

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, I Trust in Thee!

Divine Mercy Sunday

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..."

(1 Peter 1:3)

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

Church

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Post Abortion Support
(413) 774-6010

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413-777-5115
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413-459-7052

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Ed & Suzi Cottrill
413-772-6062



SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 7TH

(Our Deacon Candidates)

4:00 Annie & Andrew Dedinas – by Birute Hanley

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH (Vocations)

8:00 Living and departed members of the Fritz and Klepacki Families – by Family

10:30 For the intentions of the third grade CCD class – by Che and Virginia Christi

3:00 Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

MONDAY, APRIL 9TH – The Annunciation of the Lord (Deacon

9:00 Health and Blessings for the Pavoni Family – by Sandra Pavoni Rabbitt)

TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH (Deacon Culliton)

9:00 Rosemary E. Jablonski – by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Zraunig and Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11TH – St. Stanislaus (Deacon Ratté)

9:00 Kersavage – Toomey Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 12TH (Fr. Bombardier)

9:00 Louise Hoynoski – by Jason & Kerry Semaski and Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 13TH – Pope St. Martin I (Deacon Bete)

9:00 Deceased members of the Pavoni – Duke Families – by Sandra Pavoni

SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH (Fr. Lunney)

4:00 Campbell and Clark Families – by Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH – Third Sunday of Easter (Clergy in

8:00 Ann LaFleur – by Family Purgatory)

10:30 Charles C. Roach (1st Anniversary) – by David and Helen Shea Murphy

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*).

Weekend of April 14 & 15

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, April 14

4:00	Deacon John Leary	Kathy Burrows
	Deacon George Nolan	Cynn timer Erho
	Bill Randall	Francis Campbell
	Hannah Lively	Monica McCarthy
	Brian Luippold	

Sunday, April 15

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

Poet's Seat Nursing Home:

Sunday, April 15 Cynn timer Erho

Lectors / Cantors:

Sat., April 14	4:00	Jason Semaski / Karlana Henry
Sun., April 15	8:00	Michael Motisi / Jackie Jurewicz
	10:30	Bob O'Connor / Sandra Pavoni



Saturday, April 14

4:00 John Semaski, Joshua Semaski

Sunday, April 15

8:00 Cody Podlesney, Sarah Podlesney
10:30 Jacob Christi, Ezra Christi

Requiescat In Pace

Roger S. Kisloski, Sr.

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

Special Intention – from Anonymous

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

- 1.) **Deceased members of Henry & Ruth Dion** – from William and Mary Dion
- 2.) **John & Mary O'Connor** – from Robert O'Connor
- 3.) **John & Mary O'Connor** – from Robert O'Connor
- 4.) **John & Mary O'Connor** – from Robert O'Connor

Holy Hour for Vocations

Please come to a Holy Hour for Vocations on Sunday, April 8th 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.

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet Monday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the rectory. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Parish Center Update

We want to bring everyone up to date on our new Parish Center Project. We are working on final details after having gone out to bid and chosen a local contractor. When this process is completed, we will request final approval of the contract by the Diocese and be able to break ground. It has been a long process and we are excited and anxious to get started. We ask for your continued financial support and prayers for a successful new Parish Center.

Knights of Columbus Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The Greenfield K of C, Council #133, are looking for golfers, sponsors and raffle donations for their 5th annual charity golf tournament to be held on Friday, May 4th at Crumpin-Fox golf course in Bernardston. The entry fee of \$115 includes greens fees, carts, lunch and dinner and prizes for the winners. Dinner-only tickets are available for \$30. Two raffles and a silent auction will also take place and include: \$1000 cash, Jewelry, Red Sox tickets, 3-day Cape Cod vacation, Crumpin-Fox golf certificates and much, much more. Pioneer Volvo Cars of South Deerfield is sponsoring a "Hole-in-One" contest for a chance to win a new car. The proceeds from the event will be used to fund a number of Council #133's worthy causes in Greenfield and Franklin County. To sign up or to get more information, call Jason Semaski at (413) 626-3378, Lou Grader at (413) 774-2848 or Bob Wanczyk at (413) 774-2465.

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.

Stash Bash – Spring 2018

Our Lady of Peace Women's Group is sponsoring their annual "Stash Bash" on Saturday, April 14th. Anyone with excess craft or sewing supplies who would like to rent a table and participate are welcome to join us! We are also accepting donated materials to assist you with your Spring Cleaning! For more information or to reserve a space, please contact Beverly at 413-863-7783 or Chris at 413-367-3052. All are welcome!

Spiritual Food for Thought

"Today the Lord said to me, 'Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrent of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls.'" (St. Faustina's Diary, #1602, page 568)

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The K of C have one \$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. Deadline is April 10, 2018.

Stuebenville East Youth Conference

The St. John Paul II Youth Group will be attending the Stuebenville 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 stjpiiyoungroup@gmail.com.

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.

Confirmation

Please note: The Confirmation Class of Blessed Sacrament and Holy Trinity parishes will be confirmed this year on Saturday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God in our marriage? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA and May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

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.

of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. From one point of view, the relationship between Revelation and private revelations appears in the relationship between the liturgy and popular piety: The liturgy is the criterion; it is the living form of the Church as a whole, fed directly by the Gospel. Popular piety is a sign that the faith is spreading its roots into the heart of a people in such a way that it reaches into daily life. Popular religiosity is the first and fundamental mode of "inculturation" of the faith. While it must always take its lead and direction from the liturgy, it in turn enriches the faith by involving the heart.

4. What does the Church do to encourage the celebration of devotion to the Divine Mercy on this day?

Among other things, it offers a plenary indulgence: To ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff [John Paul II] himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence, as will be explained below, so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters. . . . a plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").

5. What is the Divine Mercy image?



The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. There have been a number of paintings made of this image. The original, though not the most popular one today, is shown here. A basic explanation of the image is: Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent). The depictions often contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Polish: Jezu ufam

Tobie). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning:

red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls) (from Diary - 299). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy". According to the diary of St Faustina, the image is based on her 1931 vision of Jesus.

6. What is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy?

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a set of prayers used as part of the Divine Mercy devotion. They are usually said using a standard set of Rosary beads, often at 3 p.m. (the time of Jesus' death), but with a different set of prayers than those used in the Marian Rosary.

7. How is the Divine Mercy devotion linked to the Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Easter?

The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins. This moment is recorded in John 20:19-31, which is the Gospel reading for this Sunday in all three yearly Sunday liturgical cycles (A, B, and C). This reading is placed on this day because it includes the appearance of Jesus to the Apostle Thomas (in which Jesus invites him to touch his wounds). This event occurred on the eighth day after the Resurrection (John 20:26), and so it is used on the liturgy eight days after Easter. (It also, however, includes the appearance of Jesus to the disciples on Easter evening, a week earlier, in which he empowered them to forgive or retain sins.)

8. How did Jesus empower the apostles to forgive or retain sins?

That part of the text reads: [21] Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." [22] And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." He thus gave them a special empowerment with the Holy Spirit to forgive or retain sins.

9. How does this relate to the sacrament of confession?

It relates directly to it. Jesus empowered the apostles (and their successors in ministry) with the Holy Spirit to either forgive or retain (not forgive) sins. Because they are empowered with God's Spirit to do this, their administration of forgiveness is efficacious--it really removes sin rather than just being a symbol of forgiveness a person is already thought to have obtained. Because they are instructed to forgive or retain, they must discern which they are to do. This means that they need to know about the sin and whether we are truly repentant of it. As a result, we must tell them about the sin and our sorrow for it. Hence: confession. And the Church Fathers understood Christ's ministers as having this power.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration



Sunday, April 8, 2018

Blessed Sacrament Church, Greenfield
Sponsored by the Franklin County Deanery

1:45 - 3:00 p.m. – Confessions

3:00 p.m. – Benediction, Chaplet of Divine Mercy
and Novena Prayer

Celebrant: Msgr. Ronald Yargeau
Preacher: Fr. Philippe Roux

Nine things you need to know about Divine Mercy Sunday

Jimmy Akin

Divine Mercy Sunday is a recent addition to the Church's calendar, and it has links to both private revelation and the Bible. Millions of people look forward to and are profoundly moved by this day. What is it, and why is it so important to them? Here are nine things you need to know.

1. What is Divine Mercy Sunday? Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy. It also has links to the Bible and the readings of this day.

2. When was it made part of the Church's calendar? In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, he declared: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday

of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday". In the various readings, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings [Homily, April 30, 2000].

3. If this is based on private revelation, why is it on the Church's calendar? In his theological commentary in *The Message of Fatima*, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger wrote: We might add that private revelations often spring from popular piety and leave their stamp on it, giving it a new impulse and opening the way for new forms of it. Nor does this exclude that they will have an effect even on the liturgy, as we see for instance in the feasts of Corpus Christi and