



Jesus said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. - Lk 2:49-

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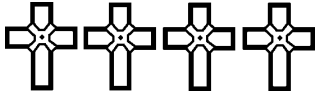
**Celebrating Our Faith**

- Sat. 26 4:00 Patricia Gingras from husband Leo
- HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH**
- Sun. 27 7:00 Frank Herzog from Mom & Family
- 9:00 Rachel LaCoille from husband Edward & Family
- 11:00 Mary & Herbert Shepardson from Jerry McDonough
- Mon. 28 8:00 James & Mildred O'Brien from daughter Maureen
- Tues. 29 8:00 For the People of St. Mark Parish
- Wed. 30 8:00 James Herzog from Wife & Family
- Thu. 31 8:00 Hermann Wanke from Michael & Elizabeth Zeller
- Fri. 1 8:00 Eileen (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Ron Belot
- Sat. 2 4:00 Scott Steinman (49<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remem. & 25<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) from Family

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

- Sun. 3 7:00 Gertrudis Aragon & Family from Guerrero Family
- 9:00 James DeSignore from Alfred & Mary Ricci
- 11:00 Irene Colbert (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) from Victor Garcia

**A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!!**



**READINGS FOR THE MASS: page 495**



**MUSIC FOR THE MASS**

- Entrance:** #221 – What Child Is This?
- Responsorial:** Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.
- Gospel:** Open our hearts O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.
- Offertory:** #210 – O Little Town of Bethlehem
- Communion:** Once in Royal David's City (choir file)
- Recessional:** #208 – Angels We Have Heard on High

**ST. MARK'S FOOD PANTRY**



of Ronald Monteleone from Alfred & Mary Ricci

**American Red Cross, Berkshire County Chapter**

Dear Friends,

We know that support from 'back home' is crucial to the morale of our service men and women while they're fighting in a far-off land. It is because of your generous support that we are able to make a difference to our local troops deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq during the December holidays.

The Military Family Support Group members and I thank you for your participating in our 2009 Operation Troop Support Drive.

We wish you peace.

Sincerely, Kate Hubley, Coordinator,  
Service to Armed Forces

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary Lou Burdick, Director  
Office Phone 442-8444 [www.stmark-church.com](http://www.stmark-church.com)  
Supporting Staff: Michelle Hunt, Susan Strack

CLASSES WILL RESUME SUNDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 5.

### ST. MARK'S EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' TEAM B SCHEDULE for December 27, January 3 & 10

**Saturday, 4:00pm Mass:** Matt Hamilton, Chico  
& Patty Martin, Chet Potash

**Sunday, 9:00am Mass:** Bernard & Caroline  
Herrmann, Rene Manghue, Jim Martin

**11:00am Mass:** Martyn McMahon, Anne  
Nesbit, Cheryl & Jim Penna, Suzanne Salatino

## PENNIES, PENNIES, PENNIES...

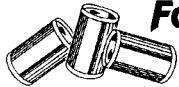
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## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His  
son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as  
He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with  
God, your spouse and your family at a Worldwide  
Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are  
January 8-10, and February 12-14. For more  
information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-  
WWME or visit our

From today's 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10: "**Sacrifice and offerings you did not desire...**" The passing of pro-life laws will not guarantee a respect for life; offering of self to the needs of neighbor will raise life to its God given dignity.

### **We're Collecting** **Food for the Needy.** **Can You Help?**



Dear Parishioners, please continue to bring in non-perishable food items to Mass each week. Please remember the basics – jelly/jam, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit & vegetables, tuna, mac & cheese, cereal, etc. Thank you and God bless everyone.

### **THANK YOU...**

To the members of **Springside Greenhouse** who donated 40+ bags of groceries to our pantry. Instead of exchanging Christmas presents, they brought in groceries, and gave them to us!!!

### **Masses being offered for the Unemployed**

Each month a Novena of Masses is being offered for us by the Capuchins for the unemployed and the underemployed. The Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered on the last 9 days of every month. THIS IS OUR GIFT. Please note that names must be submitted every month, as we do not keep a running list of names. Simply send the names of those you wish to include in these unemployed-underemployed Masses to: [cukierskifamilysacramentals@comcast.net](mailto:cukierskifamilysacramentals@comcast.net). Due to our high volume of mail, please leave the automatic subject line as: "Unemployment Masse", to ensure we receive your request. Please let us know if you, or the person whose name you have submitted, have success in finding a job! Please let our friends, relatives and email lists know about these Masses for the Unemployed!

### **Diocesan Review Board**

To report an incident of church related sexual misconduct,  
Call Diocesan Victim Advocate  
Patricia McManamy  
(413) 452-0624 or 1-800-842-9055

*DECEMBER 27, 2009*

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## **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

The Blood Drive at the Pittsfield Donor Center, 480 West St., Pittsfield, will support the community blood supply for patients in need. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood, and every pint donated could save up to three lives. The Red Cross is urging the public to make an appointment to donate blood by calling 1-800-REDCROSS or logging on to RedCrossBlood.org.

**BLOOD DRIVE IS ON DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1AM-6PM**

All presenting donors will be entered to win a flat screen TV from Best Buy! All presenting donors will also receive a free stainless steel travel mug.

## **The Living Gospels,**

a Bible study series open to all, will be led by Charlie Conaghan of the Berkshire Regional Office of Religious Education, from mid-January to mid-March, with the option each week of Wednesday evening (6:45-8:30pm) at the North Chapel of St. Joseph Church or Thursday morning (9:45-11:30am) in the Parish Center of Sacred Heart Parish. Individuals may choose to attend any one or all eight sessions; no registration and no fees. January 20 through February 10 at St. Joseph and January 21 through February 11 at Sacred Heart will focus on the gospels of Mark and Matthew; February 24 through March 17 at St. Joseph and February 25 through March 18 at Sacred Heart will focus on the gospels of Luke and John. (No session on Feb. 17 or 18) For information or a complete schedule, contact the Berkshire Regional Office of Religious Education at 443-3187 or bore@diospringfield.org.

## **CALLING ALL ALUMNI, FACULTY & PARENTS OF" SPIRIT OF THE SEASON SOCIAL**

You are cordially invited to attend a Holiday "Open House" style event!

Join us for a Wine & Dessert Social with music, dancing, wonderful company, and themed gift basket raffle just in time for holiday gift giving. The holiday season is the perfect time to re-connect with old friends, and new!

**SATURDAY, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm-10:30pm**

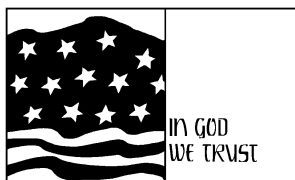
**22 Maplewood Ave., Pittsfield**

Please, you must call 443-9686 by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, with number of guests attending.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Army Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Bryan Schopis, Baghdad;  
Marine Staff Sgt. Hard Hamilton, Iraq;  
Army, Timothy Burd, Afghanistan;  
Air Force, Seth Graham, Texas;  
Army Spe. 4<sup>th</sup> Class, Keegan Dillon, Afghanistan;  
Army, Austin Kent, Afghanistan;  
Airman Anthony V. Esposito; Anchorage, Alaska;  
Army Pfc. Matthew Cane, Afghanistan;  
Airman Michael Amuso, San Antonio, Texas;  
Army Private 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Joshua Fuller, Afghanistan;  
Army Corporal Justin Rathbun, Iraq;  
Navy, Michael J. O'Neil, on the USS Iwo Jima;  
Army Capt. Samuel J. Russo, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky;  
Army Spec. Forces, Capt. Justin Quagliani, Baghdad;  
Army Capt. Nicholas Loring, Alaska;  
Army Capt. William Ryan Brown, Iraq;  
Air Force Senior Airman Meagan Graham, Ohio;  
Air Force Airman Ryan Munoz, Colorado;  
Army Specialist, Evan Callaghan, Kuwait;  
Marine Derek Cromwell, Iraq;  
Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class William Conboy, USS Harry  
S. Truman;  
A.F. Staff Sgt. Benjamin Ramsey Barrett, Kuwait;  
Marine Lance Corp. Andrew J. McMahon, Iraq;  
Air Force Capt. John Ferguson, South Asia;  
A.F. Warrant Officer Eric Smith, Ft. Ruger, AL;  
Army Sgt. William Doherty, Iraq;  
Army Capt. Anthony Riello, Kuwait;  
Army Capt. Branden Farley, Iraq;  
Airman Todd Ballantine, Iraq;  
Army Staff Sgt. William Glander, Afghanistan;  
Army Major Sean Patrick Kelly, Afghanistan;  
Army Leut. Andre Powell, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama;  
Army Sgt. Kevin Albert, USA;  
And their Families and Friends



**Please God, keep them safe and bring them home soon, and help those who have come home adjust.**

If you would like to list a loved one or a friend's name for prayers please call the parish office at 447-7510.

**Please notify the parish office when soldier's location changes.**

