

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
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413-777-5115

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413-459-7052



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH *All Souls* (Fr. Di Mascola)
 4:00 Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Charron & Children
SUNDAY, NOV. 5TH – 31ST Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Souls (Clergy in Purgatory)
 8:00 Jim Harris – by Maureen Filiault
 10:30 Wilfred & Delphine Martin – by Barbara LeBlanc and Family
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH *All Souls* (Deacon Patten)
 9:00 Peter Dufraime – by Mom
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH *All Souls* (Bishop McDonnell)
 9:00 Arthur E. Grover – by Family
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH *All Souls* (Deacon Rabbitt)
 9:00 Eloise “Pee Wee” Papin – by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zraunig and Family
THURSDAY, NOV. 9TH – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
All Souls (Fr. O’Mannion)
 9:00 Fr. Franklin Darling – by Raymond A. Girard, Jr.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH – Pope St. Leo the Great
All Souls (Deacon Culliton)
 9:00 Health and Blessings for Paul Keller – by Vesta Keller
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH – St. Martin of Tours
All Souls (Clergy who are sick)
 4:00 Campbell & Clark Families – by Family
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH – 32ND Sunday in Ord. Time
All Souls (Vocations)
 8:00 Ann LaFleur – by Family
 10:30 Jonathan Provencal – by Jay and Ann Dillon

 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 November 11 and 12
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, November 11
 4:00 Deacon George Nolan Hannah Lively
 Winston LaBelle Brian Luippold
 Jason Semaski Kathy Burrows
 Kerry Semaski Cynn timer Erho
 Bill Randall
 Sunday, November 12
 8:00 Deacon George Nolan Liza O’Neil
 Ginger Baird Kevin O’Neil, Jr.
 Kevin O’Neil
 10:30 Deacon George Nolan Judy Lapointe
 Mary Jane Bardwell Bob O’Connor
 Joyce Thibodo Suzanne Hunter
 Bob Page Wayne Cottrill

Poet’s Seat Nursing Home:

Sunday, November 12 Deacon George and Lisa Nolan

Lectors / Cantors:

Sat., Nov. 11 4:00 Monica McCarthy / Sandra Pavoni
 Sun., Nov. 12 8:00 Jae Helenek / Brenda Hill
 10:30 Wayne Cottrill / Jane Winchester



Mass Servers

Saturday, November 11
 4:00 Piper Day, Penley Day
 Sunday, November 12
 8:00 Crimson Helenek, Jae Helenek
 10:30 Lauren Ross, Lillian Ross, Angie Ortiz-Rodriguez
 Sunday and Energy Collection (10/29/17)....
 No. Sunday/Energy Envelopes Submitted

November 5, 2017

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week in memory/honor:

Joseph A. Draleaus – from Jackie Jurewicz

The **Adoration Chapel Candles** will burn this week in memory/honor of:

- 1.) **Muriel Gordon** – from Jackie Jurewicz
- 2.) **Health and Blessings for Fr. Philippe Roux** – from Jackie Jurewicz
- 3.) **For a Special intention** – from Anonymous
- 4.) **Joseph Brozo** – from Wife and Family

Rosary and Novena

The Rosary and Novena will be prayed every evening in the Adoration Chapel during November at 7 p.m. for the Souls in Purgatory. We will pray especially for all of the deceased members of Blessed Sacrament Church and for your family members. Please join us to pray for these souls, and they when they reach Heaven, they will in turn intercede for you.

Got Your Bottle?

This month our church will participate in **ALTERNATIVES Pregnancy Center's Change for Babies** program. You are invited to "adopt" a baby bottle as you leave this weekend! Your baby bottle receives your loose change (or bills or checks) during the month and reminds you to pray for the needs of both clients and volunteers at ALTERNATIVES. No good work bears fruit without prayer and sacrifice! Make this time one of generous, prayerful **Change for Babies**.

Pennsylvania Dutch Christmas Trip

St. Mary's Church in Lee presents a Pennsylvania Dutch Christmas Trip, November 28-30. Highlights include: Miracle of Christmas Show at Sight and Sound Theatre, Mass at Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, American Music Theatre Christmas Show, Christmas Chalk w/artist - art work will be given away to a guest, two breakfasts, two dinners (one being in an Amish home), Kitchen Kettle Village, Farmers Market and guided tour of Amish Farmlands. Cost is \$439 pp, double occupancy. For more info., please contact St. Mary's office at [413-243-0275](tel:413-243-0275) or Nancy Wilcox at [413-298-4603](tel:413-298-4603).

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.

St. Nicholas Bazaar

Our Lady of Czestochowa Church at 84 K Street, Turners Falls, will hold its annual **St. Nicholas Christmas Bazaar** on Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come for Christmas crafts and gifts, religious goods, bake sale, Polish food sale, pierogi, gifts from Poland, tag sale, giant raffles, and more! Anyone who would like to rent a table for this popular holiday event may call Shirley Webb at [413-773-7202](tel:413-773-7202) for information and to reserve a space.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Hour for the Sick and Dying

A Holy Hour is observed each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel at Blessed Sacrament Church. Included are the singing of hymns, recitation of the Rosary, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the Sick and the Dying. The hour concludes with Benediction. If you know of someone who is ailing and in need of special graces and prayer, come and spend an hour for his/her intention.

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).

World War I: Beyond the Front Lines

World War I, fought from 1914-1918, was the modern world's first international conflict. Approximately 11 million soldiers were killed, and the war's toll including civilian casualties exceeded 20 million. By Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918, more than 116,000 Americans died as a result of the war. Of these, more than 1,600 were Knights of Columbus. Both the first and last American military officers to die during the war were K of C members. The Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, Conn. commemorates the 100th anniversary of the United States' participation in the war with an exhibition, **World War I: Beyond the Front Lines** (Apr. 6, 2017 – Dec. 30, 2018). The exhibition provides an historical retrospective of the war and includes interactives, images and artifacts from the Knights of Columbus Museum collection, Supreme Council archives and borrowed materials from private lenders and organizations. A series of WWI-related lectures and presentations will be offered throughout the course of the exhibition. For more information, visit www.kofcmuseum.org.

Pray for Priests, Deacons, and Vocations

The Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group is looking for new members. We pray for our personal intentions, and especially, for priests, deacons, and for vocations. Our meeting time has changed to the first and third Mondays of the month at 1:00 pm. We meet in the Sacristy at Blessed Sacrament. We also hold a Holy Hour for Vocations and Clergy on the second Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Adoration chapel. It is so important that we pray strongly for clergy living and deceased and for vocations, especially in these difficult times. Parishioners from all parishes are encouraged to join us! Please call Helen Shea Murphy at [413-773-8890](tel:413-773-8890) or HelenSheaMurphy@verizon.net for more information.

K of C Refundable Bottle and Can Drive

The Knights of Columbus in Greenfield are having a refundable bottle and can drive to help support the different programs with which the Knights are involved. Drop off your clean bottles and cans at the rear entrance of the church in the barrel or at 18 Shattuck Street in Greenfield. Please call Jerry Ethier at 522-3283 or Jay Dillon at 772-6158 for pick-up.

SCRIPTURE ALONE

George Sim Johnston

Scripture, our Evangelical friends tell us, is the inerrant Word of God. Quite right, the Catholic replies; but how do you know this to be true?

It's not an easy question for Protestants, because, having jettisoned tradition and the Church, they have no objective authority for the claims they make for Scripture. There is no list of canonical books anywhere in the Bible, nor does any book (with the exception of St. John's Apocalypse) claim to be inspired. So, how does a "Bible Christian" know the Bible is the Word of God?

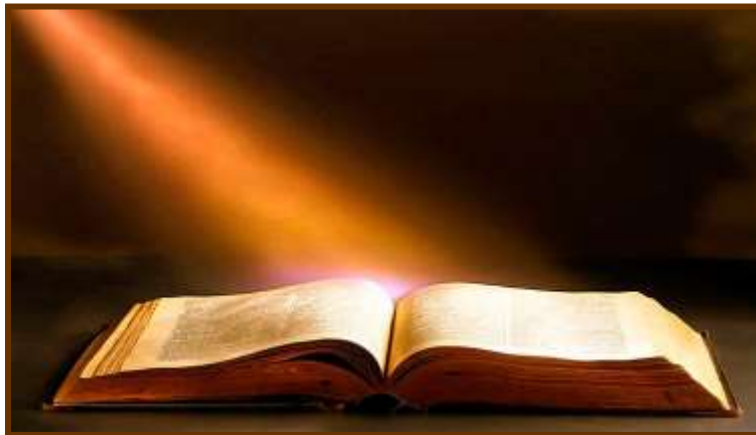
If he wants to avoid a train of thought that will lead him into the Catholic Church, he has just one way of responding: With circular arguments pointing to himself (or Luther or the Jimmy Swaggart Ministries or some other party not mentioned in the Bible) as an infallible authority telling him that it is so. Such arguments would have perplexed a first or second century Christian, most of whom never saw a Bible.

Christ founded a teaching Church. So far as we know, he himself never wrote a word (except on sand). Nor did he commission the Apostles to write anything. In due course, some Apostles (and non-Apostles) composed the twenty-seven books which comprise the New Testament. Most of these documents are addressed to specific problems that arose in the early Church, and none claim to present the whole of Christian revelation. It's doubtful that St. Paul even suspected that his short letter to Philemon begging pardon for a renegade slave would someday be read as Holy Scripture.

Who, then, decided that it was Scripture? The Catholic Church. And it took several centuries to do so. It was not until the Council of Carthage (397) and a subsequent decree by Pope Innocent I that Christendom had a fixed New Testament canon. Prior to that date, scores of spurious gospels and "apostolic" writings were floating around the Mediterranean basin: the Gospel of Thomas, the "Shepherd" of Hermas, St. Paul's Letter to the Laodiceans, and so forth. Moreover, some texts later

judged to be inspired, such as the Letter to the Hebrews, were controverted. It was the Catholic Magisterium, guided by the Holy Spirit, which separated the wheat from the chaff.

But, according to Protestants' the Catholic Church was corrupt and idolatrous by the fourth century and so had lost whatever authority it originally had. On what basis, then, do they accept the canon of the New Testament? Luther and Calvin were both fuzzy on the subject. Luther dropped seven books from the Old Testament, the so-called Apocrypha in the



Protestant Bible; his pretext for doing so was that orthodox Jews had done it at the synod of Jamnia around 90 A.D.; but that synod was explicitly anti-Christian, and so its decisions about Scripture make an odd benchmark for Christians.

The Protestant teaching that the Bible is the sole spiritual authority—"sola scriptura"—is nowhere to be found in the Bible. St. Paul wrote to Timothy that Scripture is "useful" (which is an understatement), but neither he nor anyone else in the early Church taught "sola scriptura." And, in fact, nobody believed it until the Reformation. Newman called the idea that God would let fifteen hundred years pass before revealing that the Bible was the sole teaching authority for Christians an "intolerable paradox."

Newman also wrote: "It is antecedently unreasonable to suppose that a book so complex, so unsystematic, in parts so obscure, the outcome of so many minds, times, and places, should be given from above without the safeguard of some authority; as if it could possibly, from the nature of the case, interpret itself..." And, indeed, once they had set aside the teaching authority of the Church, the Reformers began to argue about key Scriptural passages. Luther and Zwingli, for example, disagreed vehemently about what Christ meant by the words, "This is my Body."

St. Augustine, usually Luther's guide and mentor, ought to have the last word about "sola scriptura": "But for the authority of the Catholic Church, I would not believe the Gospel." - www.ewtn.com

Bl. Duns Scotus

(1266?-1308) Feast Day - November 7th

Medieval Christian scholars used to bestow honorary titles upon their most brilliant colleagues. They named St. Thomas Aquinas “Doctor Angelicus” (“Angelic Doctor”); Roger Bacon “Doctor Mirabilis” (“Marvelous Doctor”); St. Bernard of Clairvaux, “Doctor Mellifluus” (“Honey-spoken Doctor”), etc. The brilliant young Franciscan theologian, Blessed Duns Scotus, was given the title “Doctor Subtilis” (“Subtle Teacher”). And sharp-minded he was!

There has been some debate over John’s nationality. Because both the Irish and Scottish were anciently called “Scots,” the Irish have tried to claim him as an Irishman. By now, however, it seems pretty clear that he was a Scotsman, born in the little town of Duns in southeastern Scotland.

John’s family seems to have had the same name as the town. His paternal uncle, a Franciscan friar of Dumfries, Scotland, was named Elias Duns. It was Elias who gave John his earliest education. When he was 15, John himself entered the Franciscans, and around 1290 was sent for further schooling to Oxford University. Once ordained a priest in 1291, he was dispatched to Paris to study for the masterate of theology. His teacher was the eminent Spaniard Gonzalvo of Balboa. Friar John came back to Oxford in 1296, and from 1297 to 1301 lectured on the theology of Peter Lombard. (Peter’s book, the Sentences, was then the standard theological text.)

In 1302 Father John returned to Paris, hoping to finish his magisterial degree. After a year or so, however, he hit a snag. King Philip of France appealed from Pope Boniface VIII to an ecumenical council in a matter in which he and the pope had been disputing. It is wrong to appeal from a pope to a council, for the pope is head of the council; so Duns refused to sign the King’s protest. For his refusal he was sent into exile. His exile from the

university was brief, however, and after he had received his degree in 1305, Duns taught two more years in Paris. In late 1307 he was sent to teach at Cologne, Germany. There he died on November 8, 1308, aged about 42. He was buried in the Minoriten (Franciscan) Church at Cologne. His Latin epitaph reads: “Scotland bore me, England received me, France taught me, Cologne holds me fast.”

Fr. Duns’ chief writings are his lecture notes on the Sentences, notes that he constantly revised. Over the years some of his alleged theological views have been disputed by scholastic theologians of other schools of thought. Frequently he has been criticized for works that were wrongly attributed to him. Although Duns did take a fresh and independent look at Catholic teachings, what this influential scholar taught



was basic Catholic doctrine: God’s infinite love; Christ as “God’s greatest work” (a very Franciscan point of view); and Mary’s role in our redemption. Regarding Mary, it was Blessed John who evolved the arguments in proof of her immaculate conception. Five centuries after he wrote, the Immaculate Conception was defined as a dogma of faith.

Duns’ theological disciples were called Scotists. During the 16th century, first the Renaissance scholars and then the Protestant Reformers (both despisers of medieval culture), ridiculed the Scotists as hair-splitting sophists, and labeled their followers as “dunses” (or “dunces”). Hence, our familiar English word “dunce” for a stupid person!

The Church, however, has always considered Fr. John to be no “dunce”, but a genius and a holy man. The Franciscans have long regarded him as a saint, and in 1991 Pope John Paul II officially approved, thus equivalently declaring him “Blessed.”

—Father Robert F. McNamara