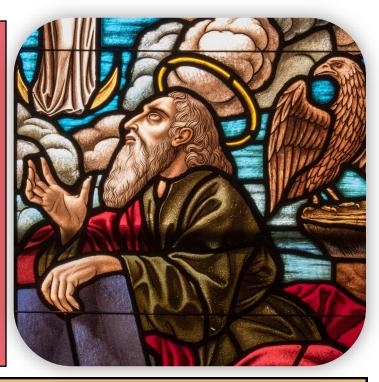


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Welcome!

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.

EUCHARIST:

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.

<u>ANOINTING OF THE SICK:</u> 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.

<u>CONFIRMATION</u>: 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.

<u>HOLY ORDERS</u>: 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.

<u>PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:</u> 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.

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ—June 19, 2022

COLLECT OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Trisha Brown Luke Hollwedel Jeffrey Krause Jessica Pokora Jane Trevethan

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Thoughts from the Rectory...

Dear friends of St. John the Evangelist,

Happy and Holy Solemnity of Corpus Christi!

As we have contemplated the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, the mystery of the Lord God's dynamic Being and divine love evidenced in Himself as a communion of three Divine Persons, we are invited to consider the visible sign of our share in this holy communion as we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christ, the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The great feast we celebrate today with high solemnity helps us recall the powerful truth of the Divine Presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist. As all feasts and celebrations of the Church are invitations for us to ponder the awesome realities of God and revelations of His eternal truths, today's liturgical celebration allows us to consider in faith and reason the interplay of the natural and supernatural. We are led to contemplate an earthly share in divine presence, a food and drink of Body and Blood, a oneness in Christ and unity among many.

St. Augustine resounds "O sacrament of devotion! O sign of unity! O bond of charity". The Eucharist allows us to know that out of many the Lord can bring unity. In our devotion, reverence, and faithfulness to the Eucharist we can be united to God and to one another. Like bread that is broken, He is one that feeds many. As many are nourished, near and far, with the sacred species, they may be united in and through that very nourishment. God invites us into a true and abiding communion in His life.

As was announced last weekend, Bishop Byrne has asked that I become pastor of the people of Greenfield beginning in August. With worship in churches named Holy Trinity and Blessed Sacrament, with encounters among faithful and opportunities for evangelization, with the Church ever present in all the episodes of our life, I am called to serve just as I have joyfully served these past six years here in Agawam. While I did not expect this change nor yet foresee leaving St. John's, I am confident and trusting of God's handiwork as I have always been.

Pope St. John Paul the Great proclaims "The Eucharist is the sacrament and source of the Church's unity". On this Solemnity of Corpus Christi, let us, dear friends of St. John the Evangelist, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, dear faithful of the Diocese of Springfield here in western Massachusetts, know true and lasting unity with one another in God. May we seek to be truly one in Him. May we know, that as we profess this awesome Faith, truly catholic in its reach, we are indeed closer than we imagine. The Lord draws us together as one and seeks to build us up into perfect union with Him. While we walk this earth, let us be ever more Heavenly ... in Christ Jesus our Lord.

St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!

Fr. Pierz

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND **BLOOD OF CHRIST** Saturday, June 18th

4:00 pm—FOR THE PEOPLE

Sunday, June 19th

8:00 am—Our Fathers, Living & Deceased, and their intentions

10:30 am-Teresa Marinak

Requested by Her Loving Children

Monday, June 20th

8:00 am-Robert Cross 🕆 Requested by His Family

Tuesday, June 21st—Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:00 am—Julia Amato Teles 🕈

Requested by Daughter Rose & Family

Wednesday, June 22nd—Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and **Thomas More, Martyrs**

6:00 pm—Ashley Beaudry **†** Requested by Her Aunt

Thursday, June 23rd—The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 am—Special Intention

Friday, June 24th—The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 am-Mona Roberts 🕆

Requested by A Friend

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday, June 25th

4:00 pm—Anniversary Blessings for Trisha & Al Brown

Sunday, June 26th

8:00 am—FOR THE PEOPLE

10:30 am-Joe DiVirgilio, Birthday Remembrance **P**

Requested by The Brown Family

SANCTUARY LAMP JUNE 19-25

WILL BE LIT IN FOR A

SPECIAL INTENTION

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.

MEMORIAL LAMP FOR OUR CHILDREN JUNE 19-25

WILL BE LIT IN REMEMBRANCE OF

THE CHILDREN TAKEN TOO SOON FROM THEIR FAMILIES IN UVALDE, TEXAS

If you would like to request the Memorial Lamp for Children to be lit in honor or in memory of a child, including the unborn, 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 Walter Chmura, Barbara Lingham, Dennis Koob and John Martino.

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.

IN MY MOTHER'S ARMS PRAYER LINE:

If you have a serious intention that you need surgery, for: prayers 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.





Pre-Synod Meeting

Monday, June 20 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

In-person at Bishop John Marshall Ctr., Springfield or via live streaming on diospringfield.org

This will be an opportunity to review some of the topics that were identified in the consultation process.



www.diospringfield.org/synod

Weekend of June 12, 2022

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

> Weekly: \$3,008 Maintenance: \$305 Fuel: \$30 Loose: \$553.06 Loan Repayment: \$639 Online Giving: \$1,944.50

Total: \$6,479.56

Loan Update:

Original Loan Amount: \$275,000 Loan Repayment Collected on June 5: \$819 Required Monthly Loan Payment: \$5,049.05 Loan Repayment Collected as of 5/31/22: \$123,112.78 Loan Balance as of 5/31/22: (\$122,348.98) *"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."

Calling All *01001* Teens! **You're Invited to a** <u>TEEN YOUTH CONFERENCE</u>

JULY 29-31, 2022 @ THE MASSMUTUAL CENTER, SPRINGFIELD

Steubenville East is a TEEN YOUTH

CONFERENCE that is

FUN, ENGAGING,

and

INSPIRATIONAL.

Come join teens from

throughout the region.



Watch an informative video: https://youtu.be/ulpg1_HDCgE

ALL TEENS WELCOME SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR AGAWAM TEENS

Contact St. John the Evangelist Parish, (413) 786-8105

*The cost per teen is \$200; however, teens residing in Agawam (01001) might be eligible for a scholarship of \$75 from St. John the Evangelist Parish, lowering the cost to \$125 for the 3-day conference.

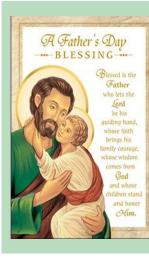
Parishioners of St. John's: If you would like to assist in further-reducing the cost for a teen to attend the Steubenville East Conference, please contact Fr. Pierz.



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace."

— St. Padre Pio www.yearoftheeucharist.net





Spiritual Bouquet If vou would like a special

man in your life, living or deceased, remembered in our priests' intentions at Mass, Holy Hours, and the Divine Office, consider a *Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet* Packet, available at the entrances of the church.



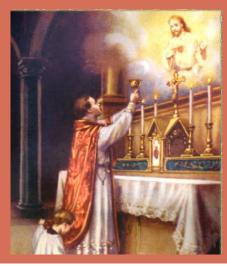
Pro-Life Corner

St. John's Pro-Life Coordinators: Judy Cross-Donahue (Call Parish Office)

"Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!"

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux "Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life."





The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Melchizedek, priest of God Most High, offers bread and wine as a blessing upon Abram. Jesus fulfills this offering, giving us his own body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. Thus is our hunger satisfied in abundance, as we make our pilgrim way to the heavenly banquet.



<u>Blessed Sacrament</u>

Blessed Sacrament Parish was established in 1960, but didn't finish building the church until 1970. The congregation worshiped in the former Holy Trinity School auditorium for ten years. After 60 years of worship the parish commissioned and built a new \$2 million dollar state-of-the-art Parish Center located just to the right of the church building. The new center is now the home for the business offices of both Holy Trinity and Blessed Sacrament parishes. It also houses ten separate classrooms used for Faith Formation, a new kitchen, and dedicated space for parish activities.





Church of the Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish was established in 1868, and was the first Catholic Church in Franklin County. The church began two years after Catholics in Northampton began a mission to Greenfield.

Holy Trinity Church provided the groundwork for several other county churches, including St. Mary's Church in Turners Falls in 1872, St. James Church in South Deerfield in 1895 and Blessed Sacrament Church in Greenfield in 1960.

The Church Celebrated it's <u>150-year anniversary</u> in 2018, and continues its ministry today.

At the recommendation of the diocesan Clergy Commission and at the request of Most Rev. William Byrne, Bishop of Springfield, Father Pierz has been reassigned to the Catholic Community of Greenfield. There are two churches in this Franklin County community, Blessed Sacrament Church and Holy Trinity Church. More details about the timeline of transfer and contact information for Fr. Pierz will be available as he prepares for this new assignment in August. The weekend of July 2nd/3rd, *Fr. Robert Vujs*, of the Fathers and Brothers of Maryknoll, will preside and Preach at the Masses at St. John the Evangelist Church.



Fr. Robert Vujs, (pronounced "voice") a retired Maryknoll Missionary who worked in Kenya for 40 years and Tanzania for 9 years. Father Robert Vujs has served as a missionary in Kenya & Tanzania, and will invite us to take part in the vital work of brining Christ and His Gospel to

all people. While at the parish, Fr. Vujs will be happy to speak with any parishioners who are interested in doing overseas mission work.

The Maryknoll society is a U.S. Catholic order of priests and brothers who, for more than 100 years, have modeled itself after the compassion of Jesus in reaching out to those in the world who are the most in need. Grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers partner with local churches to bring compassion, relief, and the message of God's love to the poor on the fringes of society.



June 24-25: The Feasts of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Sacred Heart of Jesus embodies Christ's Divine Love for us, wounded, pierced, encircled by thorns, and pierced, His Love cannot be extinguished.





The Immaculate Heart of Mary is the spring of Our Lady's burning love for God and her desire to bring souls to her Son. Her Heart is pierced with a sword to remind us of the sorrows she endured silently as Jesus's

mother. The wreath of roses symbolize that, throughout her spiritual suffering, Our Lady remained committed to the humility, obedience, and purity.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, I Consecrate my entire self and my family to the Most Holy Love of Your Two Hearts. O Most Holy Hearts, make me humble, patient, pure and obedient to the Divine Will. Teach me to love and serve Jesus through Mary. I pray for reparation and repentance of my sins and the sins of the whole world. I pray for the youth, especially the most lost and those who are in darkness. I place them in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, fill them with your Love, watch over, guide and protect them. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus have Mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary pray for us.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE PARISH CUPBOARD

With assistance from the Christian Service Commission, the Parish will resume collecting non-perishable food donations for The Parish Cupboard on an ongoing basis.

Inflation has further contributed to food insecurity in our area, compounding the effects of the pandemic. The Parish Cupboard is a food pantry and lunch program serving families and individuals in West Springfield, Agawam, and Feeding Hills.

Beginning this month, collection baskets will be available at all three church entrances. The Parish

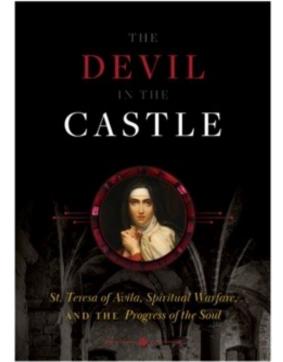
Cupboard publishes a monthly wish list of food items and those will appear in the bulletin. If you are interested in helping to deliver the food to The Parish Cupboard in West Springfield once per month, please call the parish office and someone from the Christian Service Commission will contact you.

Current wish list:

Cereal, Box Meals (e.g., Hamburger Helper), Jelly, Spaghetti sauce, Pasta, Toilet paper, Personal Care items, Cat food

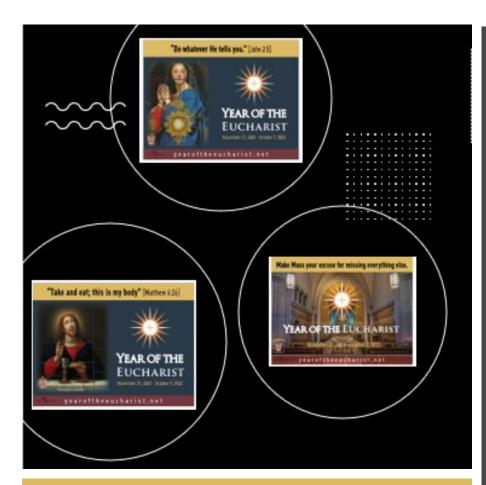
Let's be neighbors helping neighbors!

BOOK DISCUSSION



Have you ever wondered how to develop a personal relationship with God, and deepen your prayer life the way the saints did? Please join us as we will be discussing the book, The Devil In The Castle. We will meet in St Johns's Fr Joyce room. June 30th July 7th July 14th July 21st July 28th Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm Please purchase your own book. The book is available on Amazon, Sophia Institute Press, and major bookstores. (Purchase is helpful but not necessary to participate; there is no charge for this study.)

> Pre-register by calling the parish office. 413.786.8105



BAKE SALE JUNE 25TH-26TH

AFTER WEEKEND MASSES BAKERS! PLEASE DROP OFF GOODIES <u>BEFORE</u> WEEKEND MASSES Help to raise money for Year

of the Eucharist lawn signs for St. John's parishioners! YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Lawn Signs for Parishioners

Let's provide a sign for every parishioner who wants one

Your support is greatly appreciated

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COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

Daily Mass Times: 8 am (M, T, Th, F) 6 pm (W) Confession Times: Wed. 4:30 pm, Sat., 2:45 pm

Monday, June 20th

9:00 am St. Monica Group (Church/LC) 6:00 pm Ladies Exercise (PC3) 7:00 pm St. Monica Group (Church/LC) Tuesday, June 21st 6:00 pm Young & Catholic Women (PCR) Wednesday, June 22nd 10:00am Knitting Group (FJR) 12:00 pm Adoration (Church) 6:40 pm Music Ministry (Church) 7:00 pm Young & Catholic Men (LC) Thursday, June 23rd 6:00 pm Ladies Exercise (PC3) 6:30 pm Scouts (LC) Saturday, June 25th 10 am Basketball Party (Gym) Sunday, June 26th 5:00 pm Bonfire

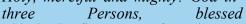
FEAST OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST JUNE 23



Called from birth by the Lord, John matured in the Spirit and heralded the advent of the Messiah.

Music Ministry Hymn of the Month

"Holv, Holv, Holv! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in





Trinity!" This is the first verse of our hymn of the month for June. The words, written by Reginald Heber, celebrate and praise the Blessed Trinity and was intended specifically for Trinity Sunday, which we celebrate today! John Dykes, who composed the music, paid tribute to this trinitarian theme by naming its melody "Nicea" after the Ecumenical Council of Nicea, which affirmed the Church's belief of three Divine Persons in one God.

The verses are all filled with beautiful praises of our Lord and echo the eternal Holy, Holy, Holy hymn of the angels, making it suitable for singing on any Sunday. Please find it at number 554 in our hymnal and sing along!

CORPUS CHRISTI

He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave

it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body."

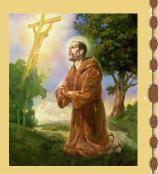
Mark 14:22

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Providing Clarity & Control to women seeking abortion. Call 774-275-3330. **Springfield Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10am – 4pm

************* **Rosary Intention (week of June 19)**

Pray the Rosary for the Praver of St. Francis: Lord. make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, your pardon Lord; where there is doubt, faith: where there is despair, hope; where there



is darkness. light; where there is sadness, joy.

Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, you govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love. You place a father in a family as a sign of your love, care, and constant protection.



May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in the Scriptures: steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, caring for those in need.

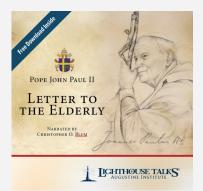
Give your wisdom to fathers that they may encourage and guide their children. Keep them healthy so they may support a family.

Guide every father with the Sprit of your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you.

KIOSK CORNER

Take a look at our Kiosk Corner inside the Main St. entrance to the Church. There are more than a dozen CD's to browse!

This week we are featuring:



In 1978, Pope John Paul II became one of the youngest popes ever elected. At the time of his death in 2005, he was also one of the longest-serving popes,

having lived into his early 80s. From his own experience of growing old, and only five and a half years before his death, John Paul wrote and shared this moving letter, addressed "To my elderly brothers and

sisters." His letter shares and cherishes the experiences, beaty, agony, and dignity of growing old and drawing closer to God. "The years pass quickly," he writes, "and the gift of life, for all the effort and pain it involves, is too beautiful and precious for us to ever grow tired of it."

Ministry to Sick & Homebound PASTORAL MINISTRY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday from 9am-1pm

Francesca Brandt, Pastoral Minister

413-786-8105 ext. 105 | sje.homebound@gmail.com

HOSPITAL VISITS: HIPAA Medical Law restricts access to patient admittance information. On arrival via emergency transport or self-transport, be sure to ask for in-house Clergy information to have a visit with a Catholic Priest for an anointing of the sick.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY: If you or a family member are confined to home due to illness or are anticipating surgery, please contact the parish office to request a Pastoral visit with Francesca Brandt, P.M. She will bring Holy Communion, as well as, inform Fr. Pierz and Fr. Hurley of the visit.

FOLLOW UP VISITS: During the recuperation period following surgery or illness, you can call Francesca to request a follow up visit and holy communion.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: One on One home care visits to the Sick and Homebound residents. Please call if you or someone you know would like to receive visit.

HELP NEEDED: In this Spiritually Filled Vocation, help is needed to bring Holy Communion to confined Catholic residents, Home visits or Nursing home visits. Contact Francesca if you are interested in this Highly Spiritual Vocation, a given from your heart of Spiritual Love, bringing Jesus, the Holy Eucharist, to those who cannot receive HIM without help from you. Francesca will assist you and train you personally. ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

BEREAVEMENT: A bereavement counseling visit may be prudent in helping the understanding of Our Blessed Lord's words of never being left alone. Fr. John Hurley and Francesca are here to assist you during your grief prolongment. Allow your "Tears of Sorrow" to turn into "Tears of Hope and Fulfilment of Blessings".

ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL: 413-786-8105

PRAYER SHAWLS: If you have a family member, friend, or know someone who could benefit from a bit of extra comfort, please contact Francesca who will pass on the information to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Each shawl includes the name of the prayer shawl Angel who crafted the shawl with prayerful love. Please note, the shawl must be picked up and delivered by the person who submitted the request. Call Francesca with your request and be sure to leave your phone number for a return call.