

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

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Hispanic Ministry

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413-777-5115

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413-772-6062

Sr. Rosa Torres, M.P.S.
413-459-7052



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH (Fr. Bombardier)
 4:00 Gertrude Scott – by Nancy Willis & Franny Joy
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 Grace and Blessings for Augustine Almeida – by Charbonneau Family (Vocations)
 10:30 Larry Underwood and Kenneth Underwood – by Family (Deacon Leary)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
 9:00 Martin Fritz (5th Anniversary) – by Family
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH (Deacon Bucci)
 9:00 Jack Falvey – by wife, Thérèse
ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH (Deacon Candidates)
 9:00 Anastacia Newton – by Carl and Jay Fay
 6:00 Pauline Bousquet – by Dr. Jane Winchester
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH (Fr. Roach)
 9:00 Grace and Blessings for Daniel Larvey – by Maureen Filiault
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH (Deacon Patten)
 9:00 Grace and Blessings for Daniel Larvey – by Maureen Filiault
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (Fr. O’Connor)
 4:00 Martin Leo and Frances B. Coyne
SUNDAY, FEB. 18TH – First Sunday of Lent (Fr. O’Mannion)
 8:00 Brian Odiorne – by Helen Shea Murphy
 10:30 Raymond Cislo Family – by Robert Grant Family
2:00 Lenten Penance Service – Blessed Sacrament

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 February 17 and 18

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, February 17
 4:00 Deacon George Nolan Winston LaBelle
 Deacon John Leary Jason Semaski
 Francis Campbell Kerry Semaski
 Monica McCarthy Bill Randall
 Joanne Yestramski
 Sunday, February 18
 8:00 Deacon George Nolan Liza O’Neil
 Lionel Martin Kevin O’Neil, Jr.
 Ginger Baird
 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., February 18 Cynn timer Erho

Lectors/Cantors

Sat., Feb. 17 4:00 Wayne Cottrill / Betsy Grybko
 Sun., Feb. 18 8:00 Jae Helenek / Jane Winchester
 10:30 Bob O’Connor / Jackie Jurewicz



Mass Servers

Saturday, February 17
 4:00 John Semaski, Joshua Semaski
 Sunday, February 18
 8:00 Crimson Helenek, Jae Helenek
 10:30 Lauren Ross, Lillian Ross, Angie Ortiz-Rodriguez

February 11, 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week in memory/honor:
Fr. Timothy Campoli – from Doug & Joan Gilhooly Parsons
The **Adoration Chapel Candles** will burn this week in memory/honor of:

- 1.) **Georgianna Johnson**-Health and Blessings—from Pat Earley
- 2.) **All aborted children** – from the Pierce Family
- 3.) **Theresa Duffey** – from Pat & Bob Earley
- 4.) **Michele Bernfeld** – Pat & Bob Earley

Contribution Report

We are now sending out the 2017 annual contribution reports to those who request that we do so. If you would like to have a printout of your yearly giving to the church for tax purposes, please call the rectory on weekdays during business hours.

Steubenville East Youth Conference

The St. John Paul II Youth Group will be attending the Steubenville East Youth Conference, July 13-15, in Lowell, MA. The conference is open to current 8th graders through graduating seniors. Each year around 30 youth from the area participate in this chance to grow in their faith. For more information, contact Ed or Suzi Cottrill at 413-772-6062 or stjpiiouthgroup@gmail.com.

Men Considering the Diaconate

If you have been considering ways that you can enter more deeply into the service of the church, perhaps God is calling you to dedicated service as a permanent deacon. The Diocese of Springfield will begin accepting applications for the next diaconate formation class in 2019. While that may seem far off, now is the time to get serious about discernment – about reflecting on the nature of your gifts and how God may be calling you to exercise them. The first step in to participate in the Foundations Series of seminars. The first seminar, *Desiring God's Will* begins on February 19 at St. Ann's Parish, Lenox or on February 21 at DeCicé Hall at the Marian Center, Holyoke. There is also a short video story on the life of a deacon at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXTbiah0vDY>. For more information, please contact the Office of the Diaconate (diaconate@diospringfield.org, 413-452-0674).

Forty Days for Life

From Feb. 14th through March 25th, you're invited to join other Christian people 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'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Tim Biggins at 40daysWM@gmail.com or (413) 342-0403.

A Faith-filled Concert Experience!

The Array of Hope concert is a wide-ranging live concert that features multiple musical acts, motivational speakers and thought-provoking films. Array of Hope is a journey of faith, hope and love that entertains the audience, touching and transforming hearts through powerful witnessing to God's love for us. The Diocese of Burlington invites the *whole family* for this vocation night with Father Jon Schnobrich and Bishop Coyne on Sat., March 3, 2018, at St. Michael School, 48 Walnut Street, Brattleboro, Vt. Focused on ages 7th -12th grade: Concert 1-4 p.m., Mass 4 p.m., evening ending at 7 p.m. Cost: suggested contribution of \$10/person or \$20/family. Includes dinner. To register, please contact Kerry by Feb. 17, 2018 at St. Michael Parish at [802-257-5101](tel:802-257-5101) or parish@stmichaeltvt.com.

Lenten Penance Service

To prepare for the Lenten season and for Easter, the Greenfield Catholic Community, the parishes of Blessed Sacrament and Holy Trinity, welcome you to a Lenten Penance Service on **Sunday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m.** in Blessed Sacrament Church. Many visiting priests will gather with us and be available for confessions. This is a wonderful way to enter into the season of Lent. It is a time of grace, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different. Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a **free e-mail program** featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, you'll get short, inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness. . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

**BEST
LENT
EVER**

To sign up, visit www.BestLentEver.com

Spiritual Food for Thought

"If you are able to fast, you will do well to observe some abstinence beyond what is enjoined by the Church. For in addition to the ordinary benefits of fasting—namely, lifting up the mind, subduing the flesh, strengthening virtue, and earning an eternal recompense—it is a great matter to be able to command our tastes and inclinations, and to keep the body and its appetites subject to the law of the spirit. And even if we do not fast to any great extent, Satan is the more afraid of those who, he is aware, know how to fast."— St. Francis de Sales

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus have one (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship available to a 2018 graduate who is a practicing Catholic and is a member of Blessed Sacrament or Holy Trinity parishes. The student does not need to live in Greenfield and can graduate from any High School. Applications are available by contacting Knight Lionel Martin at [\(413\) 475-7144](tel:413-475-7144). The deadline for applications is April 10, 2018.

Food Pantry

Please remember to leave your non-perishable food donations at the doors of the church for our Food Pantry. We especially need cold cereal, ravioli, canned vegetables, hearty soups, and spaghetti sauce. 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).



Winter Day of Recollection

A Winter Day of Recollection will be offered on Wed., Feb. 21, on Enders Island at St. Edmund's Retreat. This Day of Recollection (9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) will be directed by Sr. Eugenia Brady, SJC and will focus on "The Mystery of Lent: Finding God in the Feasts and Fasts of Lent." \$50 per person. For more info., visit <http://enders.is/WinterDOR> or call 860-536-0565.

Choices Have Consequences

Msgr. Charles Pope

The themes of early Lent are pretty basic. The ashes of Ash Wednesday announce the simple truth that we are going to die and subsequently face judgment. Hence we need to repent and come to believe the good news that only Jesus can save us.

The reading for Thursday after Ash Wednesday features Moses laying out the basic reality that all of us have a choice to make:

Today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and doom ... I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse (Dt 30:15, 20).

So there is our choice: life or death, prosperity or doom. There is a Latin expression, *Tertium non datur* (No third way is given). We often like to think that we can take some middle path, but in the matter of the last things, there *is* no middle path, no third way. Either we choose God and His kingdom, and then reflect that choice in all of our smaller decisions, or we do not.

To those who think that a middle path is possible, I would say that it is the way of compromise, ambivalence, and tepidity. Walking such a path demonstrates a lack of commitment and a refusal to witness to Christ. These are not virtues that belong to God's Kingdom; they pertain more to the kingdom of darkness. Jesus says, *Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil (Matt 5:37).* He also says, *No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money (Matt 6:24).*

So we are back to a choice: for the Kingdom of Light or for the kingdom of darkness; for the world and its ways, or for God and His ways. Do we choose to gratify the flesh or nourish the spirit, to serve Satan and his agenda or to serve Christ and follow His will and plan?

You are free to choose, but you're not free not to choose. That is to say, you must choose. If you think that you can go on simply *not* choosing one or the other, I've got news for you: not choosing is choosing the kingdom of darkness.

Many do not directly choose Satan, but rather indirectly choose him by following his ways. We



are asked to choose God directly, by accepting the gift of faith and basing our life on what He commands. Faith is not some sort of “default position” we can have by accident. Faith is the supernaturally-assisted and transformed human decision *for* God and all that that choice implies. Faith is a gift freely offered and one that we must freely accept; it is a choice that will not be forced on us. Through our many daily choices, we are called to reaffirm, by grace, the choice we have made *for* God.

So again, life is about choices: the fundamental choice of faith and all the daily choices that either affirm or deny the reality of our faith.

We live in times in which people like to demand free choice, but also like to evade the responsibilities that come with making choices. Moses goes on in the reading today to describe the fact that the choice we make for or against God will have consequences:

If you obey the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin on you today, loving him, and walking in his ways, and keeping his commandments, statutes and decrees, you will live and grow numerous, and the LORD, your God, will bless you in the land you are entering to occupy.

If, however, you turn away your hearts and will not listen, but are led astray and adore and serve other gods, I tell you now that you will certainly perish; you will not have a long life on the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and occupy (Dt 30).

Yes, choices have consequences. Even small daily choices have the cumulative effect of moving us in one direction or the other, toward God or away.

Many small choices also have a way of forming our hearts. Deeds become habits; habits become character; character becomes destiny. These choices form our hearts, establish our character, and move us into one future or another.

While sudden and dramatic conversions are possible as long as we are still living, it is more common that our hearts become more fixed over time and our fundamental character becomes less and less likely to change. As we get older, it's harder to change because that's what choices do to us: they move us in a certain direction, down a certain path; and the further along that path we go, the less likely we are to turn back.

Therefore, daily choices are important. It is essential to examine our conscience regularly and make frequent use of the Sacrament of Confession. Each day we ought to ask the question, "Where am I going with my life?" If we go on for too long living an unreflective life, it is easy to find ourselves deeply locked in sinful habits that become harder and harder to break. Frequent reflection is necessary and we ought not to make light of small daily decisions.

We live in times in which it is often easy to insulate ourselves from the immediate consequences of the choices we make. Medicine, technology, and social safety nets are all good things in and of themselves, but they do tend to shield us from immediate consequences, and help to cultivate the illusion that consequences can be forever evaded. They cannot.

We also live in times in which, perhaps more than ever before, the community is willing to bear the burden of poor individual choices. Again, this is not in and of itself a bad thing, but it does become an enabler of bad behavior, and fosters the illusion that consequences can be avoided forever. They cannot.

Our own culture is currently struggling under the weight of a colossal number of poor individual choices, ones that have added up to a financial, spiritual, moral, and emotional debt that we cannot pay. Sexual misconduct, divorce, cohabitation, abortion, sexually transmitted diseases, the use of hallucinogenic and addictive drugs, the casting off of discipline and parental responsibility, the rejection of faith and ancient and tested wisdom, rebellion, silence in the face of sin and injustice, greed, consumerism, factions, envy, discord, and on and on

... all of this is taking a tremendous toll. The consequences are mounting and it is becoming clear that even the most basic functions of society such as raising the next generation, preserving order and stability, and ensuring the common good are gravely threatened.

And what is true collectively is also true for us as individuals. Many poor choices in small matters quickly draw us into self-destructive patterns that get more and more deeply entrenched. Without regular reflection and the reminder of penitential seasons like Lent, it is easy to lose our way. St. Augustine noted this in his *Confessions*, in which he described himself as being bound, "not by another's irons, but by my own iron will. ... For in truth, lust is made out of a perverse will, and when lust is served, it becomes habit, and when habit is not resisted, it becomes necessity" (Confessions 8.5.10).

Moses' warnings are before us as never before.

In 1917, a beautiful and holy woman (Our Lady) appeared to three little children. She explained that the horrifying war (World War I) was finally coming to an end, but also warned that if people did not turn back to her Son Jesus and start praying, an even more devastating war would ensue; Russia would spread her errors and great disaster would befall the world. Do I need to tell you what happened? Any even casual assessment of the 20th century would find it hard to conclude that it was anything but satanic in terms of its wars, death rates through violence and abortion, and in its persecution of the Church.

Life or death, prosperity or doom; what will you choose?

Choices! Consequences!

The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God: You shall not have strange Gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.