

# 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*



## the ascension of the Lord

***"Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into Heaven." (Luke 24:50)***

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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Pregnancy Tests, Counseling, Support  
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### Calvary Cemetery

Wisdom Way  
Greenfield  
773-3311

### Natural Family Planning

Ed & Suzi Cottrill  
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### Hispanic Ministry

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

SATURDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> (Deacon Rabbitt)  
 4:00 Janet Zilch – by John Zilch  
SUNDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> – Sixth Sunday of Easter (Msgr. Yargeau)  
 8:00 In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered – by  
 The Justin Moore Family  
 10:30 David Thompson – by Family  
MONDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> (Vocations)  
 9:00 Kendall C. Lincoln – by Lucy Lincoln & Susie Unaitis  
TUESDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> (Fr. Bombardier)  
 9:00 David Keough & Francis Keough – by Annie Keough  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> (Fr. Reardon)  
 9:00 Special intention for Stephanie Tilton – by Laurie  
 \* 6:00 Robert & Anna Sabato – by Nolan Family  
ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> (Fr. Lunney)  
 \**Holy Day of Obligation\**  
 \* 9:00 Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Charron & Children – by  
 Dr. Arthur W. Charron  
FRIDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> (Pope Francis)  
 9:00 Paul E. LaFleur – by Jeanne Rice and Mary Paquette  
SATURDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> – Sts. Nereus and Achilleus/St. Pancras  
 (Deacons ordained today)  
 4:00 Janet Zilch – by John Zilch

SUNDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> – Seventh Sunday of Easter (Vocations)  
 8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Edward H. Letourneau – by Family  
 10:30 Anthony, Sr., Mary & Joseph Pregony – by Family  
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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 May 12 & 13**  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Saturday, May 12  
 4:00 Bill Randall Francis Campbell  
 Hannah Lively Monica McCarthy  
 Brian Luippold Joanne Yestramski  
 Kathy Burrows Winston LaBelle  
 Cynn timer Erho

Sunday, May 13  
 8:00 Deacon George Nolan Kevin O’Neil, Jr.  
 Kevin O’Neil Jim Podlesney  
 Liza O’Neil  
 10:30 Lionel Martin Bob O’Connor  
 Joyce Thibodo Suzanne Hunter  
 Bob Page Mary Jane Bardwell  
 Judy Lapointe

**Poet’s Seat Nursing Home:**  
 Sunday, May 13 Deacon George & Lisa Nolan

**Lectors / Cantors:**  
 Sat., May 12 4:00 Jason Semaski / Karlena Henry  
 Sun., May 13 8:00 Laurie Tilton / Jane Winchester  
 10:30 Dennis Roux / Jackie Jurewicz



*Mass Servers*

Saturday, May 12  
 4:00 Piper Day, Penley Day  
 Sunday, May 13  
 8:00 Cody Podlesney, Sarah Podlesney  
 10:30 Casey Christi, Angie Ortiz-Rodriguez

**May 6, 2018**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**For the Glory of God** and in memory of **Fr. Dennis P. Bombardier** the following have made donations to the Blessed Sacrament Building Fund: Willis & Claire Boyer, Armand & Pamela Bouthillier, Joan Raughtigan, Franklin Risatti, and Lawrence & Elizabeth Roy. *God Bless You!*

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week in memory/honor: **Raymond Dorhamer** – from Barbara Dorhamer

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

- 1.) **Ted & Agnes Behaylo** – from William and Mary Dion
- 2.) **Gertrude Scott** – from Nancy Willis
- 3.) **Pope Francis and all clergy** – from Anonymous
- 4.) **Raymond Dorhamer** – from Barbara Dorhamer

#### Month of May Rosary

Our Lady instructed the children of Fatima in 1917 to tell the people to pray the Rosary every day. Please come and join us each night at 7 p.m. during the month of May to pray the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother.

#### Thirty-seventh Annual Roses for Life – Mother's Day

On Mother's Day weekend, May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, roses will be available at the doors of the church to benefit the Pro-Life cause of Franklin County. Donations will be \$3.00 per rose / \$15 per half dozen / \$30 per dozen. Roses will also be available to purchase in vases. Please pre-order for ½ dozen or more by calling 774-2918. Thank you for supporting Life through this important fundraiser!

#### Volunteers Needed to Help Sell Roses

We need volunteers! Each year our parish holds a Roses for Life Fundraiser. This fundraiser, held Mother's Day weekend, provides critical support for prolife activities in our area. If you can help sell roses at any of the Masses during Mother's Day weekend, please call Laurie at 774-2918. We can't do it without you! Thank you!

#### Mother's Day Novena

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up a Mother's Day Novena packet in the sacristy after Mass or at the rectory during business hours. Print the name(s) of your loved one on the envelope. Return the envelope to the rectory or place it in the collection basket at Mass on or before Mother's Day. You will want to have your loved one prayed for in all nine Masses of the Novena. *Thank you!*

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"This I command you: love one another." Learn how to love your spouse as Christ asks by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are May 19-20, 2018 in WARNER, NH and Jun 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

#### Special Programing Note From Catholic Communications

Catholic Communications has announced programing changes for **Real to Reel** and **Chalice of Salvation** for the months of **May and June** for those viewing on WWLP-TV 22. Chalice of Salvation, the weekly televised Mass, will air at a special time of 6 a.m. on Sunday May 13 and again at 6 a.m. on June 10. Real to Reel will air on a special day and time of 6:30 a.m. on Sunday May 6 and Sunday May 20. Also Real to Reel will not air on Saturday, May 12. Please be sure to make a note of these special times and let your homebound friends know of the scheduled changes as well. Full versions of both programs can be viewed at [www.iobserve.org](http://www.iobserve.org) starting the Monday after broadcast.

#### Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day are Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

#### Spiritual Food for Thought

"As the prophet says, *Ascending on high he led captivity captive; he gave gifts to men.* The undoubted meaning of these words is this: that since the devil led the human race captive, our Lord, by wresting it from him, took it captive himself, and as the prophet tells us, led that very captivity to the heights of heaven. Both captivities do indeed bear the same name, but they differ one from the other. The devil's captivity means enslavement; Christ's, on the contrary, means restoration to freedom."

– St. Maximus of Turin

#### News of Our Shut-Ins

If you know of anyone who is a shut-in and unable to attend Mass, or if you know of any parishioner who is in the hospital or nursing home, please notify the rectory at 773-3311. We would be happy to bring them Communion on a monthly basis.

#### Diocesan Wide Eucharistic Rosary Procession

Come celebrate the Gift of Family with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC at the Sixteenth Annual Diocesan-Wide Eucharistic Rosary Procession on Sunday, June 3, 2018, (rain or shine), at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 99 King St., Northampton, MA, from 1-4 p.m. Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, director of The Marian Helpers Center, in Stockbridge, MA, will speak on "The Call to Holiness Through Divine Mercy, for the Family, the Domestic Church." During his talk, there will be priests available for the Sacrament of Confession. At 2:00 p.m., we will begin our prayerful event with a Consecration of The Family to The Divine Mercy, followed by a Rosary Procession through downtown Northampton, returning to the church for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament, with a reception to follow. For more information contact George or Brenda at: (413) 221-4372.



**Knights of Columbus Council #133**  
**Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> 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).

#### Franklin County Community Chorus Spring Concert

Join the Franklin County Community Chorus for their fifth annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the Greenfield High School Auditorium. The 75-voice chorus, under the direction of Paul J. Calcari, promises an afternoon full of fun as they perform a diverse selection of songs spanning various musical genres. Highlights include a tribute to the original Jersey Boys, Frankie Vali and the Four Seasons as well as classic selections from Mozart, Handel and John Ritter. Star Wars fans will enjoy "Duel of the Fates" from Star Wars: Episode 1, while Broadway enthusiasts will love the medley from the legendary hit musical Les Miserables. The chorus, joined by the Jam Band, will also have you dancing in your seats with all-time favorites "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough". There is something for everyone to enjoy. Come to the Franklin County Community Chorus Spring Concert, May 6 at 3pm in the GHS Auditorium.

# Ten Reasons for Priestly Celibacy

Stephen Beale

To our sex-obsessed culture, priestly celibacy seems a hard teaching of the Church, a heavy burden that must be borne with ascetic grit and iron resolve. But that's not how the popes of the twentieth century saw it. In their words, celibacy is the "choicest ornament of our priesthood" (Pius X), "one of the purest glories of the Catholic priesthood" (Pius XI), and a discipline that makes the whole life of the priest "resound with the splendor of holy chastity" (John XXIII). Such lofty words were inspired by the rich and profound theological reasons for a celibate priesthood—reasons worth bearing in mind as the old debate over it has flared up into the news. Here are ten of them:

**1. Priests as Christ figures.** Above all else, the Catholic priest is an *alter Christus*—"another Christ." This is clearest in the sacrifice of the Mass, when the priest acts in the person of the Christ in offering the Eucharist. Celibacy configures priests more completely to Christ, who lived a perfectly chaste life. Thus they not only "participate in His priestly office" but also share "His very condition of living," Pope Paul VI writes in the encyclical *Sacerdotalis Caelibatus*.

**2. Marriage to the Church.** In Scripture, the Church is often depicted as the Bride of Christ. In celibacy, the priest, as an *alter Christus*, witnesses through his life to the marriage of Christ to His Church. "In virginity or celibacy, the human being is awaiting, also in a bodily way, the ... marriage of Christ with the Church, giving himself or herself completely to the Church in the hope that Christ may give Himself to the Church in the full truth of eternal life. The celibate person thus anticipates in his or her flesh the new world of the future resurrection," John Paul II writes in his apostolic constitution *Familiaris Consortio*.

**3. Spiritual fatherhood.** Through celibacy, priests give themselves over wholly to the service God and His Church. Just as a father is uniquely dedicated to his children, so also the priest should be dedicated to his parishioners. As one Jesuit priest at Georgetown University recently put it in the Washington Post: "I do not have my own biological children, but I have over 6,000 here on Georgetown's main campus! I have many sons and daughters who call me 'Father.'" John Paul II describes this as a "singular sharing in God's fatherhood" (*Pastores Dabo Vobis*).

**4. Celibacy as sacrifice.** In renouncing married life, the priest also links himself with Christ's own sacrifice on the Cross. "In a similar way, by a daily dying to himself and by giving up the legitimate love of a family of his own for the love of Christ and of His kingdom, the priest will find the glory of an exceedingly rich and fruitful life in Christ, because like Him and in Him, he loves and dedicates himself to all the children of God," Paul VI writes. This ultimately is the purpose of human sexuality—to be a "a genuine sign of and precious service to the love of communion and gift of self to others," writes Blessed Pope John Paul II in *Pastores Dabo Vobis*.

**5. Celibacy as angelic purity.** Celibacy is not only a sacrificial act. It is also a mark of purity. Just as Christ offered Himself as a pure and spotless victim, so should the priest. Moreover "a purity of heart and a sanctity of life" befit the "solemnity and holiness" of the office, Pope Pius XI writes in the encyclical *Ad Catholici Sacerdotii*. Some have described this otherworldly purity as angelic: "The priest must be so pure that, if he were to be lifted up and placed in the heavens themselves, he might take a place in the midst of the Angels," St. John Chrysostom said.

**6. Loneliness as a link to Christ.** Even the loneliness a priest may experience may unite him more closely with Christ, according to Paul VI: "At times loneliness will weigh heavily on the priest, but he will not for that reason regret having generously chosen it. Christ, too, in the most tragic hours of His life was alone—abandoned by the very ones whom He had chosen as witnesses to, and companions of, His life, and whom He had loved 'to the end'—but He stated, 'I am not alone, for the Father is with me.'"

**7. Time for prayer.** As much time as those in married time spend in prayer, priests should devote even more, Church Fathers taught, according to Ukrainian Catholic theologian Roman Cholij. One basis for this view is 1 Corinthians 7:5, where St. Paul is giving advice to those who are married: "Do not deprive each other, except perhaps by mutual consent for a time, to be free for prayer, but then return to one another, so that Satan may not tempt you through your lack of self-control." It follows that priests, who do not have another person to "return" to, should have more time for prayer.

**8. Perfection of the Israelite priesthood.** Catholics look back to the Old Testament priests as forerunners. They understand that the priesthood did not end with Christ—it was reborn and renewed through Him. In the Old Testament, Levite priests were allowed to marry, but celibacy was required while they were serving in the sanctuary. For the Church Fathers, the Catholic priesthood was the "perfection" of the Levitical priesthood, according to Cholij. "Hence ... if the Levites practiced temporary continence when in the sanctuary, so much more should Christian priests, always ready to serve, practice continence," Cholij writes.

**9. Detachment from the world.** Celibacy is but one example of a broader detachment from all things of this world—something necessary in order for the priest "to follow the Divine Master more easily and readily," according to Pope Pius XII in his apostolic exhortation *Menti Nostrae*. "Sanctity alone makes us what our divine vocation demands, men crucified to the world and to whom the world has been crucified, men walking in newness of life who ... seek only heavenly things and strive by every means to lead others to them," Pius X writes in his apostolic exhortation, *Haerent Animo*.

**10. A living sign of heaven.** In heaven, men will neither marry nor will women be given in marriage—instead, they will be like the angels, as Christ says in Matthew 22:30. In a special way, celibacy makes priests living witnesses to this future reality. As Paul VI put it, priestly celibacy "proclaims the presence on earth of the final stages of salvation with the arrival of a new world, and in a way it anticipates the fulfillment of the kingdom as it sets forth its supreme values which will one day shine forth in all the children of God."

# The Ascension, Jesus' Priesthood, and the Mass

Shane Kapler

For many who read the Gospels, Jesus' Ascension seems to be the completion of His ministry. They are sorely mistaken, though. At the Ascension our Lord's ministry reached new heights; He serves as humanity's high priest before the Father in heaven. The Epistle to the Hebrews goes so far as to say that Christ "lives to make intercession" for us (Heb. 7:25). The very way that Jesus ascended into heaven speaks to this mystery.

Blessing was something familiar to every first century Jewish man and woman. Each day at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., as commanded in the Law, the Jewish priests celebrated the *tamid*, or "perpetual offering" (Ex. 29:38-41). One group of priests placed a lamb, cake of bread, and wine on the altar as another group of priests led the people in reciting the Ten Commandments and the Shema, and then signing the psalm designated for that day of the week. The *tamid* concluded with the priests gathering on the steps of the Holy Place, extending their arms out toward the people and invoking the blessing the Lord entrusted to Moses and Aaron: "The LORD [YHWH] bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you: the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace" (Num. 6:24-26).

When the apostles and other disciples saw Jesus begin to ascend into heaven, in the very act of blessing them, they understood that He was "climbing the steps" of the true Holy Place. Only one Jewish priest was allowed to enter the Holy Place at the time of the *tamid*, to burn incense before God's earthly throne room, the Holy of Holies. The only person who could enter that room was the high priest, and he did so only once a year on the Feast of Yom Kippur. When the apostles saw Jesus disappear into a "cloud," an Old Testament symbol of God's

presence (Acts 1:9; Ex. 13:31-32, 24:16-18; Num. 9:15-23), they understood that Jesus had entered into God's *heavenly* throne room, the reality to which the Temple and the earthly Holy of Holies pointed (Ex. 25:9, 40; Heb. 8:5).



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(Luke 24:50-51)

The worship of the Old Covenant — the Temple and its many sacrifices — find their fulfillment in Christ's priesthood: his death, resurrection, and ascension (Heb. 10:1-7). Jesus continues to offer Himself to the Father, *in his humanity*, just as He has from all eternity in His divinity. Hebrews and the Book of Revelation show Jesus, the Lamb of God, making the true perpetual offering to the Father — Himself, through the glorious wounds of His Passion (Heb. 7:25, 9:24; Rev. 5:6-14). Jesus draws

all of heaven, the angels and saints, into this great heavenly liturgy, causing them to offer themselves through, with, and in Him (Rev. 4:6-5:14).

This is the same liturgy that breaks through to earth, upon our altars, in the Eucharist. Through the sacrament of ordination, Christ presides in the person of His minister. As the fulfillment of Israel's *tamid*, the bread and wine we offer are converted into the Lamb. We receive Christ Himself in Eucharistic communion, the same Christ who bodily entered into the glory of the Father. Our lives are to be compenetrated by His and every part united to His sacrifice to the Father (1 Cor. 10:16-18; Rom. 12:1). And when our priests pronounce the blessing over us before sending us forth, it is Christ who blesses — the same Christ who blessed the apostles before sending them out to convert the world.

To fully receive that blessing, the Pentecostal grace Christ poured out upon the infant Church, we should dispose ourselves in the same way they did — faithful prayer and

meditation upon Scripture, in the company of  
the Blessed Mother (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:14-15).