

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



"Whosoever shall eat this Bread, or drink this Chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord."
1 Corinthians 11:27

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: 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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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST (Fr. Lunney)

4:00 Janet Zilch – by John Zilch

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2ND – 22ND Sunday in Ord. Time (Fr. Campoli)

10:30 Paul & Ann LaFleur – by Family

MON., SEPT. 3RD – Pope St. Gregory the Great (Fr. Di Mascola)

9:00 Grace & Blessings for Dan Larvey – by Maureen Filiault

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH (Bishop Rozanski)

9:00 Maureen Filiault – by Joseph Milano

WED., SEPT. 5TH – St. Teresa of Calcutta (Deacon Nolan)

9:00 Shelly Tilton – by Laurie

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH (Our Seminarians)

9:00 Grace & Blessings for Dan Larvey – by Maureen Filiault

FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH (Deacon Rabbitt)

9:00 Joyce Tilton (5th Anniversary) – by Laurie

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8TH – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Clergy in Purgatory)

4:00 Living and departed members of the Fritz and Klepacki Families – by Family

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9TH – 23RD Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vocations)

10:30 George D. Nolan – 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 Cheryl Jubb at 413-774-5340 or aunthoney346@comcast.net 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 September 8 & 9

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, September 8

4:00 Kerry Semaski	Francis Campbell
Bill Randall	Joanne Yestramski
Hannah Lively	Winston LaBelle
Brian Luippold	Jason Semaski
Kathy Burrows	

Sunday, September 9

10:30 Bob Page	Mary Jane Bardwell
Judy Lapointe	Lionel Martin
Bob O'Connor	Joyce Thibodo
Suzanne Hunter	

Holy Trinity Church Weekend Mass Schedule
Sunday: 8:00 a.m and 10:30 a.m.

Poet's Seat Nursing Home:

Sunday, September 9 Deacon George & Lisa Nolan

Lectors / Cantors:

Sat., Sept. 8	4:00	Monica McCarthy / Jane Winchester
Sun., Sept. 9	10:30	Bob O'Connor / Brenda Hill



Mass Servers

Saturday, September 8

4:00 Piper Day, Penley Day

Sunday, September 9

10:30 Casey Christi, Angie Ortiz-Rodriguez

September 2, 2018

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

For a special intention- from John & Pat Berry

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

- 1.) **That Blessed Sacrament and Holy Trinity** may come together in peace and unity for the Glory of God – from Jackie Jurewicz
- 2.) **For Niece and Husband** – a Special Intention – From Jeanne Zoldak
- 3.) **Gregory R. Rice** – from Mother and Aunt Mary
- 4.) **Fr. Dennis Bombardier** – from Jackie Jurewicz

Holy Hour for Nonbelievers

We will have a Holy Hour on Sunday, September 2nd from 6:00-7:00 a.m. and again in the evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel to pray for nonbelievers. We encourage and invite everyone to come.

Children's Hour of Adoration

The guided children's hour of adoration is held on the first Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. Join us on September 6th. For more information, call Virginia Christi at 624-3467.

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins Tuesday, September 25th

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ. Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* at Blessed Sacrament Church beginning September 25th at 7:00 p.m. and continuing every Tuesday for 8 weeks. Registration forms are located at the entrances of the church. For more information, call Laurie or Maureen at 773-3311 or lltilton2@gmail.com.

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.

Scott Hahn to Speak

Don't miss Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lynn, Mass. on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 9:10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for a powerful presentation on the riches of our Catholic faith: the Creed, the Sacraments and Evangelizing Catholics. Best-selling author and renowned biblical scholar Scott Hahn will go deeper into the meaning of Scripture in the Church and our lives today. You will also have the opportunity to learn more about the St. Paul Center and their mission to promote biblical literacy from the heart of the Church. To register, contact Chris Carmody at 781-598-4907 or CCarmody@lynncatholic.org. Cost: \$25 Offices: 8 South Common Street Lynn, MA 01902 / School: 581 Boston Street Lynn, MA 01905

First Friday Mass

Friday, September 7th is the First Friday of the month in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

Novena for our Nation

August 15 through October 7, 2018

Praying the 54 Day Rosary Novena for our freedom and faith in America

The time is now to call upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our country and return it to holiness. Everyone from around the nation is encouraged to join ranks, as united, we pray the very powerful 54-Day Rosary Novena from the Feast of the Assumption on August 15 to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7.

We continue to live in peace-less times with laws and court rulings in conflict with God's laws; especially the disregard for the rights of the unborn, elderly and weak in our society and the attacks on marriage and family values. Society and many levels of government continue to demonstrate intolerance towards biblically based religious belief and practice. In conflict with First Amendment constitutional rights, persecution of traditional religious expression has reached historically high levels. We are in a Spiritual Battle.

We are called upon to help turn our country back towards God. We will accomplish that through prayer; prayer that can change hearts, change families, change our communities and change our country. *There is no stronger weapon in this Spiritual Battle than the Rosary.*

"If that nation against which I have spoken, shall repent of their evil, I also will repent of the evil that I have thought to do to them." (Jeremiah 18:8)

To sign up for daily reflections or more information visit NovenaForOurNation.com

CCD Registration

We are gearing up for our new CCD year and wanted to let you know that this year's registration will be handled differently. Please be sure to keep an eye open for upcoming bulletins with further information about this process. Also, if you have a child who will be entering first grade this year, it is important that you contact Laurie Tilton at lltilton2@gmail.com or 774-2918. Thank you so much.

Volunteers Needed

We are greatly in need of volunteers for the following activities:

- Greeters at the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass
- Greeters at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- Food Pantry help on Tuesdays at 9:30 at the rectory

Please consider using your gifts to help provide these key volunteer positions for our parish family. Call the rectory at 773-3311 if you are willing to offer your services. Thank you!

Spiritual Food for Thought

"Our Lord's love shines out just as much through a little soul who yields completely to His Grace as it does through the greatest . . . Just as the sun shines equally on the cedar and the little flower, so the Divine Sun shines equally on everyone, great and small. Everything is ordered for their good, just as in nature the seasons are so ordered that the smallest daisy comes to bloom at its appointed time." — St. Therese of Lisieux

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.

Claude, Death Row, and the Miraculous Medal

Ray Sullivan

There are many miracles that have taken place in the lives of people who are exposed to Mary's Miraculous Medal. Stories of conversion, salvation, healings, etc., are very common to those who wear and promote this blessed sacramental. One of the greatest of these stories is the story of Claude Newman, a black man from Arkansas who was born in 1923. Let's take a quick look at the life, and death, of this amazing child of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

His Story

When Claude was eleven, his grandmother married an abusive man named Sid Cook. They eventually split up, but his cruelty towards Claude's grandmother was more than young Claude could take. One day in 1942, he waited in ambush for Mr. Cook, shot him, stole his money, and then tried to hide out at his mother's house. He was eventually captured. He confessed to the murder, and was sentenced to die in the Mississippi electric chair in 1944, being all of 21 years old.

He shared a death row cell with four other prisoners, and one night, when they were talking, he noticed one of the other men wearing something around his neck.

Claude asked him what it was, and the other man, in a fit of rage, took it off of his neck and threw it on the ground. Claude picked it up, looked at it, and felt an attraction towards it. He had no idea that it was Mary's Miraculous Medal. He put it around his own neck, and then went to sleep.



Mary Appears

While in a deep sleep, Claude was soon awoken by a beautiful, glowing lady, who told Claude,

"If you want me to be your mother, and you to be my son, call for a Catholic priest."

Claude was obviously startled, but soon calmed down. As soon as the lady vanished, Claude yelled out, *"A ghost, a ghost!"* Then he told the guard that he had to see a priest as soon as possible. The next day, Father Robert O'Leary came to his cell. He began

instructing Claude in the Catholic faith, as well as the other four prisoners in his cell.

Claude's Instructions

Claude was totally illiterate, not being able to read or write anything. He had no previous religious instruction either. He knew that God existed, but had no clue about the reality of Jesus Christ. Father O'Leary taught him, and soon the other four prisoners were helping Claude with his studies as well. The nuns from Father's school were impressed by his story, and they also came by to see him. They visited the women prisoners there as well, and soon Claude's experience with Mary was converting people all through

the prison.

One day Father O'Leary was going to teach the prisoners about the sacrament of Confession, and Claude told him that that is when we think we are kneeling down before a priest to confess our sins, but we are really kneeling before Jesus! It is his precious blood that flows over us to heal us of our sinfulness! He said that confession is like a telephone, because we talk to God through it, and he talks back to us.

Mary's Message to Father O'Leary

Father and the nuns sat there in stunned silence, and he finally asked Claude if Mary had been to see him again to tell him this. *"Oh yes,"* said Claude. He then told the priest to come with him alone so that he could talk to him privately. He told the priest that Mary said that she is still waiting for Father to make good on a vow he made to her while lying in a ditch in Holland in 1940. He told the priest exactly what the vow was. Needless to say, Father O'Leary then believed all that Claude said, and eventually made good on his vow, which was to build a church in honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Father eventually built the church in 1947, in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

The Eucharist

One day, Father was going to teach the prisoners about the Eucharist. Claude asked him if he could first relate what Mary told him about it. When granted permission, Claude said the following:

"The Lady told me that in Communion, I will only see what looks like a piece of bread. But she told me

that it is really and truly Her Son, and that He will be with me just as He was with her before He was born in Bethlehem. She told me that I should spend my time like she did during her lifetime with Him— in loving Him, adoring Him, thanking Him, praising Him and asking Him for blessings. I shouldn't be distracted or bothered by anybody else or anything else, but I should spend those few minutes in my thoughts alone with Him.”

Claude's Mission

Claude was received into the Catholic Church on January 16, 1944, in **St. Mary's Parish** in Vicksburg, Mississippi. This happened only four days before he was to be executed on January 20. He was not sad about being executed, and even requested a party to be held as a final request. The warden reluctantly granted permission, and all of the prisoners were released to a common area to have cake and ice cream in Claude's honor. Father O'Leary and a rich parishioner supplied all of the goodies. Following the party, they did the Stations of the Cross, had a Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament, and prayed for Claude's soul. Fifteen minutes before his execution, a guard came running in and announced that the Governor had given Claude a two-week stay of execution.



Now here is where this amazing story really gets interesting. Claude was sad at this news, because he wanted to be free of prison and to be with the Blessed Virgin Mary. He didn't know what he had done wrong to be punished like this. Father told Claude that maybe God wanted him to offer up his suffering for the conversion of James Hughes, a former Catholic, now a filthy apostate prisoner, who hated Claude. He agreed, and secretly offered up his suffering and his prayers for Hughes' conversion during the two week delay.

Claude was finally executed on February 4, 1944. He joyfully went to his death, stunning the sheriff, the guards, and the reporters who witnessed him smiling as he was being strapped in the chair. His last words were to Father O'Leary:

“Father, I will remember you. And whenever you have a request, ask me, and I will ask her.”

James Hughes' Conversion

And what of James Hughes, the white prisoner who hated Claude? He was to be executed on May 19, 1944. Father O'Leary said of him:

“This man was the filthiest, most immoral person I had ever come across. His hatred for God and for everything spiritual defied description.”

James was going to his death totally unrepentant, a hater of God, man, and goodness. When the doctor went in to see him before the execution, he pleaded with him to kneel down and to say the “Our Father.” James spit in his face. When being strapped in, the sheriff told him that if he had any last words, to say them now. James agreed, and started to blaspheme God.

But then, Hughes started to stare at a corner of the room in amazement. The amazement soon turned to horror, and he screamed loud enough to wake the dead. He then asked the sheriff to get him a Catholic priest as soon as possible. Father O'Leary had been hiding in the room, behind the reporters, because he didn't want his presence to anger Hughes and cause him to blaspheme God any more than he already was. Father O'Leary then stepped forward, and James asked him to hear his confession. The room was cleared, and he confessed all of his sins with a deep remorse. He told Father that he had been raised a Catholic, but his immoral lifestyle caused him to leave, and to eventually hate, the Catholic Church.

When the sheriff returned, he asked Hughes what changed his mind. He told the sheriff:

“Remember that black man Claude – the one whom I hated so much? Well he's standing over in that corner. And behind him with one hand on each shoulder is the Blessed Virgin Mary. And Claude said to me, ‘I offered my death in union with Christ on the Cross for your salvation. She has obtained for you this gift of seeing your place in Hell if you do not repent.’ I have been shown my place in Hell, and that's why I screamed.”

Lessons Learned - So the lessons learned here are that confession and Holy Communion are real spiritual sacraments, not symbolic rituals, and that they change us to conform to God's will; offering up our suffering and prayers for those who hate us are part of God's will; Mary loves the humble, simple, and downtrodden person; the divine mercy of Christ extends to us even until the hour of our death; and wearing the Miraculous Medal will change our lives completely, because doing so invokes Mother Mary to lead us to conversion and to Heaven.

“Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.”