

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 Laurie at 774-2918.

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

Church

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(413) 774-6010

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Wisdom Way
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773-3311

Hispanic Ministry

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413-777-5115

Natural Family Planning

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413-772-6062

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413-459-7052



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH (Fr. Roach)
 4:00 Annie & Andrew Dedinas – by daughter, Birute Hanley
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 (Deacon Bete / Vocations)
 8:00 Ann LaFleur – by Family
 10:30 Paul I. Coughlin – by Family
MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH (Fr. O’Mannion)
 9:00 Deceased members of the Maley-Conklin Family
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH (Fr. Bombardier)
 9:00 Henri P. Lapointe – by Suzanne & John Davis
WED., JANUARY 17TH – St. Anthony (Clergy in Purgatory)
 9:00 Martin Leo & Frances B. Coyne
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH (Our Seminarians)
 9:00 Janet Zilch – by John Zilch
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH (Deacon Nolan)
 9:00 John Willis – by Thérèse Falvey
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH – Pope St. Fabian / St. Sebastian
 (Fr. Aksamit)
 4:00 Dolly Gagnon and Kay O’Hara – by
 David and Helen Shea Murphy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 Barnard Family – by Lindsay O’Neil (Fr.)
 10:30 Larry Jubb, Jr. – by Family Di Mascola

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 January 20 and 21

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, January 20
 4:00 Deacon George Nolan Monica McCarthy
 Deacon John Leary Joanne Yestramski
 Kathy Burrows Winston LaBelle
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 Francis Campbell

Sunday, January 21
 8:00 Deacon George Nolan Kevin O’Neil, Jr.
 Kevin O’Neil Lionel Martin
 Liza O’Neil
 10:30 Deacon George Nolan Judy Lapointe
 Mary Jane Bardwell Bob O’Connor
 Joyce Thibodo Suzanne Hunter
 Bob Page

Poet’s Seat Nursing Home:

Sun., January 21 Cynn timer Erho

Lectors/Cantors

Sat., Jan. 20 4:00 Jason Semaski / Jackie Jurewicz
 Sun., Jan. 21 8:00 Laurie Tilton / John Lively
 10:30 Dennis Roux / Karlana Henry



Mass Servers

Saturday, January 20
 4:00 Leo Martinez, Jason Semaski
 Sunday, January 21
 8:00 Alex Bacigalupo, James Staelens
 10:30 Jacob Christi, Ezra Christi, Casey Christi

January 14, 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week in memory/honor: **LeBeau and LaRoche Families** – from Marie Boynton
The **Adoration Chapel Candles** will burn this week in memory/honor of:

- 1.) **For a special intention** – from Susan Hurley
- 2.) **Jackie Jurewicz** – from Doug & Joan Gilhooly Parsons
- 3.) **Gerry Ethier** – Health and Blessings – from Doug & Joan Gilhooly Parsons
- 4.) **Douglas Parsons** – Health and Blessings – from Joan Gilhooly Parsons

Holy Hour for Vocations

Please come to a Holy Hour for Vocations on Sunday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. Join us to pray for good priests and to thank Him for the good priests we now have. Call 773-8890 with any questions.

Bishop to Host Two Upcoming Ecumenical Events

Bishop Mitchell Rozanski extends a cordial invitation to all parishioners and clergy to join him on Friday, Jan. 19 at 7pm at St. Michael's Cathedral for a Prayer Service marking "Prayer for Christian Unity" week. Join Bishop and members of other local Christian denominations to celebrate our shared Christian identity, and pray for unity.

On Jan. 30 from 6 to 8:30pm Bishop will hold a "Faith on Tap" dialogue with Lutheran Bishop James Hazelwood at The Student Prince Restaurant, 8 Fort Street, Springfield. They will discuss the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and the many ways both faith communities have greatly improved relations in recent years. Free appetizers courtesy The Student Prince will be served.

Information on these events is available at www.iobserve.org and www.diospringfield.org.

March for Life

Catholics for Life, along with the Franklin County Deanery, are sponsoring a chartered bus to attend the Annual March for Life in Washington, DC on the 45th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. The bus will depart from Blessed Sacrament Church in Greenfield on Thursday evening, January 18th. We will spend Friday, January 19th in Washington, leaving at 4:00 p.m. We will arrive back in Greenfield early Saturday morning. **All students may attend at no charge; sponsorship will be available.** For additional information, please contact Deacon John Leary at deaconjohnleary@gmail.com or (413) 219-2734.

A Tragic Commemoration

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court, in the Roe vs. Wade decision, made its worst mistake in history. By declaring that children in the womb are not "persons," it opened the door to tens of millions of abortions. The website of the Alan Guttmacher Institute (formerly the research arm of Planned Parenthood, which is the single largest source of abortions in America), states, "From 1973 through 2011, nearly 53 million legal abortions occurred." It also points out that "Twenty-one percent of all pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion," and that abortions at 21 weeks of pregnancy or later number somewhere around 12,720 per year in America. In 2011, there were 1.06 million abortions in our country. Indeed, as we mark another Roe vs. Wade commemoration, it is time for all of us to get involved in the efforts to end abortion. Visit www.TenStepsToEndAbortion.com to learn what you can do.

Food Pantry

Please help our Food Pantry. We especially need cold cereal, ravioli, canned vegetables, hearty soups, and spaghetti sauce.

Spiritual Food for Thought

"We must improve our prayer and, flowing from that, our charity toward others. It can be difficult to pray when we don't know how, but we can help ourselves through the use of silence. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence. This silence takes a lot of sacrifice, but if we really want to pray, we must be ready to take that step now. Without this first step toward silence, we will not be able to reach our goal, which is union with God."

— Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Candles for Intentions

The four candles that burn around the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel as well as the one Sanctuary Candle next to the Tabernacle in the main church are available as votive candles. Each candle will burn for two weeks for your petitions or in memory of a loved one. The donation for each candle is \$10. The intentions for which the candles are burning are listed in the bulletin each week. Envelopes are available on the desk at the entrance to the chapel and at the rectory.

Knights of Columbus Museum

Crèches of the World: This 13th annual Christmas exhibition includes nearly 70 Nativity scenes from across the globe and will be on display through Feb. 19, 2018. **Christmas Tree Festival:** This 17th annual exhibition features 24 trees decorated with handmade ornaments by Connecticut school children and continues until Jan. 28, 2018. The Museum is located at 1 State Street, New Haven, Conn. Visit kofcmuseum.org or call 203-865-0400. Free admission and parking.

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).



"God at the Seashore" - Marie Joseph Spiritual Center!

Join St. Anne parishioners and friends on a chartered bus trip to the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford Poole, Maine (www.mariejosephspiritual.org). The retreat is scheduled for April 24 through April 26, 2018. Cost is \$260.00 per person/single room. This includes bus, lodging and all meals at the center. A \$60 (non-refundable) deposit is required by January 15, 2018, to reserve your seat. Experience the solitude and calming of the waves and the sacredness of this holy ground. For more info., or to reserve your seat, please contact, Josette Paul (532-1568), Jeanne Bennis (531-5953) or Mary Millimet (532-7503). Chartered bus leaves April 24 at 9:30 a.m. from St. Anne Parish, Chicopee and returns on April 26 at approximately 5:00 p.m. On the trip up we do stop for lunch at the Weathervane Restaurant in Kittery, Maine (separate tab for lunch). This *Sacred Space* is for persons seeking to encounter God in solitude, in stillness, in the beauty of nature, in the healing rhythm of the ocean, in the presence of a praying community.

Baptism

We welcome the newest member of our Catholic Family

Lucy Myra Helenek

Daughter of James and April Helenek

The Meaning of Life

Harold G. Koenig, MD

Jewish psychiatrist and concentration camp survivor Victor Frankl attributed his own and others' survival in the camps to the power of having a sense of purpose that kept their eyes on meaningful goals ahead. Life can present us with many mini versions of "concentration camps" where we are in a difficult situation, can't get out of it, and have no or very little control over what happens. There are many examples: a chronic disabling illness, pain syndrome, a bad relationship, problems with children, unpleasant work situations, financial stresses, job loss, legal problems, weight problems, addiction to drugs or alcohol, depression... The list goes on and on. When things in life are going well and we are happy and content, the question of the purpose and the meaning of life really doesn't matter. However, in these other often unavoidable and unwanted situations, this question comes to the forefront.

Both during youth and old age, the question of life's purpose and meaning becomes particularly relevant, but for different reasons. With an infinite future ahead and limitless possibilities and choices, the youth wonders what the purpose of her life is and what she should do – get married and raise a family, seek further education and a professional career, get a good-paying job, go on a missions trip, or a billion other options. The older person who is retired, perhaps widowed, watching friends and family die all around him, also wonders what the purpose and meaning of life is – but for a different reason than the youth does. Choices become more limited. Those things that used to give life purpose and meaning seem to be slipping away.

So what is the real purpose and meaning of life? Is it to make a lot of money and be successful? Is it to marry and raise a family? Is it to obtain lots of material possessions – nice car, house, boat, motorcycle, etc? Is it to make lots of friends, be popular and socialize? Come home, eat dinner, watch TV, and go to bed? Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. But is that all? Is there no greater meaning or purpose to this amazing gift of life? For some, maybe these sources of meaning and purpose are enough—even if most of the time, they don't quite fulfill. Why? Because there is something very deep within us that says there is more to life than any of these, that there is something very great and meaningful that we are here for. But what is that purpose?

Sigmund Freud said it bluntly, and he was probably right: "... only religion can answer the question of the purpose of life. One can hardly be wrong in concluding that the idea of life having a purpose [at all] stands and falls with the religious system" (*Civilization and Its Discontents*, 1930). Yes, Freud answers our question: Religion.

Corinthians 8:28 promises us, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." So, indeed, God has a purpose and we have been created as part of that purpose and for a purpose. And Jesus tells us what that purpose is – to love and serve God, and to love and serve others – and it's repeated three times in the Scriptures (Matt 22:36, Mark 12:29, Luke 10:25). It's really so very, very simple. When we are fulfilling that purpose, then that place deep down inside of us fills up and we experience peace and happiness. When we're not, and we begin focusing on our own self and our own needs exclusively, then other emotions start flooding in.

There is little question that religious involvement (i.e., loving and serving God) is related to greater purpose and meaning. In our systematic review of the research literature (*Handbook of Religion and Health*, 2nd ed.), we located 45 quantitative studies published in peer-reviewed academic journals. Of those, 42 (93 percent) found that those who were more religious experienced significantly greater purpose and meaning in life, and of the studies with the best research designs, 100 percent reported this finding – every single one.

What about loving and serving others? If done in response to Jesus' directive and as part of loving and serving God, the same applies. Volunteering or otherwise being generous with one's time and resources to help those in need is one of the most powerful sources of meaning and purpose, and is also tremendously fulfilling (again, if done as an expression of our love for God and as a service to Him, not for appreciation or thanks from the one being served). The scripture is indeed true – all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Not some things, but *all things*.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said it this way: "[T]o know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. That is to have succeeded." He also wrote the following (and this is my favorite): "If you love and serve men, you cannot by any hiding or stratagem escape the remuneration. Secret retributions are always restoring the level, when disturbed, of the Divine justice. It is impossible to tilt the beam. All the tyrants and proprietors and monopolists of the world in vain set their shoulders to heave the bar. Settles forevermore the ponderous equator to its line, and man and mote and star and sun must range within it, or be pulverized by the recoil."

To love and serve God, and love and serve others – this is what produces real purpose and meaning. It is a universal truth that we cannot escape from.

Some Definite Purpose

by Cardinal John Henry Newman

God has created me to do Him some definite service.

*He has committed some work to me which He has
not committed to another.*

I have my mission --

*I may never know it in this life but I shall be told it
in the next.*

*I am a link in a chain,
a bond of connection between persons.*

He has not created me for naught.

I shall do good -- I shall do His work,

*I shall be an angel of peace,
a preacher of truth in my own place while not
intending it -- if I do but keep His commandments.*

Therefore, I will trust Him.

*Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown
away.*

*If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him;
in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him;
if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.*

He does nothing in vain.

He knows what He is about.

He may take away my friends.

He may throw me among strangers.

*He may make me feel desolate,
make my spirits sink,*

*hide my future from me -
still He knows what He is about.*



John Henry Newman was an Anglican priest, poet and theologian and later a Catholic cardinal, who was an important and controversial figure in the religious history of England in the 19th century. He became known as a leader of, and an able polemicist for, the Oxford Movement, an influential and controversial grouping of Anglicans who wished to return to the Church of England many Catholic beliefs and liturgical rituals from before the English Reformation. In 1845 Newman left the Church of England and his teaching post at Oxford University and was received into the Roman Catholic Church by Father (now Blessed) Dominic Barberi. Newman's beatification was officially proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010 during his visit to the United Kingdom.