

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



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

"And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?'"
(Luke 1:41-43)

"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed..'"
(Luke 1:46-48)

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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Natural Family Planning

Ed & Suzi Cottrill
413-772-6062



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 12TH (Deacons ordained today)
 4:00 Janet Zilch – by John Zilch
SUNDAY, MAY 13TH – Seventh Sunday of Easter (Vocations)
 8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Edward H. Letourneau – by Family
 10:30 Anthony, Sr., Mary & Joseph Pregony – by Family
MONDAY, MAY 14TH – St. Matthias (Deacon Bete)
 9:00 Sr. Mary of the Cross – by Raymond A. Girard, Jr.
TUESDAY, MAY 15TH – St. Isidore (Deacon Leary)
 9:00 Gerald E. Shea by David & Helen Shea Murphy
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH (Fr. Di Mascola)
 9:00 Health & Blessings for the Pavoni Family –
 by Sandra Pavoni
THURSDAY, MAY 17TH (Fr. Lisowski)
 9:00 Martin Leo & Frances B. Coyne
FRIDAY, MAY 18TH – Pope St. John I (Bishop McDonnell)
 9:00 Mary O’Leary – by Bob & Pat Earley
SATURDAY, MAY 19TH (Fr. O’Mannion)
 4:00 Campbell and Clark Families – by Family
SUNDAY, MAY 20TH – Pentecost Sunday (Deacon Patten)
 8:00 Betty Laprade – by Justin Moore Family
 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 May 19 and 20

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, May 19

4:00	Deacon George Nolan	Hannah Lively
	Deacon John Leary	Brian Luippold
	Jason Semaski	Kathy Burrows
	Kerry Semaski	Cynn timer Erho
	Bill Randall	

Sunday, May 20

8:00	Deacon George Nolan	Lynne Podlesney
	Ginger Baird	Liza O’Neil
	Jim Podlesney	
10:30	Deacon George Nolan	Judy Lapointe
	Lionel Martin	Bob O’Connor
	Joyce Thibodo	Suzanne Hunter
	Bob Page	

Poet’s Seat Nursing Home:

Sun., May 20 Deacon George & Lisa Nolan

Lectors/Cantors

Sat., May 19	4:00	Wayne Cottrill / Betsy Grybko
Sun., May 20	8:00	Jae Helenek / Jane Winchester
	10:30	Bob O’Connor / Brenda Hill



Saturday, May 19

4:00 Leo Martinez, Jason Semaski

Sunday, May 20

8:00 Crimson Helenek, Jae Helenek

10:30 Jacob Christi, Ezra Christi

May 13, 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter

For the Glory of God and in memory of **Fr. Dennis P. Bombardier** the following have made donations to Blessed Sacrament Church Building Fund: Rose Ciborowski, Valerie O'Reilly, Peter and Melanie Zschau. **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.) **For a Special Intention** – from Anonymous
- 2.) **Raymond Dorhamer** – from Barbara Dorhamer
- 3.) **Raymond Dorhamer** – from Barbara Dorhamer
- 4.) **Raymond Dorhamer** – from Barbara Dorhamer

Holy Hour for Vocations

Please come to a Holy Hour for Vocations on Sunday, May 13th 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.



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).

Free Bicycles

Lionel Martin has an assortment of newly renovated bicycles to give away to a needy family. Call 475-7144.

Monastic Experience Weekend

St. Scholastica Priory in Petersham, Mass. invites single Catholic women aged 18-40 years to a Monastic Experience Weekend which will be held June 8-10 and also October 5-7. Experience life in a house of contemplative Benedictine nuns. Pray, eat and work with them. Listen to conferences on monastic life and prayer. Learn discernment tools. Hear the nun's stories of their own journey into the monastery and have time for quiet reflection. For more information, contact Sr. Mary Frances at smfwynn@aol.com or write: 271 N. Main St., Petersham, MA 01366. Visit www.stscholasticapriory.org or call 978-724-3213.

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 20. 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 starting the Monday after broadcast.

Our Lady of the Cross Parish Tag Sale

Our Lady of the Cross will hold a Tag Sale on Sat., May 19 from 9 am - 3 pm, and on Sun., May 20 from 9 am - 1 pm, rain or shine at their Parish Hall on Holy Cross Ave. (off Dwight St., across from the church) in Holyoke. There will be tons and tons of treasures for all ages! Something you really don't want to miss! If you would like to set up a table on our front lawn to sell your own items, the cost is \$25.00. To register to set a table up or for more information, please call 532-5661.

Mother's Day Novena

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13th. 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!*

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.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

A pilgrimage to Medjugorje will leave on November 4 and return on November 12, 2018. We will stay with the visionary Mirjana near Apparition Hill. Our Spiritual Directors will be Fr. Timothy Campoli and Deacon John Leary. Many spiritual activities will take place, including daily Mass. A day trip to Dubrovnik on the beautiful Adriatic Sea, is included. The cost is \$2,399 which includes airfare, tour guide, hotel, and two meals a day. A bus to and from Logan Airport will be arranged if there is interest. For more information, contact Helen Shea Murphy at: www.pilgrimages.com/helensheamurphy or helensheamurphy@verizon.net or 413-773-8890.

Holy Trinity Church 150th Anniversary

Holy Trinity Church will celebrate their 150th Anniversary on Trinity Sunday, May 27th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass with Bishop Mitchell Rozanski. Everyone from Blessed Sacrament is invited.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Happy Mother's Day! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH and June 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA. For more info., call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

Loaves and Fishes Benefit

A fundraising walk/road race will take place on June 9th to benefit Loaves and Fishes of Northfield. This family-friendly 3.5 mile walk or run will begin at the Northfield Town Hall on Saturday, June 9th. Registration begins at 8:00 A.M, followed by a walk at 8:30 and a road race at 9:00. All proceeds will be given directly to Loaves and Fishes. For more information, please contact Sarah Kaczinski at skaczinski@gmail.com.

God's Special Weapon Against Evil: Spiritual Mothers

Kathleen Beckman

There is a most beautiful, vital vocation within a vocation that is “largely unknown, scarcely understood and, consequently, rarely lived, notwithstanding its fundamental importance”: spiritual motherhood for priests. “It is a vocation that is frequently hidden, invisible to the naked eye, but meant to transmit spiritual life.” (Mauro Cardinal Piacenza, *Eucharistic Adoration for the Sanctification of Priests & Spiritual Motherhood*, 2013, p 12,13).

Cardinal Piacenza further explains the reason why *now is the time* to emphasize this vocation for the broader Church, “The present situation of the Church in a secularized world and the subsequent crisis of faith has the pope, bishops, priests and faithful looking for a way forward. At the same time, it is becoming increasingly clear that the real solution lies in the interior renewal of priests, and in this context the so-called “spiritual maternity for priests” assumes a special role. Through being “spiritual mothers”, women and mothers participate in the universal motherhood of Mary, who as mother of the Supreme and Eternal High Priest, is also the mother of all priests of all times.”

Other Mary's

From the heart of the Church comes a call to imitate Mary in transmitting spiritual life to souls. A trumpet sounds, a need arises, and the role of Catholic womanhood is called forth. Where are the “other Mary's”? I've often reflected on why the Lord Jesus, when He ascended to the Father, left behind His holy Mother at the start of the Church? Her presence, prayer, encouragement, wisdom, and exhortation; *her feminine love* must have strengthened the Apostles. Her maternal holiness and prayer helped to form the first clergy.

In the words of Fr. John Cihak, “The Blessed Virgin Mary's role is to call out of the priest this celibate “agape” to help him become a husband to the Church and a spiritual father—a strong father, even in his weakness. She does this at the foot of the Cross by drawing the priest out of his own pain to offer pure masculine love in the midst of her own feminine love. This scene becomes the icon of the relationship between the priest and the Church.” (Fr. John Cihak article, “The Blessed Virgin Mary's Role in the Celibate Priest's Spousal and Paternal Love”, quoted by Beckman, *Praying for Priests: A Mission for the New Evangelization*, p 54, 55.)

The lesson for spiritual mothers: the more we reflect the heart of Mary, the more God can use us to spiritually call forth from men the masculine ideal of Christ-like spiritual fatherhood.

The role of a Catholic woman might be summed up in a word: MARY.

- **M**otherhood (physical and spiritual)
- **A**doration (first duty to God)
- **R**esourceful (wise, creative)
- **Y**es to God (serving the divine will)

Some women will transmit life physically but all women of faith can be life bearers: Christ-bearers. What does Catholic womanhood have to do with the clergy? We can learn from several female saints whose lives bear witness to the beauty of spiritual maternity for priests.

“Woman: God's special weapon in His fight against evil”

St. Edith Stein helps us to understand the unique role of woman in God's plan. Always the role of woman is best revealed in the life of the Virgin Mary. Her singular dignity to be the Mother of Christ reveals the thought of God regarding the dignity of women. He chose women to be cooperators in creating new life. In light of how much the fallen angels despise and fear the Virgin Mary, we better understand the teaching of St. Edith Stein:

The intrinsic value of woman consists essentially in exceptional receptivity for God's work in the soul. For an understanding of our unique feminine nature, let us look to the pure love and spiritual maternity of Mary. This spiritual maternity is the core of a woman's soul. Wherever a woman functions authentically in this spirit of maternal love, Mary collaborates with her. This holds true whether the woman is married or single, professional or domestic or both, a Religious in the world or in the convent. Through this love, *a woman is God's special weapon in His fight against evil*. Her intrinsic value is that she is able to do so because she has a special susceptibility for the works of God in souls—her own and others. She relates to others in His spirit of love.

Here, a great woman and saint of the Church broadens spiritual motherhood beyond the walls of the cloister or convent where for centuries beloved women Religious Sisters interceded for priests; and thankfully, continue to this present time. More recently, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa addresses the movement of the Holy Spirit: “God calls some souls to the even higher task of atoning for priests...only men can be priests, but the wisdom of God has kept aside a task for women, and even a higher task in a certain sense, which the world does not understand and thus rejects with disdain: that of forming priests and of contributing to raising the quality, not quantity, of Catholic priesthood. The Lord is calling the faithful in ever growing numbers to pray, to offer sacrifices, in order to have holy priests. A

concern, a passion, for holy priests has spread as a sign of the times though today's Church" (Fr. Cantalamessa, OFM, *Sober Intoxication of the Spirit: Part Two* quoted by Beckman, *Praying for Priests*, p 18-19).

We turn to Mary to understand how women of faith who are called to be spiritual mothers become God's special weapon in His fight against evil. We'll consider the ten evangelical virtues of Mary that form a powerful arsenal of spiritual arrows to mortally wound the fallen angels; those demons who "prowl the earth like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

The ten evangelical virtues of Mary:

1. Most Pure (Mt 1:18, 20, 23, Lk 1:24,34)
2. Most Prudent (Lk 2:19; 51)
3. Most Humble (Lk 1:48)
4. Most Faithful (Lk 1:45; Jn 2:5)
5. Most Devout (Lk 1:46-47; Acts 1:14)
6. Most Obedient (Lk 1:38; 2:21-22; 27)
7. Most Poor (Lk 2:7)
8. Most Patient (Jn 19:25)
9. Most Merciful (Lk 1:39, 56)
10. Most Sorrowful (Lk 2:35)

Marian virtues perpetuate the victory of her Son Jesus Christ and can render Satan's corrupting vices impotent. Satan fears Mary. Why? He knows God is omnipotent. But Mary is a lowly creature favored by God, raised to such a level of dignity and influence that her little heel can crush Satan's head. He can't get over this! In many rites of major exorcism in which I have participated on the team assisting the exorcist priest, Mary responds to the plea of the priest to help him cast out demons. Frequently, the Virgin Mary's presence is the finishing touch to evict the evil one.

A woman who identifies with Mary is His special weapon in His fight against evil. The humble Mother of the Eternal High Priest is gathering a little army of daughters who attain to her virtues. God uses Mary's daughters as righteous arrows against the malice of the devil.

The example of an ordinary wife and mother

Here's a practical example in the ordinary life of a Catholic wife and mother of five young sons. She has answered the call to spiritual maternity for priests. Recently, in an interview we did for the *Foundation of Prayer for Priests*, she shared that when she is making her children's lunches, desiring to feed them the most nutritious food, she also considers the priest who desires to feed God's flock the imperishable food of the Eucharist. Then she offers up her tiredness for him.

I asked her how praying for priests has impacted her life as wife and mother. She shared that, at first, she did not fully understand the priest. He was set apart for God and a bit mysterious. When she realized that the Holy Spirit was quickening her heart to pray for her parish priest, the Holy Spirit began to teach her *how to pray for him*. She came to understand that the priest is a spiritual father of the Catholic family entrusted to him. He is charged with the care of parishioner's souls but is subject to weariness and spiritual warfare also. During the Mass she observed more carefully the reverent gestures of the priest and began to see more of Jesus on the altar. Also, in recognizing the priest's spiritual paternity, her appreciation of her husband's role as spiritual father for the family grew.

When we pray for the priests, the Sanctifier pours graces of wisdom, knowledge and understanding upon us. Thus, we become more like Mary—attuned to the things of God. Priests and laity have a mutual need to mirror holiness for one another. Often this takes place in a silent, hidden, real and transformative way.

"The priest is the target of the devil's malice"

"The priest is a marked man, the target of the devil's malice. Don't pray for priests superficially. Pray fervently. We priests need your prayers and sacrifices" —these words of Fr. William Casey are confirmed by Fr. John Hardon, "...No words I can use would be too strong to state that the Catholic priesthood needs prayer as sacrifice as never before since Calvary. Priests experience pressures with a violence and a virulence such as no one else but a priest can understand. One saint after another has declared that the devil's principle target on earth is the Catholic priest. Priests need special graces from God. We ask why pray for priests? We should pray for priests and bishops because this has been the practice of the Church since apostolic times. It's a matter of truth. It is a divine mandate." (Fr. John Hardon, *The Value of Prayer and Sacrifice for Priests*, The Real Presence Association, quoted by Beckman, *Praying for Priests: A Mission for the New Evangelization*, p 21). Priests are the spiritual head of the Body of Christ and therefore; Satan aims to spiritually decapitate the Body of Christ in mockery of the Eternal High Priest. Some spiritual writers refer to Mary as the spiritual neck of the Church connecting the members of Christ's body with the head, the priests in "persona Christi"—a beautiful analogy.

Spiritual motherhood of priests is our response of love for Jesus Christ. This Year of Mercy is an opportune time to practice a vital spiritual work of mercy: spiritual adoption of priests. May the Lord help you to discover this beautiful vocation within your vocation to His glory.

Visit www.foundationforpriests.org for more information on spiritual motherhood, fatherhood and spiritual warfare.