

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



Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

"He had no form or comeliness that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief and as one from whom men hide their faces. He was despised, and we esteemed Him not."

Isaiah 53:2-3

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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Post Abortion Support
(413) 774-6010

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773-3311

Hispanic Ministry

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413-777-5115
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413-459-7052

Natural Family Planning

Ed & Suzi Cottrill
413-772-6062



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD (Fr. Reardon)
 4:00 Marie Richards (2nd Anniv.) – by Mary Ann Gilmore
SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH – 3rd Sunday of Lent (Msgr. Yargeau)
 8:00 David Guy (5th Anniv.) – by Andi Guy and Family
 10:30 David Thompson – by Family
MONDAY, MARCH 5TH (Fr. Lisowski)
 9:00 Patrick O'Malley – by Bob O'Connor
6:30 Stations of the Cross
TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH (Fr. Bermudez)
 9:00 Kersavage – Toomey Family
WED., MARCH 7TH - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity (Deacon Rabbitt)
 9:00 William O'Malley – by Bob O'Connor
THURS., MARCH 8TH – St. John of God (Fr. Bombardier)
 9:00 David F. Guy (5th Anniv.) by Mom and Family
FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH – St. Frances of Rome (Deacon Ratté)
 9:00 Larry Gagnon – by Wife
SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH (Fr. Roach)
 4:00 Annie and Andrew Dedinas – by Birute Hanley
SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH – 4th Sunday of Lent (Vocations)
 8:00 Ann LaFleur – by Family
 10:30 Herbert T. Barnard, Jr. – by Lindsay O'Neil

 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 March 10 & 11

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, March 10

4:00	Winston LaBelle	Kathy Burrows
	Kerry Semaski	Cynnne Erho
	Bill Randall	Francis Campbell
	Hannah Lively	Monica McCarthy
	Brian Luippold	

Sunday, March 11

8:00	Deacon George Nolan	Lynne Podlesney
	Ginger Baird	Kevin O'Neil
	Jim Podlesney	
10:30	Suzanne Hunter	Judy Lapointe
	Mary Jane Bardwell	Bob O'Connor
	Joyce Thibodo	

Poet's Seat Nursing Home:

Sunday, March 11 Deacon George and Lisa Nolan

Lectors / Cantors:

Sat., Mar. 10	4:00	Jason Semaski / Sandra Pavoni
Sun., Mar. 11	8:00	Jae Helenek / Jackie Jurewicz
	10:30	Marie Boynton / Brenda Hill



Mass Servers

Saturday, March 10

4:00 Piper Day, Penley Day

Sunday, March 11

8:00 Crimson Helenek, Jae Helenek
 10:30 Casey Christi, Angie Ortiz-Rodriguez

Requiescat In Pace

Fr. John T. Dean
Elizabeth A. Laprade

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

Kenneth Lincoln – from Susie Unaitis

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

- 1.) **Michele Bernfeld** – from Pat & Bob Earley
- 2.) **John Duffey, Jr.** – from Pat & Bob Earley
- 3.) **Kenneth Lincoln** – from Susie Unaitis
- 4.) **Kenneth Lincoln** – from Susie Unaitis

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Monday evening during Lent at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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. The deadline for applications is April 10, 2018.

A Chance for Prayer and Almsgiving

The St. John Paul II Youth Group is fundraising for their summer conference trip. They will sell votive candles after the weekend masses March 17th-18th. Add your petition or memorialize a candle, which will then be placed in the Adoration Chapel at Blessed Sacrament for one week. On Palm Sunday the youth will hold a holy hour where they will pray for every intention individually. Suggested donation is \$5.00.

Maximilian ~ Saint of Auschwitz

This moving, live production performed by **Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions**, will be on Friday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Our Lady of the Cross Church in Holyoke. Experience firsthand the story of this heroic priest, Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM Conv., who courageously fought the forces of evil, and offered his life for a family man in the concentration camp of Auschwitz during World War II. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 10 and up. Admission will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for ages 18 and under. For additional information and tickets, contact Our Lady of the Cross Parish Office at 413-532-5661. Watch the gripping trailer and learn more at www.StMaxDrama.com

St. Joseph's Lenten Penance Service

A Lenten Penance Service will be held at St. Joseph Church in Shelburne Falls on Sunday, March 11th at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome. There will be four priests available to hear Confessions.

Shroud Encounter

Holy Family Parish, 29 Sugarloaf Street, South Deerfield
Sunday, March 18th, 7:00 p.m.

Could an ancient Jewish linen cloth be the actual burial shroud of Jesus? Could the Shroud of Turin be a document of the crucifixion? Is that even possible? Or is it nothing more than a medieval hoax? Nearly every scientific regimen has been employed to unravel the mystery and yet it remains unsolved. Explore this profound enigma with Russ Breault, one of the world's leading experts. Don't miss the Shroud Encounter!

Annual Catholic Appeal

The Diocese of Springfield begins the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your contribution combines with those of other faith-filled Catholics in western Massachusetts to support services to the family & elderly; services to those in need; services to young people; and pastoral and spiritual support services. **"In giving, we receive"** is an opportunity to thank God for the blessings in our lives and share your blessings with thousands of brothers and sisters in need. It is simple to give....send in your one-time contribution, or make a pledge using the donation card you receive in the mail, or donate online through Iobserve.org and click on the icon entitled, **"In giving, we receive."** All donations are tax deductible to the extent that the law allows.

Scholarships for College Students of Polish Heritage

The Polish Junior League of Massachusetts is accepting applications for scholarships for college students of Polish heritage. Undergraduate scholarships are awarded to students completing their Sophomore year of college; the Josephine Karwoski Scholarship is awarded to a female graduate student or a returning student. Application information and forms may be obtained at www.polishjuniorleague.org (applications). Deadline for application materials is May 1, 2018.

Catholics for the Unborn Pro-Life Vigil

Please join Catholics for the Unborn for a pro-life vigil on Thursday, March 8th at 10 AM in the Holy Spirit Chapel, St Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. The vigil begins with Exposition, Recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet then Adoration. At 12 noon there will be Benediction followed by Daily Mass. Please support our efforts to protect innocent unborn life through prayer. For more information, call Marilyn at 567-6085.

Catholic Schools Gala

The Inaugural Catholic Schools Tuition Gala will take place on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield. Tickets are \$50 per person and include food provided by several area restaurants, live entertainment and a gift bag for each attendee. The evening will feature a live auction as well as several silent auction items and raffle prizes. Please call 413.452.0699 to request tickets. For more information visit <http://diospringfield.org/catholicschoolsgala/>.

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. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held in Stockbridge, MA on the weekend of March 9-11. If you or a friend are hurting from an abortion experience don't delay, take the first step toward healing. For more information or to register for a weekend call 413-452-0661. You may also call Suzanne @ 203-417-0504. All calls are confidential.

St. Catherine of Bologna

(1413-1463)

This Catherine was the daughter of John de'Vigri, attorney and aide to Nicholas d'Este, Marquis of Ferrara. When Catherine was 11, the Marquis asked that she be allowed to live in his palace as maid of honor to his daughter Margaret. The two girls, about the same age, became best friends. Their tutor taught them Latin, among other subjects, and Catherine later wrote some small works in that tongue. Their companionship continued until Margaret became engaged to the nobleman Roberto Malatesta. The engaged girl wanted her to stay on as her maid in waiting. But, although Catherine herself had several suitors, she had already decided that the religious life rather than the courtly life was her calling.

At the age of 14, the de'Vigri girl asked to be admitted into a group of Ferrarese women who belonged to the third order of Franciscans, but were living a semi-monastic life. Eventually this group adopted the rule of the second order of Franciscans, and became Poor Clares. From the day of her entrance, Sister Catherine threw herself wholeheartedly into the quest for perfection. Concluding eventually that her Ferrara convent was less strict in its life than she preferred it to be, she accepted (although hesitantly) the appointment as abbess of a more austere convent of Poor Clares in Bologna. She continued to head this community from 1456 until her death.

Early in her religious life, Sister Catherine began to receive many supernatural graces. She passed on to her companions her own spiritual experiences, for their benefit. Most remarkable of the happenings that she recorded was what happened one Christmas Eve.

On this occasion, she had asked permission to spend the night of December 24-25 alone in the convent chapel. It was her intention to recite 1000 Hail Marys in honor of the nativity. At the hour of midnight, Mary herself appeared to Catherine with the swaddled Christ child in her arms. The Mother of God even handed the Infant to Sister Catherine. The nun pressed Him to her breast and kissed His cheek. When she sought to kiss His mouth, too, He disappeared, but her heart continued to experience a unique joy.

Like most true mystics, St. Catherine was also a person of talent and common sense. She was a



skilled artist, and devoted much time to copying out in print her breviary, illustrating it with attractive pictures of Jesus, Mary, and the saints. She also painted larger religious pictures, composed hymns, and wrote several devotional works.

Although Catherine of Bologna was very strict with herself, she did not demand that the other sisters match her standards. There were three practical rules that she gave them: 1. Always speak well of people. 2. Practice humility constantly. 3. Never meddle in the business of others.

Though long frail in health, Sister Catherine de'Vigri died on March 9, 1463, after only a short terminal illness. She breathed her last so quietly that her sisters were unaware that she was dead until they smelt a lovely fragrance rising from her body and saw her middle-aged face restored to its teenage bloom. As a matter of fact, her body, later enshrined in the monastery chapel, has never corrupted. The flesh has grown dark, but that may well have been because of the heat and soot of the candles that were burned for years around her exposed remains. In that shrine, her body is not recumbent but seated! This was in response, it is said, to a request she made of one of her sisters to whom she appeared in a vision in 1500.

Soon after the death of Abbess Catherine, miraculous cures began to be granted to many who prayed for her intercession. She was canonized as "St. Catherine of Bologna" in 1712. Now, St. Luke is usually considered the patron saint of painters because of the portrait he is reputed to have made of the Blessed Virgin. But St. Catherine is also particularly venerated by artists. The skill of her paintings that still survive certainly qualify her for the role of a heavenly patroness of the arts.

—Father Robert F. McNamara

Jesus and the Moneychangers

Gayle Somers

St. John (John 2:13-15) describes a visit Jesus made to the Jerusalem Temple near Passover. To best understand this episode, we need to know something about the physical arrangement of the Temple at this time, as well as some of the customs and business conducted there. The “temple area” refers to the Court of the Gentiles, a space outside the holy inner chambers that was offered to God-fearing Gentiles who, although not converts to Judaism, wished to pray to the God of the Jews. When Solomon built the first Temple, this space was added to the Tabernacle design used in Israel’s wilderness wanderings. It acknowledged their vocation to be a “kingdom of priests” (see Ex 19:6), inviting the whole world into God’s blessing. This was, after all, part of God’s original promise to Abraham: “By you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves” (Gn. 12:3). The Babylonians demolished Solomon’s Temple, with all its great beauty that was so evocative of the Garden of Eden, in 586 B.C. The Temple in Jesus’ day did not have the grandeur of the first one, but it did include the Court of the Gentiles, retaining Israel’s mission to the world.

Over time, the Court of the Gentiles became the place where vendors would sell animals to those coming to offer sacrifices at the Temple. All Jewish males living outside Jerusalem were required by the Law of Moses to make three annual pilgrimages to the Temple to celebrate liturgical festivals. For them, being able to purchase animals there was a convenience; they did not need to bring animals with them on what could be a long trip. Likewise, moneychangers were set up in this area to exchange foreign currency for the appropriate coins needed to pay the annual Temple tax. These services were licensed by those in charge of the Temple. As we know, when services are licensed and taxes are collected, there are always opportunities for corruption and extortion. Such was the case in Jesus’ day.

However, Jesus’ action in the Court of the Gentiles was more than simply an angry outburst against corruption. How do we know that? As He cleanses the area, Jesus quotes a phrase from the prophet, Jeremiah: “Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incenses to Baal, and...then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My

Name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’— only to go on doing all these abominations? Has this house... become a den of robbers in your eyes?” (Jer. 7:9-11) Here, the judgment against God’s people is not simply doing business where they shouldn’t have; rather, it was their great hypocrisy and presumption in believing that simply by keeping Temple rituals, God would deliver them against the threat of their enemies, even though they lived in great covenant infidelity. In Jeremiah’s day, as in Jesus’ day, God’s charge against His people was their empty religion—maintaining their liturgies with hearts far from Him. The fact that the Court of the Gentiles, which was supposed to be a place of prayer and evangelization, had become a “marketplace” was emblematic of Israel’s terrible spiritual desolation.

In His cleansing of the Temple, Jesus prophetically demonstrates that the Temple was no longer a place of true encounter with God, for Jews or Gentiles. It was destined to be eclipsed and replaced. That is why, when the Jews questioned Jesus’ authority for His action, He enigmatically predicts a destruction—but not of the Temple building. No, He referred to His own Body as “this Temple.” He spoke of His death and resurrection as the “sign” of His authority to bring an end to animal sacrifice (which is why He drove out the animals) and to open encounter with God to all the nations (restoring the true meaning of the Court of the Gentiles). Unlike a “zealot,” who unleashes violence on others, Jesus’ “zeal” for His Father’s house would consume Him, leading to His own death on the Cross.

Eventually, of course, the physical Temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D., never to be rebuilt. It didn’t need to be rebuilt; Jesus was the fulfillment of everything to which the Temple pointed. It was never meant to be permanent. There was nothing wrong with the Temple or the Law of Moses—the problem was in human nature, as St. John indicates: “Jesus would not trust Himself to [the many who believed in Him], because He knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He Himself understood it well.” Human nature, not the Temple, needed cleansing. That is precisely what Jesus came to do for us. He is now the true place of encounter between man and God. - www.catholicexchange.com

