

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.

ANONING 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.*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 24, 2022

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.”

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Pastor: Fr. Michael Pierz
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Director of “In the Beginning”

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Finance Council:

David Ross (Chair)	Dale Marie Breault
Stanley Ciempa	Cecile Fragoso
Albert Innarelli	Suzanne Lamkins

Pastoral Council:

Cecile Fragoso (Chair)	Trisha Brown
Judy Cross Donahue	Luke Hollwedel
Mary Kate Henle	Jeffrey Krause
Leo Marinak	Jessica Pokora
Jane Seaver	Jane Trevethan
Gianna Smith (Youth Representative)	

Bulletin Submissions are due 12 days prior to print
***Email: sje.parishsecretary@gmail.com**

Thoughts from the Rectory...

Dear friends of St. John the Evangelist,

As I recounted in last week’s bulletin the power of the Creed and the profession of faith, I continue to give thanks to God for the wondrous gift of His grace and your prayer. As we join together in proclaiming our life in Christ Jesus may we each know the strength of our belief. You have heard me say we truly have the capacity and power to enliven God’s grace in each other as we seek Him always.

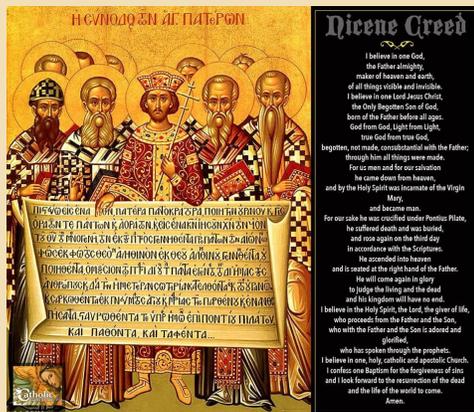
Thank you for the incredible outpouring of support and great sign of your love in last Sunday’s picnic gathering. I am so deeply honored and tremendously grateful for your expressions of love, sentiments of affection, and share of generosity in spirit and action. Our time together and words offered were so very moving. Thank you for being there and thank you to all who worked so hard to make it such a splendid event!

Each week we recite I believe in one God, the Father Almighty. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Our Faith is a movement and act of the will. More deeply it is an entrustment of ourselves in God and a confidence in His work through His Church.

With this trust, I am grateful to God for the work to which He has invited each of us. In that spirit, I share with you the news that the Bishop Byrne has appointed Fr. Michael Lillpopp as the new pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish effective in mid-September. Please welcome Fr. Lillpopp with that same grace you have so generously shown me. Let us join together in prayer for him already and be eager to work with him for the salvation of many souls here in Agawam.

Place your faith in God. Offer your service to His Church. Know how much our Father in heaven will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

Welcome Father Lillpopp!
St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!
Fr. Pierz



St. John the Evangelist Parish
Welcomes Father Michael C. Lillpopp
as its New Pastor



As Father Michael Pierz completes his 6-year tenure at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam, parishioners await newly-assigned pastor Father Michael C. Lillpopp.

A native of Cheshire, Fr. Lillpopp was educated in the public schools there and in Dalton, Mass. He earned a Master of Divinity degree and a Baccalaureate of Sacred Theology from St. Mary Seminary & University in Baltimore, Maryland; a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. John Seminary in Boston, Mass., and an Associate of Applied Science degree from the Community College of the Air Force in Montgomery, Alabama. He also attended the National Cryptologic School at Fort Meade, Maryland; and is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, with assignments in Germany, England, and Saudi Arabia.

Ordained a priest in 2005, Fr. Lillpopp has served in parishes in the lower Pioneer Valley, the Berkshires, as well as Anchorage, Alaska. He was the founding pastor of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in West Springfield.

In August of 2014, he began his service at Saints Patrick and Raphael Parish in Williamstown. The exact date of his move to Agawam (expected in mid-September) will be announced in the coming weeks.



Fr. Michael Pierz is being reassigned to the Greenfield Community, beginning August 14th. At a celebration last week, parishioners gave Fr. Pierz a standing ovation for his pastoral care and service to the parishioners of Agawam.

***From Agawam Parishioners,
THANK YOU to Fr. Michael Pierz, and
WELCOME to Fr. Michael Lillpopp!***

SANCTUARY LAMP

JULY 24-30

**WILL BE LIT IN MEMORY OF
DEACON EDWARD SZEWCZYK**

REQUESTED BY

HELENE & LITTLE ED

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

JULY 24-30

**WILL BE LIT IN REMEMBRANCE OF
OLIVIA RACHEL ROSS**

REQUESTED BY

HER FAMILY

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 Tom Besse, Rose Gilbert, Mary Lou Scherla, Maria Fortunata.

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 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.***



**Pray for Teens Attending the
Steubenville East
TEEN YOUTH CONFERENCE**

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

A Prayer for Teens to Grow Spiritually Amid School,
Family, and Social Pressures

Father,

We lift up teens to grow spiritually in You amid school,
family, and social pressures. You often called great men and
women in their teens to follow You into their destinies.
From David being crowned King as a teen, to Esther saving
her people as a young adult, to Mary being bestowed the
honor of carrying Your Son, Jesus, as a teen You often have
a tender spot in calling youth to their journeys. We pray that
during this time between childhood and adulthood that they
would come to know You more Spiritually. That it would
not merely be religion in the sense of rules to be followed,
but a deeply rooted relationship where they come to know
the character and heart of God. We pray in these years they
embrace You in their hearts, and that seedling of faith will
grow into gardens of splendor in Your Kingdom, full of fruit
and life. We pray against attacks of the enemy or influences
that are seeking to corrupt them. We speak against such
spirits in Jesus name, for as You said in Matthew 18 that
those who seek to lead a child into sin come in offense
against You. We pray for Your Spirit protecting and leading
them into true communion with You, growing in truth and
Spirit.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Weekend of July 17, 2022

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

Weekly: \$4,173.50

Maintenance: \$1,165

Fuel: \$138

Loose: \$593.06

Loan Repayment: \$627

Online Giving: \$1,834.50

Total: \$8,531.06

Loan Update:

Original Loan Amount: \$275,000

Loan Repayment Collected on July 17: \$787

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.”*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 23rd

4:00 pm—Childs Family †

Requested by Daughter & Sister

Sunday, July 24th

8:00 am—FOR THE PEOPLE

10:30 am—Deacon Edward Szewczyk †

Requested by Helene & Little Ed

Monday, July 25th—Saint James the Apostle

8:00 am—Eletha Fiske †

Requested by The Breault Family

**Tuesday, July 26th—Saints Joachim and Ann,
parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 am—Donald Gaudreau †

Requested by His Family

Wednesday, July 27th

6:00 pm—David A. Ladizki †

Requested by The Ladizki, Malone, & Brunet
Families

Thursday, July 28th

8:00 am—Valerie Stroh †

Requested by Frank & Kay Benson

**Friday, July 29th—Saints Martha, Mary, and
Lazarus**

8:00 am—Alan Carmel, 2nd Anniversary †

Requested by Mother, Father, & Family

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 30th

4:00 pm—Joseph Grimaldi †

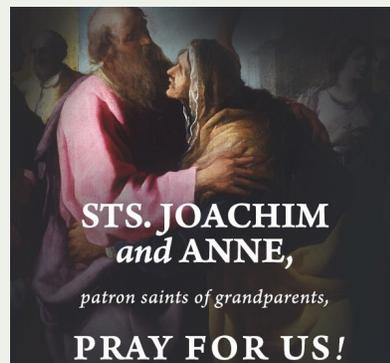
Requested by Family

Sunday, July 31st

8:00 am—FOR THE PEOPLE

10:30 am—John Pizzichemi †

Requested by James & Andreana, & Family





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***Statement of the Massachusetts Catholic Conference
In Opposition to House Bill 4954 and Senate Bill 2996***

A fundamental teaching of the Catholic faith is that an unborn child is a human person with the inalienable right to life and this life must be protected from conception to birth. It is in this light that the Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts have always strongly opposed abortion and all legislative efforts to expand the practice. It is the reason we oppose House Bill 4954 and Senate Bill 2996.

Particular attention must be drawn to a provision (Section 10) in House Bill 4954. If adopted, late term abortions would become widely available, further expanding an already deeply troubling section of Massachusetts law. Specifically, by adding the word “severe” into existing law, abortions would be allowed based upon any physician’s own determination of what condition qualifies as “severe”. This undefined terminology further erodes the protection of life by creating the possibility of abortions at any time in a woman’s pregnancy.

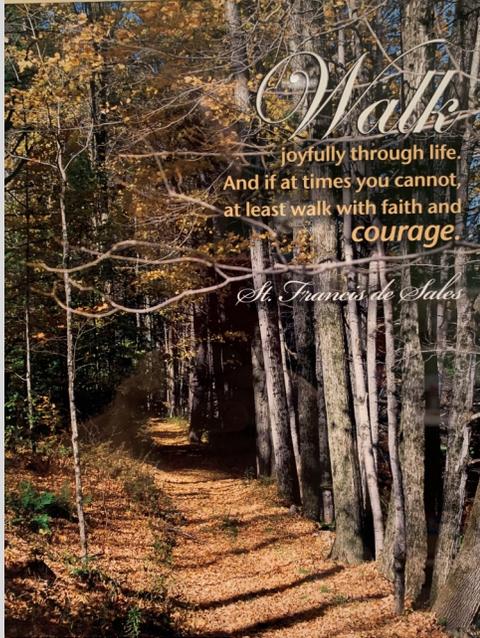
On behalf of the four Roman Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Catholic Conference urges the legislature and Governor Baker not to advance these bills into law.



Please also take a few minutes to send a message today to your legislator asking them to oppose assisted suicide using the form to your right! We are asking them to vote NO on assisted suicide (Bills H.2381 and S.1384) because suicide is not medical care. Massachusetts deserve better access to quality care, such as in-home hospice and palliative care, not an ill-conceived public policy that puts patients at risk of mistakes, coercion, and abuse. Here are some of the reasons why they must vote NO to assisted suicide: Patients have been denied coverage for lifesaving treatment and offered assisted suicide instead. Pain and suffering, or even concern about it, never make it into the top 5 reasons why patients die by assisted suicide in Oregon. Rather, the most commonly cited reasons are disability related concerns, which is why the National Council on Disability rejects assisted suicide. Mental conditions are ignored and depressed patients receive the lethal medications. Doctors make mistakes and patients who are not dying receive the prescription drugs. We have a suicide epidemic in this country and overall general suicide rates have increased in Oregon since it’s been legalized. Assisted suicide laws abandon vulnerable patients and they impact everyone’s end of life care. Lawmakers must focus their efforts on improving multidisciplinary care for terminal patients, which truly addresses patients’ concerns at the end of life instead of removing society’s care at a time when it’s needed most. Please fill out the form to your right and urge your representative to reject this dangerous public policy (H.2381 and S.1384) and vote NO on assisted suicide.

Young Adult Hikes with Fr. Pierz

For ages 15-35



Encouraging our young men and young women to find fraternity, faith, and friendship, Father Pierz invites young adults to a time of reflection and activity.

✠ Sacrifice of the Mass ✠ Food ✠ Hiking ✠ Conversations

Come share with peers your thoughts, hopes, and dreams, as we explore how to invite God into our daily life and find encouragement in one another.

Friday, 07/29 After the 8:00 AM Mass

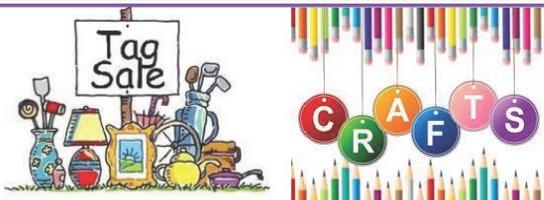
Tuesday, 08/02 1:00 PM

Friday, 08/05 After the 8:00 AM Mass

Saturday, 08/06 Trip to Tyningham Visitation Monastery for Profession of Vows and Appalachian Hike (contact Fr. Pierz)

We will meet in the Parish parking Lot and Hike 3-4 mile sections of the New England Trail (<https://newenglandtrail.org>) Bring water and a snack.

What's Happening around the Parish



& VENDOR SALE

Saturday, August 6, 2022

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Center

833 Main Street

Agawam, Ma

VENDORS WANTED

SPACES (9'x9') – 30.00 / TABLE RENTAL – 10.00 each

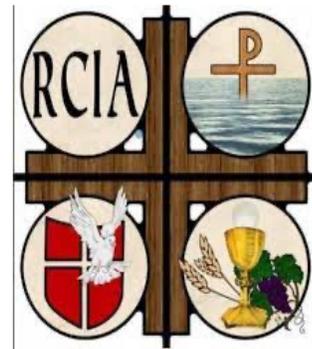
First Come, First Serve

For applications and information -

call Jackie – (860) 212-9950

Snack bar available throughout THE DAY

PROCEEDS GO TO THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF AGAWAM SCHOLARSHIP FUND



A Journey In Faith

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Or learning more about the Faith?

Catholic, but in need of a Sacrament?

The new season for RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin this Fall on Saturday mornings.

Please contact the office @ 786-8105 or sje.parihssecretary@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

Just leave your name and contact information and a member of the RCIA Team will contact you.

More information will be coming so watch the Bulletin or our website stjohnagawam.com



PRAYER HELPERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD MONTHLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS IN THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD, MA

Blessed Virgin Mary, we fervently believe in your triumphant Assumption into heaven where you are acclaimed as Queen by the angels and saints. We unite with them to praise the Lord who has exalted you above all other creatures and to offer you our devotion and love. We also pray for [Name] today. Support him in his struggles and weaknesses; smile upon his joys and victories.

Mary Immaculate, gaze down mercifully upon our priests. Like the beloved disciple John, may clergymen confidently call upon you as their Mother, taking you as the guide, strength, and consolation of their priestly life. When their earthly journey has ended, may each one of them hear the voice of Jesus saying to you: "Woman, behold your son." Amen.

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Rev. Duy Le	2 Rev. Paolo Bagattini, CSS	3 Rev. Richard Bondi	4 Rev. Bassam Saade	5 Rev. John Gawienowski	6 Rev. Kingsley Thejirika
7 Very Rev. John Lessard (Healing)	8 Bishop Emeritus Timothy McDonnell	9 Rev. John Connors	10 Rev. Daniel Cymer	11 Rev. Frank Furman	12 Rev. Chris Fedoryshyn	13 Rev. Charles Kuzmeski
14 Rev. Michael Bernier (Healing)	15 Pope Francis	16 Rev. Matthew Barone	17 Rev. David Smith, MIC	18 Rev. Stanislaus Achu	19 Rev. Michael Goodreau	20 Rev. Matthew Guidi
21 Fr. Jude Surowiec, OFM Conv. (Healing)	22 Rev. Mark Miller	23 Rev. Francis Kennedy	24 Most Rev. William Byrne	25 Rev. Msgr. John Myslinski	26 Rev. Ryan Rooney	27 Rev. Vitor Oliveira
28 Rev. David Aufiero	29 Rev. Michael Wood	30 Rev. Ryan Sliwa	31 Fr. Stanley Sobiech, OFM Conv.	<i>Jesus, Good Shepherd, out of Your tender love for us, raise up compassionate seminarians to serve Your Church. Amen.</i>		

“The end for which God has instituted the priesthood has been to appoint on earth public persons to watch over the honor of His divine majesty and to procure the salvation of souls.”

—St. Alphonsus Liguori



For more copies, contact:

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An Evening of Adoration

Spanish Music Accompaniment

Tuesday, August 2nd, 7-8 pm

St. John the Evangelist Church (833 Main St., Agawam | StJohnAgawam.com)

Guitarist Abel Gamboa will Play Spanish-language Music & Hymns

7:00 pm - Welcome and Music
of Gathering

7:15 pm - Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

A period of silence

7:25 pm - Meditative Music

7:55 pm - Reposition

8:00 pm - Sending Out &
Music of Mission



Sample Song: Mi Jesus Viene Pronto

Mi Jesus viene Pronto en las Nubes a llevar a Su Fiel Prometido

Al instante ya siente que sube como la Esposa de Cristo en Su Vida

Y.... Volara en las Nubes cantando

Y los Ejercitos del Cielo Escuchando.

Saldran a Ver los que esten esperando para, escuchar mas de cerca Su Canto.

Cuando esten en la Puerta del Cielo, Beinvenidos les dira El Padre Eterno

Y veran cara a cara a Su Pueblo El Rostro Santo de Su Padre Eterno

Y.... Volara en la Nubes cantando y Los Ejercitos del Cielo escuchando

Saldran a ver los que esten esperando para, escuchar mas de cerca Su Canto.

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, August 1st

- 6:00 pm Basketball (Gym)
- 7:00 pm St. Monica Club (Church/LC)

Tuesday, August 2nd

- 6:00 pm Basketball (Gym)
- 6:00 pm Young & Catholic Women (PCR)
- 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting (FJR)
- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (Gym/Kitchen)
- 7:15 pm Catechism Seminar (PC3)

Wednesday, August 3rd

- 6:00 pm Basketball (Gym)
- 10:00am Knitting Group (FJR)
- 12:00 pm Adoration (Church)
- 6:40 pm Music Ministry (Church)

Thursday, August 4th

- 7:00 pm Adoration (Church)
- 6:30 pm Book Study (FJR)
- 7:00 pm CWC Talent Show Rehearsal (Gym)

Friday, August 5th

- 6:00 pm Basketball (Gym)
- 6:30 pm Bonfire Gathering (Sanctuary Garden)



YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“It is I who am the bread of life; he who comes to me will never be hungry, he who has faith in me will never know thirst.”

– *St. John 6:35 (Knox Translation)*

www.yearoftheeucharist.net

Book Group Note



Thursday, July 21 and 28, the “Devil in the Castle” Book Group will meet **6:30 - 8:30 pm** in the Pastoral Center.

We will review Mansions 4-5 (July 21), and Mansions 6-7 (July 28). You can purchase the book online, “Devil in the Castle” by Dan Burke, and listen to the podcasts on YouTube.

Buildings & Maintenance Commission Meeting

Thursday, August 18, 7 pm

SJE Pastoral Center

Come share your knowledge, expertise, advice, and talent!

- ⇒ HVAC
- ⇒ Plumbing
- ⇒ Building/Grounds
- ⇒ Masonry
- ⇒ Carpentry



Contact our Maintenance Supervisor, Beth Thomas via the parish office, (413) 786-8105.



Pro-Life Corner

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

Word of Life—July 2022

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.” USCCB—
“*Married Love and the Gift of Life.*”

Rosary Intention (week of July 24th)

Lord Jesus Christ, prepare the hearts, minds, souls of those attending the Teen Youth Conference next weekend in Springfield. Dear Lord and Blessed Mother watch over, bless and protect the conference venue, all participants and their families at home. Heavenly Father we thank you and praise you for this amazing opportunity of bringing teens from all over to Springfield. Pope John Paul II prayed, ‘*Jesus, Son of God, in whom the fullness of the Divinity dwells, You call all the baptized to “put out into the deep”, taking the path that leads to holiness.*’ May each person hear Your Voice and receive Your abundant Grace and be transformed.

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:

Toothpaste, Toothbrush,
Soap, Body Wash,
Shaving razors, Shampoo,
and Cat food.

*Let's be neighbors
helping neighbors!*

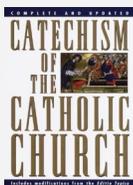


Catechism Seminar

Join parishioner Luke Hollwedel in reading and discussing the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Tuesdays, 7:15—8:30 pm

Now through August 23rd in PCS
(lower level of the Pastoral Center)



Read ahead: CCC 2663-2682

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Can. 511 In every diocese and to the extent that pastoral circumstances suggest it, a pastoral council is to be constituted which under the authority of the bishop investigates, considers, and proposes practical conclusions about those things which pertain to pastoral works in the diocese.

Can. 512 §1. A pastoral council consists of members of the Christian faithful who are in full communion with the Catholic Church—clerics, members of institutes of consecrated life, and especially laity—who are designated in a manner determined by the diocesan bishop.

§2. The Christian faithful who are designated to a pastoral council are to be selected in such a way that they truly reflect the entire portion of the people of God which constitutes the diocese, with consideration given to the different areas of the diocese, social conditions and professions, and the role which they have in the apostolate whether individually or joined with others.

§3. No one except members of the Christian faithful outstanding in firm faith, good morals, and prudence is to be designated to a pastoral council.

Can. 513 §1. A pastoral council is constituted for a period of time according to the prescripts of the statutes which are issued by the bishop.

§2. When the see is vacant, a pastoral council ceases.

Can. 514 §1. A pastoral council possesses only a consultative vote. It belongs to the diocesan bishop alone to convoke it according to the needs of the apostolate and to preside over it; it also belongs to him alone to make public what has been done in the council.

§2. The pastoral council is to be convoked at least once a year.

Can. 536 §1. If the diocesan bishop judges it opportune after he has heard the presbyteral council, a pastoral council is to be established in each parish, over which the pastor presides and in which the Christian faithful, together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, assist in fostering pastoral activity.

§2. A pastoral council possesses a consultative vote only and is governed by the norms established by the diocesan bishop.

**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
PASTORAL COUNCIL
2020 ELECTION INFORMATION**

The Pastoral Council has worked to identify the many ministries and activities in our parish. With open lines of communication between our pastor, the pastoral council, our pastoral commissions, and the various groups we all share in coordinating activities within the parish. In the spirit of cooperation we hope to work together to build a strong, welcoming spirit within our parish that will foster even greater participation in our community.

To that end, we are looking for parishioners who would give of their time and leadership talents to help our pastor in his administration of the some sixty ministries and activities in the parish. We encourage members of these groups to consider nomination to the council as well as those who would represent the parish at-large.

Nominees must be 18 years old, having received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist), registered and active in the Parish, who are outstanding in firm faith, good morals, and prudence.

A nomination form is found below. Upon filling it out you can place it in the basket or turn in into the Parish Office. You may also contact the Parish Office by telephone or email with a nomination.

Nominations will remain open through Monday, July 25, 2022.

“Let the spiritual shepherds recognize and promote the dignity as well as the responsibility of the laity in the Church. Let them willingly employ their prudent advice. Let them confidently assign duties to them in the service of the Church, allowing them freedom and room for action. Further, let them encourage lay people so that they may undertake tasks on their own initiative. Attentively in Christ, let them consider with fatherly love the projects, suggestions and desires proposed by the laity. However, let the shepherds respectfully acknowledge that just freedom which belongs to everyone in this earthly city
A great many wonderful things are to be hoped for from this familiar dialogue between the laity and their spiritual leaders: in the laity a strengthened sense of personal responsibility; a renewed enthusiasm; a more ready application of their talents to the projects of their spiritual leaders. The latter, on the other hand, aided by the experience of the laity, can more clearly and more incisively come to decisions regarding both spiritual and temporal matters. In this way, the whole Church, strengthened by each one of its members, may more effectively fulfill its mission for the life of the world.”

VATICAN COUNCIL II. **LUMEN GENTIUM**. Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 21 November 1964, 37.

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