power to be united in Christ with his loved ones who have already been snatched away by death; faith arouses the hope that they have found true life with God.

19. The root reason for human dignity lies in man's call to communion with God. From the very circumstance of his origin man is already invited to converse with God. For man would not exist were he not created by God's love and constantly preserved by it; and he cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and devotes himself to His Creator. Still, many of our contemporaries have never recognized this intimate and vital link with God, or have explicitly rejected it. Thus atheism must be accounted among the most serious problems of this age, and is deserving of closer examination. The word atheism is applied to phenomena which are quite distinct from one another. For while God is expressly denied by some, others believe that man can assert absolutely nothing about Him. Still others use such a method to scrutinize the question of God as to make it seem devoid of meaning. Many, unduly transgressing the limits of the positive sciences, contend that everything can be explained by this kind of scientific reasoning alone, or by contrast, they altogether disallow that there is any absolute truth. Some laud man so extravagantly that their faith in God lapses into a kind of anemia, though they seem more inclined to affirm man than to deny God. Again some form for themselves such a fallacious idea of God that when they repudiate this figment they are by no means rejecting the God of the Gospel. Some never get to the point of raising questions about God, since they seem to experience no religious stirrings nor do they see why they should trouble themselves about religion. Moreover, atheism results not rarely from a violent protest against the evil in this world, or from the absolute character with which certain human values are unduly invested, and which thereby already accords them the stature of God. Modern civilization itself often complicates the approach to God not for any essential reason but because it is so heavily engrossed in earthly affairs. Undeniably, those who willfully shut out God from their hearts and try to dodge religious questions are not following the dictates of their consciences, and hence are not free of blame; yet believers themselves frequently bear some responsibility for this situation. For, taken as a whole, atheism is not a spontaneous development but stems from a variety of causes, including a critical reaction against religious beliefs, and in some places against the Christian religion in particular. Hence believers can have more than a little to do with the birth of atheism. To the extent that they neglect their own training in the faith, or teach erroneous doctrine, or are deficient in their religious, moral or social life, they must be said to conceal rather than reveal the authentic face of God and religion.

# QUADIS

7.17.21

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN TO DEEPEN THEIR FAITH & SEEK GOD'S WILL FOR THEIR LIVES.

FOR YOUNG MEN, AGES 14 - 19

PRAYER + BROTHERHOOD + ADVENTURE

**SAT., JULY 17TH**

**10AM - 5PM**

**CAMP HOLY CROSS, GOSHEN, MA**

Sign up Today! 413-452-0503 [vocations@diospringfield.org](mailto:vocations@diospringfield.org)

**Outdoor Movie Night**  
**at St. John the Evangelist Church**  
**Friday, July 9, 8:30 pm**  
 We will view “*The Chosen*”  
 Episodes 3 & 4, with a brief intermission.



Through concessions, we will raise money for Agawam Knights of Columbus, local pro-life ministry, and our “In the Beginning” Preschool Ministry.

Concessions include bagged popcorn, bottled water, and cans of soda. There will be a 50/50 opportunity drawing.

*Free admission (Donations accepted)*



**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

***A Prayer for Independence Day***

Father of all nations and ages,  
 we recall the day when our country  
 claimed its place among the family of nations.

For what has been achieved we give you thanks.  
 For the work that still remains we ask your help.

And as you have called us from many peoples to be  
 one nation, grant that, under your providence, our  
 country may share your blessings with all the peoples  
 of the earth.

*(from the Roman Missal, Mass for Independence Day)*



**DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD**  
 Office of the Bishop  
 76 Elliot Street – P.O. Box 1730  
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**Churches in Central and Eastern Europe Special Collection**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The worldwide coronavirus outbreak restricted nonessential travel across the globe. Stay-at-home orders, physical distancing, and quarantine practices implemented to mitigate the spread of the disease revealed great and urgent needs, especially in those countries of Eastern Europe still in turbulent transition stages. There, weak economies were made more vulnerable, and those affected included the elderly as well as doctors, nurses, and medical chaplains. In Ukraine, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) came to the assistance of homebound senior citizens in many cities, using Church facilities to organize the work and engaging both local volunteers and assistance from abroad. Using the Lviv Patriarchal Center kitchen, volunteers prepared meals and delivered them to needy seniors throughout the city. In addition, the UGCC mobilized its network of about 120 hospital chaplains and collected and distributed badly needed protective clothing, masks, sanitizer, and other necessities to ensure their safety as they ministered to the sick throughout the country.

“When you know that someone cares about you and that you are not alone in your struggles,” said Fr. Volodymyr Malchyn of the UGCC, “it is much easier to go through all kinds of challenges.” Your participation in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe expresses your care and support for the people in Ukraine and throughout the region, especially in times of crisis and disruption.

Please be generous to the collection, because your support helps foster nurturing communities in which Catholics can share and grow in faith. For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/ceec](http://www.usccb.org/ceec). Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future.

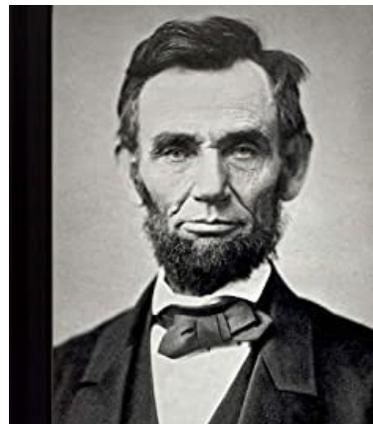
Sincerely yours in Christ,  
 +Most Reverend William D. Byrne  
 Bishop of Springfield

P.S. Please share this letter with your parishioners the weekend of July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 and take up the collection the following weekend. Monies collected should be sent to the **Diocesan Accounting Office**. Thank you. +WDB

***Working Together towards a Bold Future with Strong Footing in Time, Talent, and Treasure!***

As our maintenance projects come to a close, and the temperature control project cools down, let us come together and work towards a fresh financial slate. Please consider a monthly contribution to help chisel away the remaining balance of the loan.

For your convenience, envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church, or you may make a secure donation at <https://stjohnagawam.churchgiving.com>.



“The nation, under  
 God, shall have a new  
 birth of freedom, and  
 that government of  
 the people, by the  
 people, for the people,  
 shall not perish from  
 the earth.”

**Abraham Lincoln**

### COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

*Daily Mass Times: 8 am (M, T, Th, F) 6 pm (W)*

**Monday, July 5th PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday, July 6th**

2:00 pm Loaves & Fishes (Kitchen)

7:00 pm Spiritual Life (FJR)

**Friday, July 9th**

8:00 pm Movie Night (Parking Lot)

**Sunday, July 11th**

8:00 am Take and Eat (FJR, Kitchen)

6:30 pm Scouts (PC3)

### Weekend of June 27th

*“Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father”*

Weekly: \$5,468

Maintenance: \$527

Fuel: \$785

Loose: \$276

Loan Repayment: \$526

Online Giving: \$1,082

**Total: \$8,664**

*“May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.”*

## Help Wanted **Custodial Maintenance**



The Parish is seeking to fill a **new Part-Time position** here at St. John's as Facilities **Custodial/Technician** with the ability to work 12-17 hours per week. This position will be responsible for some supervision of contractors and parish volunteers, cleaning, minor carpentry repairs, minor mechanical and electrical maintenance repairs, and a daily custodial.

Duties may include (but may not be limited to) the following:

- \* *Basic knowledge of HVAC*
- \* *Basic equipment repair*
- \* *Light landscaping tasks*
- \* *Troubleshooting of maintenance-related issues as they arise (off-hour availability may be needed)*
- \* *Other duties to assist the parish, pastor/administrator, and office manager, as needed*

Please visit the Parish Office for a full description and details or call 786-8105.

**Embark on our Journey,  
Help us Set Sail!**



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

**IN THE  
BEGINNING**

PRESCHOOL  
BORN OF GOD

*Join us for a scheduled open house to celebrate the success we've experienced while docked in the gymnasium, and our preparations to set sail to our permanent preschool home in the lower parish center.*

July 15, 6-7:30 pm

July 17, 5 pm

July 18, 9-10:30 am

July 20, 6-7:30 pm

St. John the Evangelist Parish Center  
833 Main Street, Agawam



Karol Liebersbach will visit St. John the Evangelist Church July 10th and 11th and share with us about his work as a missionary on college campuses with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. He will speak before each Mass, and looks forward to greeting parishioners afterwards. Please consider supporting this valuable college ministry!

My name is Karol Liebersbach and I am a Catholic Missionary for an organization called FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. We are a collegiate outreach organization aimed at sharing the hope and joy of the Gospel with college students across America, while teaching them to do the same in their own lives! We believe that we can have a greater long-term impact on the culture and renew Catholic parishes by reaching future leaders while they are still in college.

I was born in Poland and moved to Chicopee when I was six years old and have called Western Mass home for the past 16 years. I became involved with FOCUS Missionaries while studying mechanical engineering at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. My involvement with FOCUS Missionaries at UMass led me to a profound encounter with Jesus that radically transformed the way that I view our Catholic Faith. This inspired me to become a missionary, so that I can walk with other people in their own faith journeys!



I have just finished my first year on mission, during which I was serving at West Chester University in Pennsylvania. On mission, I devote my entire time to serving students at the campus I have been assigned to. The bulk of my mission revolves around leading small group Bible studies, one-on-one mentorship, and different outreach events to meet new students. Another important aspect of my mission is simply inviting students into different aspects of my life such as cooking meals, going to the driving range, and many other ways! Below is a picture of the students from West Chester during our Spring Retreat!



My second year of mission will be taking me to Drexel University in Philadelphia. To the right is a picture of the team of missionaries with whom I will be serving this coming year. I am really thankful for all of your support on my mission. Know of my prayers for you and your parish; I am looking forward to getting to know you and sending updates from my mission at Drexel University throughout the year!



## Seeking COFFEE HOUR Volunteers:

The Family & Human Life Commission is looking for parishioners willing to give a few hours each month to help bring back coffee hours after the 10:30am Mass! We are looking for once a month coordinators, or if you can give some time to bake, set up, shop, or clean up once a week or once a month please contact the Parish Office.



## Thank You!

We are grateful to the following businesses who donated opportunity drawing items for the First Annual Spring Craft Fair:

41 Main St. Deli, Agawam Country Club, Bruno's Pizza, China Star, Coopers, Crystal's Nails, Floral Concepts by Tom, Giovanni's Bakery, Hong Kong Express, Main Street Grille, Nicky's Pizza, Pajer's, Paris Nails, Partner's, Six Flags, and Table & Vine.

## What's Happening around the Diocese ...

### St. John the Evangelist Church revised protocols

**Entrance/Exit:** Entrance into the church will continue at the Main Street entrance. Exit through any door.

**Seating:** All pews in the main section of the church (the nave) are now completely open for seating. The side transepts will remain open only every other pew for those who wish to continue social distancing.

**Holy Communion:** Please process down the center aisle (either in the nave or the two side transepts) and receive Holy Communion, anywhere at the steps of the sanctuary, standing or kneeling. The celebrant/ deacon will move along the edge of the sanctuary from one end to the other. Please then return to your pew along the side aisles. For those with limited mobility, please alert the ushers ahead of time, and an EMHC will bring Holy Communion to you.



The Office of the Diaconate is starting the recruitment process for our next Diaconate class, the Class of 2026. If you would like to learn more about the Diaconate, We will be holding in person information sessions as follows. Wives are welcome and encouraged to attend with their husbands. (Minimum age at time of ordination is 35.)

### **Wednesday, July 21—6-8PM**

Bishop Marshall Center, Springfield

### **Saturday, July 31—10AM- Noon**

St. Joseph's Church Parish Center- Pittsfield

### **Saturday, August 7 - 10AM - Noon**

Bishop Marshall Center, Springfield

### **Wednesday, August 11 - 6PM-8PM**

St. Joseph's Church Parish Center - Pittsfield

*Diaconate Office Contact: 413-452-0674 or  
diaconate@diospringfield.org.*



Volunteers are needed for this year's Faith On Fire Rally at Sacred Heart-Feeding Hills.

**September 9th:** set up tents, tables, chairs

**September 10th:** greeters, nurses, health professionals

**September 11th:** take-down tents, put away chairs, tables, clean the grounds

*Faith On Fire Volunteer Contact:  
Deb Briancesco, RN, 786-8200 x.3*

## Saint Maria Goretti

Charming Saint Maria, and true child of Mary the Mother of Jesus, you were so young but already so strong in resisting a cruel temptor and preferring to die a martyr. How greatly we need today—when chastity is often discarded—more models and intercessors like you! Multiply faithful Children of Mary for her glory and that of her son. Amen.



FEAST OF  
ST. MARIA GORETTI  
July 6th