

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



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

"And why is this granted me, that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?"

Luke 1:43

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

Church

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Greenfield
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Sr. Rosa Torres, M.P.S.
413-459-7052



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH (Clergy in Purgatory)

4:00 Campbell and Clark Families – by Family

SUN., DEC. 30TH – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

10:30 Jim DeJoy – by Family (Fr. Reardon)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST – Pope St. Sylvester I (Fr. Aksamit)

9:00 Cynthia Sochocki – by Family

***4:00** Arthur E. Gilmore – by wife, Mary Ann Gilmore

TUESDAY, JAN 1ST – The Octave Day of the Nativity of the

Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation (Our Seminarians)

***10:30** Grace and Blessings for Mary Filiault – by Mom

WED., JAN. 2ND – Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

(Fr. Campoli)

9:00 Ruth Costello (Anniversary) – by Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3RD – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

(Fr. Reardon)

9:00 David Drews Keough – by sister, Ann Keough

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 4TH – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

(Deacon Nolan)

9:00 James J. Costello – by Family

FIRST SATURDAY, JAN. 5TH – St. John Neumann (Fr. Aksamit)

8:00 Grace and Blessings for Betty Fritz – by Family

4:00 Joseph Brozo, Jr. – by Wife and Family

SUNDAY, JAN. 6TH – The Epiphany of the Lord (Fr. Roux)

10:30 John Sabin – by Wife and 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.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 January 5 & 6

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, January 5

4:00	Deacon John Leary	Francis Campbell
	Hannah Lively	Monica McCarthy
	Brian Luippold	Joanne Yestramski
	Kathy Burrows	Winston LaBelle
	Cynn timer Erho	

Sunday, January 6

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

Holy Trinity Church Weekend Mass Schedule Sunday: 8:00 a.m and 10:30 a.m.
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Poet's Seat Nursing Home:

Sunday, Jan. 6 Bob O'Connor

Lectors / Cantors:

Sat., Jan. 5	4:00	Dennis Roux / Jane Winchester
Sun., Jan. 6	10:30	Bob O'Connor / Karlena Henry

Greeters:

4:00	Hannah Lively, Monica McCarthy
10:30	Prima Chadwick



Mass Servers

Saturday, January 5

4:00 Lauren Semaski, Leo Martinez

Sunday, January 6

10:30 Nathaniel Pierce, Michael Pierce

Requiescat In Pace

Patricia A. Feldman
Joseph S. Kordana, Jr.

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory/honor:
Alfred LeBeau, Sr. - from Marie Boynton

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

- 1.) **Pat Duffey** – from Bob Earley
- 2.) **Alfred LeBeau, Sr. & Alfred LeBeau, Jr.** – from Joyce Thibodo
- 3.) **For a special intention for John David C.** – from Claire Heath
- 4.) **Joseph Brozo, Jr.**-from Wife, Daughters and Grandchildren

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 January 3rd. For more information, call Virginia Christi at 624-3467.

First Friday and First Saturday Masses

Friday, January 4th is the First Friday of the month in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, January 5th is the First Saturday of the month in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass is at 8:00 a.m.

Annual Epiphany Party

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Annual Epiphany Party at the Fr. Casey Hall is cancelled for this year ONLY. So sorry for this but it will take place again next year, even bigger and better than before! God bless you all for your understanding.

March for Life

Catholics for Life, along with the Franklin County Deanery, are sponsoring a chartered bus to attend the Annual March for Life in Washington, DC on the 46th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. The bus will depart from Blessed Sacrament Church in Greenfield on Thursday evening, January 17th. We will spend Friday, January 18th in Washington, leaving at 4:00 p.m. We will arrive back in Greenfield early Saturday morning. **All students may attend at no charge; sponsorship will be available.** For additional information, please contact Deacon John Leary at deaconjohnleary@gmail.com or (413) 219-2734.

College of Our Lady of the Elms

A collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend for the College of Our Lady of the Elms. For more than 90 years, Elms College has been the Catholic college in the Diocese. The need for your support continues to be great, and we urge you to be as generous as possible, as this collection will go directly to the Founder’s Fund for Excellence, which supports student scholarships. There is an envelope in your packet for this purpose. More information is available at the Elms College website, www.elms.edu/give or by calling 413-265-2213.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Start the New Year out right enriching your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Catholic Youth Night at the Springfield Thunderbirds

Mark your calendar to join us for our Catholic Youth Night (for both Catholic Schools & Youth Ministry) on Sat., Feb. 2, 2019 at 7:05pm when the Springfield Thunderbirds take on the Utica Comets. Tickets are \$12 each and must be ordered by Jan. 30th <https://springfieldthunderbirds.formstack.com/forms/catholicyouth>.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1st

Holy Day of Obligation



Vigil, Monday, December 31st

4:00 p.m. – Blessed Sacrament

New Year’s Day – 8:00 a.m. – Holy Trinity

10:30 a.m. – Blessed Sacrament

Spiritual Food for Thought

"Since Jesus has gone to Heaven now, I can only follow the traces He has left behind. But how bright these traces are! How fragrant and divine! I have only to glance at the Gospels; at once this fragrance from the life of Jesus reaches me, and I know which way to run: to the lowest, not the highest place!"

— St. Therese of Lisieux

Holy Hour for Nonbelievers

We will have a Holy Hour on Wednesday, January 2nd from 8:00-9:00 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.

A Pilgrimage to Greece, Patmos, Ephesus Oct. 11-21, 2019

Join us on a spiritual journey to many towns of the New Testament where St. Paul first spread the Good News. Also visit Patmos where St. John wrote Revelations and Mary’s House in Ephesus. Included is a three-day cruise to the Greek Isles. Fr. Timothy Campoli and Msgr. Ronald Yargeau are our Spiritual Directors. Daily Mass will take place. The cost is \$4199 but if you register before January 31, 2019 you will receive a \$200 Early Bird Discount. A bus to Logan will be arranged if there is interest. For a flyer and more info., please contact Helen Shea Murphy at 413-824-8733 or helensheamurphy@verizon.net. View the website at www.pilgrimages.com/helensheamurphy.

New Year’s Eve Gala

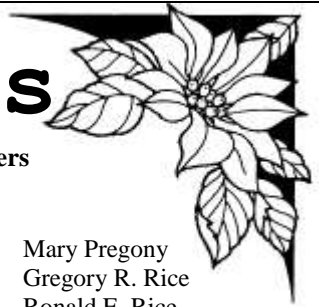
Join The Knights of Columbus Council 4044 for a **GATSBY** themed New Year’s Eve Gala at the Castle of Knights, 1599 Memorial Dr., Chicopee. Featuring a five-course dinner, dancing to the sounds of Dave Colucci and classic rock band **RIPPLE EFFECT**, a Casino and midnight champagne, this event has become the best venue to ring in the New Year and all for \$65. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dancing until 1a.m. Dressing for the theme is optional but jackets are required. For details go to www.kofc4044.com or 534-4749.

Christmas in Poland

The Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, Conn. Christmas-themed exhibit is about Poland this year. A variety of heavily embroidered, multicolored traditional Polish apparel is exhibited alongside the scores of Christmas artifacts. The centerpiece is a collection of spectacular szopki, folk-art crèches created annually by regular citizens in Kraków. They look like historical buildings in that city and they fly Polish flags, but they are occupied by the Holy Family, the wise men, the shepherds, angels, etc. The museum has recreated a Polish dining room, with a table set for a “wigilia,” a meatless Christmas Eve feast. Around the cottage are other artifacts of Polish Yuletide: gromice candles blessed on Candlemas; a book of carols; and opłatek, the Communion-like wafers with embossed religious designs. **Christmas in Poland (Boże Narodzenie w Polsce)** is at Knights of Columbus Museum, One State St. in New Haven, until Feb. 3. Admission and parking are free. “Christmas in Song,” a concert of traditional Polish Christmas carols performed by the Moniuszko Choir, will be Jan. 13 at 2:30 p.m. kofcmuseum.org.



Christmas Flowers



Donations Have Been Made to Blessed Sacrament Church for Christmas Flowers
In Memory/Honor of the Following Loved Ones

Dan & Mamie Azur
Robert Bacigalupo
Charlotte Baker
Barszewski Families
Walter & Bertha
Barszewski
Zigmond & Regina
Barszewski
John Beeten
Judith Beeten
Ann Belisle
Bernat Family
Eve Bogdanove
Marie Breau
Henry & Nellie Briggs
Julie Payne Britton
Arthur & Marie Brodeur
Harry & Helen Brodeur
Katherine Brozo
Kathleen Burrows
Babe Campbell
Charles & Doris Cannon
Casey and Folger
Families

Paul & Janet Charpentier
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Croteau Family
Hal Dandeneau
Jim & Hilda DeJoy
Raymond Dorhamer
Sophie Dymerski
Walter Dymerski
Steve Eddy, Sr.
Jane Fox
Frechette Family
Larry Gagnon
Arthur Gilmore, Jr.
Goodrich Family
Grogan & Trimarchi
Families
David F. Guy
Richard O. Guy
Billy Haufler
Mr. & Mrs. William
Haufler
Esther Hickok
Dick Howard
Nancy Issotti

Jessica Dandeneau
Jackson
Larry Jubb, Sr.
Yvonne Jubb
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kicza,
Sr.
Betty Kirkwood
Napolean Kirouac
Zoriade Kirouac
Brian Klinker
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Jeanette Knower
Kathleen Knower
Richard Knower
Kathleen Konopka
Kathy & Milton Lancto
Gary LeBlanc
Roger LeBlanc
Roseanna Lemay
John & Evelyn Luippold
Luippold and Casey
Families
Delphine Martin
Wilfred Martin
Helen Marynok

Kori McElaney
Gary Melen
Joey Merlino
Michalowski Families
Stanley & Josephine
Michalowski Families
Justin Moore
Richard Morrissey
James P. Moscillo
Rosie Moscillo
Amanda Motisi & Family
Brenda L. Motisi
Fern C. Motisi
Robert Murray
Edmund J. Paquette
Lora Paquette
Harland & Mary Parrott
Parrott and Rogers
Families
Petersante-Morey
Families
Rosario Petrin Family
Anthony Pregony, Jr.
Anthony Pregony, Sr.
Joseph Pregony

Mary Pregony
Gregory R. Rice
Ronald E. Rice
Marie Richards
Connie Rock-John
Gert Scott
Catherine Shippee
Edward Shippee
Helen Shippee
Frank Stafford
Kay Stafford
Earl & Mary Turner
Charlie & Helen
Vielmetti
Mr. & Mrs. Jacob
Vielmetti
Mary Ann Moscillo
Vielmetti
Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Vielmetti
Jacob Willis
Dutchie Yungmans
Edward Zak
Lillian Zak
Louis T. Zak

January, Month of the Holy Name

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31	1	2	3	4	5
	*Vigil Mass - 4:00 p.m.	Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God *Holy Day of Obligation Mass - 10:30 a.m.	St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen Holy Hour for Nonbelievers 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying 7 p.m. Sanc. Choir 7 p.m.	The Most Holy Name of Jesus Children's Adoration 4:00 p.m.	First Friday Mass 9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	First Saturday Mass 8:00 a.m. St. John Neumann
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
The Epiphany of the Lord	St. Raymond of Peñafort Roses for Mary Prayer Group Hearts of Jesus and Mary Pr. Gr. 1 p.m.		Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying 7 p.m. Sanc. Choir 7 p.m.			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
The Baptism of the Lord Holy Hour for Vocations 7 p.m.	Roses for Mary Prayer Group Parish Council 6:30 p.m.		Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying 7 p.m. Sanc. Choir 7 p.m. No RCIA.	St. Anthony the Abbot	March for Life in Washington, DC	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Agnes Roses for Mary Prayer Group Hearts of Jesus and Mary Pr. Gr. 1 p.m.	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	St. Vincent St. Marianne Cope Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying 7 p.m. Sanc. Choir 7 p.m.	St. Francis de Sales	The Conversion of St. Paul	St. Timothy and St. Titus
27	28	29	30	31		
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time First Communion Parent meeting - Temple - 9:15 a.m.	St. Thomas Aquinas Roses for Mary Prayer Group Holy Rosary Sodality - 6:30 p.m.	Comm. Meal - 2 nd Cong. Ch. 5:30 p.m.	Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying 7 p.m. Sanc. Choir 7 p.m.	St. John Bosco		

THE CIRCUMCISION

by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Eight days later the time came to circumcise Him, and He was given the name of Jesus, the name given by the Angel before He was conceived.

[Luke 2:21]

Circumcision was the symbol of the covenant between God and Abraham and his seed, and took place on the eighth day; circumcision presumed that the person circumcised was a sinner. The Babe was now taking the sinner's place—something He was to do all through His Life. Circumcision was a sign and token of membership in the body of Israel. Mere human birth did not bring a child into the body of God's chosen people. Another rite was required, as recorded in the Book of Genesis:

God said to Abraham, For your part, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you, generation by generation. This is how you shall keep my covenant between myself and you and your descendants after you: circumcise yourselves, every male among you. [Genesis 17:9-11]

Circumcision in the Old Testament was a prefiguring of Baptism in the New Testament. Both symbolize a renunciation of the flesh with its sins. The first was done by wounding of the body; the second, by cleansing the soul. The first incorporated the child into the body of Israel; the second incorporates the child into the body of the new Israel or the Church. The term "Circumcision" was later used in the Scriptures to reveal the spiritual significance of applying the Cross to the flesh through self-discipline. Moses, in the Book of Deuteronomy clearly spoke of circumcising the heart. Jeremiah also used the same expression. St. Stephen, in his last address before being killed, told his hearers that they were uncircumcised in heart and ears. By submitting to this rite, which He need not have done because He was sinless, the Son of God made man satisfied the demands of His nation, just as He was to keep all the other Hebrew regulations. He kept the Passover; He observed the Sabbath; He went up to the Feasts; He obeyed the Old Law until the time came for Him to fulfill it by realizing and spiritualizing its shadowy prefigurements of God's dispensation. In the



Circumcision of the Divine Child there was a dim suggestion and hint of Calvary, in the precious surrendering of blood. The shadow of the Cross was already hanging over a child eight days old. He would have seven blood-sheddings of which this was the first, the others being the Agony in the Garden, the Scourging, the Crowning with Thorns, the Way of the Cross, the Crucifixion, and the Piercing of His Heart. But whenever there was an indication of Calvary, there was also some sign of glory; and it was at this moment when He was anticipating Calvary by shedding His blood that the name of Jesus was bestowed on Him.

A child only eight days old was already beginning the blood-shedding that would fulfill His perfect manhood. The cradle was tinged with crimson, a token of Calvary. The Precious Blood was beginning its long pilgrimage. Within an octave of His birth, Christ obeyed a law of which He Himself was the Author, a law which was to find its last application in Him. There had been sin in human blood, and now blood was already being poured out to do away with sin. As the East catches at sunset the colors of the West, so does the Circumcision reflect Calvary.

Must He begin redeeming all at once? Cannot the Cross wait? There will be plenty of time for it. Coming straight from the Father's Arm to the arms of His earthly mother, He is carried in her arms to His first Calvary. Many years later He will be taken from her arms again, after the bruising of the flesh on the Cross, when the Father's work is done.