

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



Jesus Speaks to the Women of Jerusalem

"And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.'"

Luke 23:27-28

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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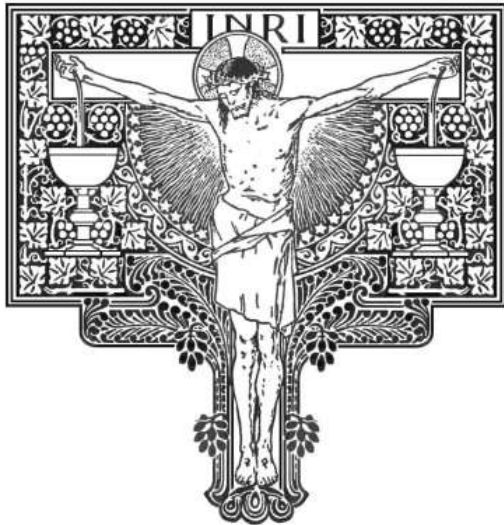
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Sr. Caritina Olmos, M.P.S.
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Mass Intentions

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
MONDAY, MARCH 12TH (Deacon Leary)
 9:00 Grace and Blessings for Bradley Filiault – by Mom
TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH (Pope Francis)
 9:00 Health & Blessings for Evelyn M. Luippold – by Alan and Mary Parrott
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH (Deacon Bucci)
 9:00 Deceased members of the Pavoni and Duke Families – by Sandra Pavoni
THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH (Fr. O’Connor)
 9:00 Herbert T. Barnard, Jr. – by Laurie Tilton
FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH (Deacon Patten)
 9:00 Harland & Mary Parrott – by Alan & Mary Parrott
SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH – St. Patrick (Deacon Culliton)
 4:00 Martin Leo and Frances B. Coyne
SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH – Fifth Sunday of Lent (Fr. Di Mascola)
 8:00 John Duffey – by Maureen Filiault
 10:30 David Thompson – 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 March 17 and 18

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, March 17

4:00	Deacon John Leary	Kerry Semaski
	Deacon George Nolan	Bill Randall
	Joanne Yestramski	Hannah Lively
	Winston LaBelle	Brian Luippold
	Jason Semaski	

Sunday, March 18

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

Poet’s Seat Nursing Home:

Sun., March 18 Cynn timer Erho

Lectors/Cantors

Sat., March 17	4:00	Monica McCarthy / Karlena Henry
Sun., March 18	8:00	Mike Motisi / Jane Winchester
	10:30	Dennis Roux / Sandra Pavoni



Saturday, March 17

4:00 Leo Martinez, Jason Semaski

Sunday, March 18

8:00	Alex Bacigalupo, James Staelens
10:30	Jacob Christi, Ezra Christi

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.

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet Monday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the rectory. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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.

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.

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 stjpiiyouthgroup@gmail.com.

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.

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. Four priests will be available to hear Confessions.

Tenebrae


The ancient observance of Tenebrae (darkness) will be celebrated at St. Michael's Cathedral on Friday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. This solemn event is characterized by the dramatic extinguishing of light while commemorating the passion and death of Christ. Musical highlights will include the Miserere of Allegri (Have Mercy, O God) made famous at the Sistine Chapel, The Crown of Roses by Tchaikovsky, A Hymn To God The Father by Pfeifer based on a poem by John Donne, and other spirituals, chants, and anthems. The Cathedral Choir of Boys and Adults will be accompanied by a complete string ensemble. The event is free and open to the public. For more info. contact worship@diospringfield.org or (413) 452-0839.

Shroud Encounter

Holy Family Parish, So. Deerfield - Sunday, March 18th, 7 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!

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.



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).

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.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 22nd, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38; Luke 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations at www.usccb.org/vocations the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops vocations webpage.

Easter Bazaar and Spring Gaik

The annual Easter Bazaar and Spring Gaik will be held at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 84 K Street, Turners Falls, on Saturday, March 24th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the church undercroft and the St. Thérèse Catechism Center. Included will be a Polish food sale, items from Poland, religious goods, gifts for First Communion, Confirmation, and Baptism, Easter and spring crafts, Chinese raffle, white elephant table, bake sale and more. Breakfast and lunch will be served. For more information, call 863-4748.

Jesus' 'Hour' Is Time of Human Salvation

by Pope John Paul II

Many times on various occasions, Jesus uses the word "hour" to indicate the moment determined by the Father for the fulfilment of the work of salvation.

He speaks of it from the start of his public life, at the wedding feast of Cana, when he receives a request from his mother on behalf of the bride and groom who are in difficulty because of the lack of wine. To indicate the reason why he is opposed to answering the request, Jesus says to his mother: "My hour has not yet come" (Jn 2:4).

This certainly means the hour for the first manifestation of Jesus' messianic power. It is a particularly important hour, as the Gospel account informs us at its conclusion, where the miracle is presented as "the beginning" or the "start" of his signs (cf. Jn 2:11). But on the horizon appears the hour of Jesus' passion and glorification (cf. Jn 7:30; 8:20; 12:23-27; 13:1; 17:1; 19:27), when he will complete the work of human Redemption.

By working this "sign" through the efficacious intercession of Mary, Jesus manifests himself as the messianic Saviour. While he goes to meet the wedding couple, it is really he himself who is beginning his work as the Bridegroom, inaugurating the wedding feast which is an image of God's kingdom (cf. Mt 22:2).

The time when the Son's work is made manifest

With Jesus the hour has come for a new relationship with God, the hour for a *new form of worship*: "The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth" (Jn 4:23). The basis for this universal worship is the fact that, by becoming incarnate, the Son has enabled men and women to share in his filial worship of the Father.

The "hour" is also the time when the *work of the Son* is made manifest: "Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself" (Jn 5:25-26).

The great hour in world history occurs when the Son gives his life, making his saving voice heard to those who are under the power of sin. It is the hour of Redemption.

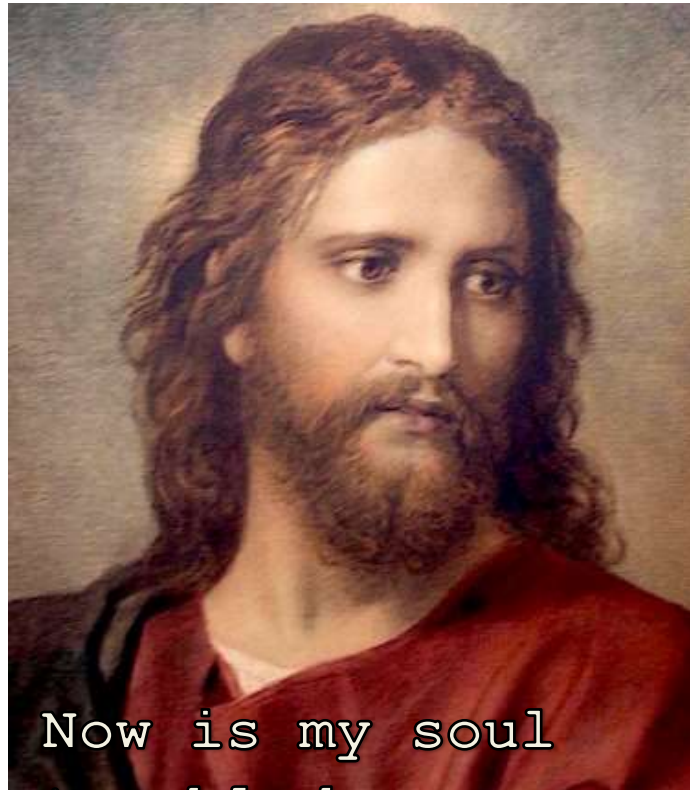
All of Jesus' earthly life is directed to this hour. At an agonizing moment shortly before his passion, Jesus says: "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' No, for this purpose I have come to this hour" (Jn 12:27).

With these words Jesus reveals the inner drama that is oppressing his soul in view of his approaching sacrifice. He has the possibility of asking the

Father that this terrible trial might pass. On the other hand, he does not wish to flee from this painful destiny: "For this purpose I have come". He has come to offer the sacrifice that will bring salvation to humanity.

This crucial hour is *willed and determined by the Father*. Before the hour chosen by the divine plan, his enemies have no power over Jesus.

Many attempts were made to stop Jesus or to kill him. In relating one of these attempts, John's Gospel highlights the impotence of his adversaries: "They sought to arrest him; but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come" (Jn 7:30). When the hour comes, it also appears as the *hour of his enemies*. "This is your hour, and the power of darkness", Jesus says to "the chief priests and captains of the temple and elders, who had come out against him" (Lk 22:52-53).



In this dark hour it seems that no one can stop the raging power of evil.

Nevertheless, this hour also remains under the Father's power. He will allow Jesus' enemies to capture him. Their work is mysteriously included in the plan established by God for the salvation of all.

An hour of passion and glorification

More than the hour of his enemies, the hour of his passion is thus *Christ's hour*, the hour when his mission is fulfilled. John's Gospel lets us perceive Jesus' state of mind at the beginning of the Last Supper: "When Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1). It is thus the *hour of love*, which wants to go "to the end", that is, to the supreme gift.

In his sacrifice Christ reveals perfect love to us: he could not have loved us more deeply!

This decisive hour is both the hour of passion and the *hour of glorification*. According to John's Gospel, it is the hour when the Son of man is "lifted up from the earth" (Jn 12:32). The lifting up on the Cross is the lifting up to heavenly glory. Then the phase of the new relationship with humanity will begin, particularly with the disciples, as Jesus himself announces: "I have said this to you in figures; the hour is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in figures but tell you plainly of the Father" (Jn 16:25).

The supreme hour is ultimately the moment when the Son returns to the Father. It clarifies the meaning of his sacrifice and sheds full light on the value of this sacrifice for humanity, redeemed and called to be united with the Son in his return to the Father. - Vatican, January 21, 1998

The Precepts of the Church

The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor:

1 The first precept ("**You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor**") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

2 The second precept ("**You shall confess your sins at least once a year.**") ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.

3 The third precept ("**You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.**") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

4 The fourth precept ("**You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church**") ensures the times of asceticism [*i.e.*, self-discipline, asceticism —*ed.*] and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.

5 The fifth precept ("**You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church**") means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability. The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities.