

Blessed Sacrament Church

"I am the Living Bread come down from Heaven. If any man eats of this Bread, he shall live forever; and the Bread I will give, is My Flesh." John 6:51-52



"Whosoever shall eat this Bread, or drink this Chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord."

1 Corinthians 11:27

Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place in the side chapel twenty-four hours a day, every day. All are welcome to come and worship and adore our Eucharistic Lord.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" Matthew 26:40

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

LORD'S DAY: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

HOLIDAYS: Vigil: 6:00 p.m.
Holyday: 9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAYS: 9:00 a.m.

SATURDAYS: First Saturdays only: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment

BAPTISM: As part of the preparation process an interview with the Pastor and two instructional sessions are required. Please contact the rectory to schedule.

ENGAGED COUPLES: Arrangements for your marriage must be made at least nine months in advance of the marriage date.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you and ask that you register at the Rectory. We want to know and serve you! We hope that you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents.

Pastor

Rev. Timothy J. Campoli

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Post Abortion Support
(413) 774-6010

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773-3311

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413-777-5115

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Ed & Suzi Cottrill
413-772-6062

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413-459-7052



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH (Clergy in Purgatory)

4:00 Charles Vickowski (24th Anniv.) – by Wife & Family

SUNDAY, OCT. 15TH – 28th Sunday in Ord. Time (Fr. Lisowski)

8:00 Paul Grover Schultz – by Family

10:30 Estelle & Clinton Hanson – by Family

MON., OCT. 16TH – St. Hedwig / St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
(Deacon Bete)

9:00 Simon & Margaret Foley – by Family

TUESDAY, OCT. 17TH – St. Ignatius of Antioch (Deacon Nolan)

9:00 Martin Leo and Frances B. Coyne

WED., OCTOBER 18TH – St. Luke, Evangelist (Deacon Bucci)

9:00 Thomas Moran – by Josephine Zabko

THURS., OCTOBER 19TH – Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues
(Fr. Aksamit)

9:00 Health and Blessings for Ken & Lucy Lincoln –
by Susie Unaitis

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH – St. Paul of the Cross (Pope Francis)

9:00 Fr. Gerald Brady – by Raymond A. Girard, Jr.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST – (Fr. Cullen)

4:00 Arthur E. Gilmore, Jr. (3rd Anniv.) – by Wife & Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND – 29th Sunday in Ord. Time
(Our Seminarians)

8:00 Souls in Purgatory – by Betty Fritz

10:30 Yvonne Jubb – by Family

REMINDER: ♦ Please join with us in praying the **Rosary** before each daily Mass at 8:15 a.m., before the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

♦ **Confessions** after each weekend Mass.

♦ The **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will be recited Fridays at 3:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. All are invited to come and pray with us.

♦ Blessed Sacrament has a **Prayer Chain** which is available for anyone. Simply contact Marie Boynton at 413-772-5858 or memeboynton@comcast with your petition.

♦ **Sponsor Certificates** - Many parishes require certificates of sponsorship for Godparents and Confirmation Sponsors. These will be issued only to those who are confirmed adult Catholics, registered in the parish, regular participants at Mass, validly married in the Church (*if applicable*) and providing for the religious education of their own children (*if applicable*).

Liturgical Roles

Weekend of October 21 & 22

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, October 21

4:00	Deacon John Leary	Jason Semaski
	Cynn timer Erho	Kerry Semaski
	Francis Campbell	Bill Randall
	Joanne Yestramski	Hannah Lively
	Winston LaBelle	

Sunday, October 22

8:00	Deacon John Leary	Jim Podlesney
	Ginger Baird	Lynne Podlesney
	Lionel Martin	

10:30	Deacon John Leary	Bob O'Connor
	Donna Leary	Suzanne Hunter
	Joyce Thibodo	Wayne Cottrill
	Judy Lapointe	Mary Jane Bardwell

Poet's Seat Nursing Home:

Sunday, October 22 Deacon John and Donna Leary

Lectors / Cantors:

Sat., Oct. 21	4:00	Monica McCarthy / Jackie Jurewicz
Sun., Oct. 22	8:00	Jae Helenek / Jane Winchester
	10:30	Bob O'Connor / Brenda Hill



Mass Servers

Saturday, October 21

4:00 John Semaski, Joshua Semaski

Sunday, October 22

8:00 Crimson Helenek, Jae Helenek

10:30 Lauren Ross, Lillian Ross, Angie Ortiz-Rodriguez

October 15, 2017

Requiescat In Pace

Charlotte A. Baker

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week in memory/honor:
Torcuato & Nicomedes Bueno – from Ed & Mary Lou Bueno
The **Adoration Chapel Candles** will burn this week in memory/honor of:

- 1.) **Antonio Bueno** – from Ed & Mary Lou Bueno
- 2.) **Dr. Mariano Bueno** – from Ed & Mary Lou Bueno
- 3.) **Sixto Bueno** – from Ed & Mary Lou Bueno
- 4.) **Dr. Leo Trinidad** – from Ed & Mary Lou Bueno

Urgent! Volunteer Cleaners needed for Adoration Chapel

Please help us with the weekly cleaning of the Adoration Chapel. Four teams help clean once a month and we desperately need at least three more volunteers. It only requires about 30 minutes of your valuable time. The normal time for cleaning is from 7:00 a.m. to about 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. on Mondays. Please prayerfully consider helping us by volunteering for this important ministry. For more information, and to sign up, please call **Pat Earley at 773-3396**. Thank you!

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Please join us for the daily recitation of the Holy Rosary in the Adoration Chapel at 7:00 p.m. during the month of October.

Adorers Needed for Perpetual Adoration

We are in need of adorers for Adoration for the following hours: Tuesdays at 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., and Thursdays at 3:00 a.m. If you can help with one of these hours please call Maureen Filiault at 863-4777.

Food Pantry

Please remember to leave your non-perishable food donations at the doors of the church, especially spaghetti sauce, cold cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit, and hearty soups. Thank you!



Knights of Columbus Council #133
Meetings 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Fr. Casey Hall, Holy Trinity Church

We are looking for new members.
If interested, please contact Jason Semaski
(413-626-3378) or Jay Dillon (413-773-3678).

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is an opportunity for any woman, man, couple, grandparent or sibling who struggles with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. This unique retreat allows the soul to speak its sorrow and is designed specifically to help retreatants experience the gentleness, mercy, compassion, and the unconditional love of Jesus as they walk through the journey to forgiveness. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held in Stockbridge, MA on the weekend of Nov. 3-5th. If you or a friend are hurting from an abortion experience don't delay, take the first step toward healing. For more info. or to register for a weekend call 413-452-0661. You may also call Suzanne @ 203-417-0504. All calls are confidential.

Dove of Peace Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 4, 2017 - 9:00 AM - 2:00PM - Our Lady of Peace Church, 90 Seventh Street, Turners Falls - Something Fun for Everyone! Attic Treasures, Multi-Raffle, Lottery Frame Raffle, Straw Draw, Craft Table, Baked Goods, Christmas Booth, Santa's Workshop, Gift Baskets galore and much, much more! Save room for our famous lunch at the Christmas Cookie Café!

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

40 Days for Life

Through November 5th, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 3550 Main Street, Springfield, MA, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you would like more information, especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: Tim Biggins at (413) 342-0403 and/or 40dayswm@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Msgr. Mike Shershanovich from St. Joseph's, Pittsfield and Fr. Brian McGrath from St. Mary's, Lee from Jan. 23-31, 2018. For more information, call Msgr. Mike at 413-445-5789.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

NCYC is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for over 20,000 Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. It consists of engaging keynotes and workshops, music, an interactive exhibit area, and so much more. It will be held on November 16-18, 2017 in Indianapolis, IN. The Office of Youth Ministry is currently making plans for a delegation from our diocese to attend. The estimated cost to attend (including airfare) is approximately \$1,000. View video at <http://diospringfield.org/youth-ministry-events/>. For more info., please contact Gina Czerwinski at 413-452-0677 or g.czerwinski@diospringfield.org.

Catholic Cruise Tropical Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 7 night tropical Caribbean cruise with Fr. John Harper, Dec. 31-Jan. 7, 2018 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Ft. Lauderdale (Port Everglades), Florida Ports of Call: Key West, Florida, Grand Turk Island, Turks & Caicos, Amber Cove (Puerto Plata), Dominican Republic, Half Moon Bay, Bahamas (Cruiseline Private Island). Prices begin at \$3,168 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$350 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For more information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

Our Lady of the Hills Annual Turkey Dinner

Our Lady of the Hills Parish, Rte. 9 in Haydenville, will be holding its annual Turkey Dinner with all the fixings on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. For tickets, call (413) 268-7212. Cost \$12.00 adults, \$5:00 children up to 12 years (children under three are free).

A Country Christmas Fair in Shelburne Falls

St. Joseph Parish in Shelburne Falls will hold a "Country Christmas Fair" on Saturday, November 11 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and Sunday, November 12 from 9:00 am - Noon at the Shelburne-Buckland Community Center on 53 Main Street. The fair will offer unique country crafts, sewn, crocheted and knitted items, hand-made dolls, hand-painted Christmas ornaments and home décor, homemade candies and baked goods, an Attic Treasures table, themed gift baskets, Buckland's famous J. G. Haigis Baloney and Tea Cup Auction. A big raffle featuring a \$150 Cash Prize, a \$75 gift certificate to West End Pub and a \$75 gift certificate to the Blue Rock Restaurant & Bar (both located in Shelburne Falls) will round out the offerings. A delicious choice of lunch items will be available on Saturday. Get your Christmas shopping done early! For more information, call (413) 625-6405.

“The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host.”

-Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Eucharistic Adoration

**A treasure of the Faith spending time with Jesus in the Eucharist
is a practice encouraged by many saints and popes**

Suppose you were told that Jesus wanted to meet with you personally for an hour at your parish. Who would say “no” to such an invitation?

Me, for one. When Eucharistic adoration was inaugurated at our church several years ago, I politely declined to be an adorer, as I didn’t feel the devotion suited me. I had come into the Catholic Church late in life and with a lot to learn in a short time, including the finer points of Eucharistic theology. While I believed in the Real Presence, it was mainly an intellectual assent. Its profound implications had yet to settle in my soul.

As an evangelical Protestant, I had been quick to quote John 3:7 — “You must be born again” — yet skipped right over the astounding things Jesus said to his disciples only three chapters later about eating His Body and drinking His Blood. But Jesus made the blind see, and that included spiritual blindness, as I was about to learn.

Mainly to get some very persistent women off my back, I finally consented to put in my hour every Thursday in the chapel that had been set aside for Eucharistic devotion. At first it was just another hour in the day for me, with wandering thoughts and frequent checks of my watch. But as the weeks went by, I gradually began to use my Holy Hour more productively. I prayed. I read the Bible. I meditated. And, in time, I began to adore.

The heart of the Faith

The list of notable Catholics devoted to Eucharistic adoration is a long one. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen saw it as essentially an act of obedience:

“The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did he plead but for an Hour of companionship.”

Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist with his disciples in the upper room. I had often thought of the privilege enjoyed by those who were there that night. Then, while I was praying in the chapel one Thursday, it struck me: There is no difference. The Jesus who was in the upper room is the same Jesus who is in the chapel with me. The Church makes no distinction. He is fully present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the monstrance. Yes, He is in His Eucharistic disguise, but He is one and the same Jesus nevertheless.

As Pope Pius XII put it, “A Holy Hour of adoration testifies to the fact that the Jesus who died on the cross, is present in the Eucharist and reigns in heaven, are identical.”

This understanding constitutes the very heart of the Catholic Faith, the distinctive dogma that sets us apart. It should be the treasure of every Catholic. Sadly, it is not. According to opinion surveys, which can vary widely, Catholic belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is on the decline, with an average of only around half or fewer holding it to be true.

Much has been written about “cafeteria Catholics” who go down the Church line and pick and choose what to believe and what to pass up. But not believing in the Real Presence isn’t the spiritual equivalent of choosing the apple pie over the cherry. The late Jesuit Father John Hardon, writing on the centrality of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, stated: “If we believe this, we are Catholic. If we do not, we are not, no matter what people may think we are.”

A deepened prayer life

If we lack physical strength or stamina, we can join a gym and begin working out. For those Catholics whose faith is weak in this area, I would recommend spending some time with Jesus in Eucharistic adoration, even if you are among the doubters. Look upon it as a spiritual gym. I discovered that you can be theologically challenged and still reap great spiritual benefits from simply being in His presence one hour a week. Jesus meets us where we are. If we persist, He will deepen our understanding.

Two virtues that are especially needed by those beginning Eucharistic adoration are humility and patience. Set aside all pride and preconceived notions. You are in the presence of the living Lord; conduct yourself accordingly.

The blessings I have received from Eucharistic adoration are many and varied. Some I can define, and others remain more elusive, such as the growing sense that I am changing for the better in some important respects. I began to perceive this change only after I became involved in adoration.

Pope Benedict XV called Eucharistic adoration “the queen of all devotions,” a view shared by numerous popes and saints. However, the practice largely fell into disuse following Vatican II. No one is more closely identified with its revival than Pope St. John Paul II. Here is just a sampling of his observations on the subject:

— “Jesus himself is calling you to spend one special, specific hour with Him each week.”

— “The love of God and neighbor, the greatest commandment, is expressed in, and the fruit of, Eucharistic worship.”

— “Priestly, religious and missionary vocations will stem from your Holy Hour.”

The personal spiritual blessings that proceed from Eucharistic adoration are rich and abundant.

Do you wish to deepen your prayer life? The same Jesus who taught His disciples how to pray is there to help you as well, and what better place to contemplate Jesus — the highest form of prayer — than in His presence?

A changed person

The same holds true for Scripture reading. Jesus is the living word, and a finer tutor could not be imagined, as the two men who walked the Road to Emmaus with Him testified.

Praying the Rosary, meditating or simply resting in the quiet of His presence, Eucharistic adoration enhances them all. Jesus also is there to hear your petitions, but we should guard against making it all about ourselves. Keep the focus on Him and you can’t go wrong.

Father Hardon saw this practice as the centerpiece of devotion, saying that we “should build the whole edifice of our spiritual life around adoration.”

Of course, one does not need to be engaged in sacramental adoration to have access to Jesus. He is always available to those who come to Him in faith. But the Church teaches that the manifestation of Jesus in the Eucharist is “unique” and “in the fullest sense,” and therefore worthy of special devotion (CCC, No. 1374).

Just as His disciples were transformed by being in Jesus’ presence, it’s impossible to spend an hour with Him in Eucharistic adoration and leave the same person we were when we walked in.

So consider giving it a try. If your parish has adoration, sign up to take a time slot. If the devotion is not in place, look into what can be done to obtain it. You have absolutely nothing to lose and a treasure trove of spiritual riches to gain.

I will give Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata, a daily recipient of the Eucharist, the final word:

“Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth.”

F. Douglas Kneibert writes from Missouri.

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Twenty-third Anniversary of Perpetual Adoration

October 16th is the 23rd Anniversary of Perpetual Adoration here at Blessed Sacrament Parish. What a great gift and source of grace we have here in our midst! Jesus loves you. Come spend some time with Him. If you would like to volunteer to spend an hour with Jesus, please call Maureen Filiault at 773-3311 or 863-4777.