

# 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

## Church

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## Organist/Choir Director

Stephen Glover  
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## Calvary Cemetery

Wisdom Way, Greenfield  
413-773-3311

## Alternatives Pregnancy Center

Pregnancy Tests, Counseling,  
Support, Post Abortion Support  
413-774-6010

## Natural Family Planning

Ed & Suzi Cottrill  
413-772-6062



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH (Our Deacon Candidates)

4:00 Deceased members of the Knox Family – by Norman Knox

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vocations)

10:30 Henry & Nellie Briggs – by daughter, Norma and Family MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH – St. Peter Claver (Deacon Patten)

9:00 Grace and Blessings for Mary Filiault – by Mom

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH (Clergy who are sick)

9:00 Hope Ann Eagens – by Tuturice & Holan Families

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH (Deacon Bucci)

9:00 Butch Gochinski – by Denise Rueb

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12TH – The Most Holy Name of Mary (Fr. Lisowski)

9:00 Deceased members of the John E. Kiley Family

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13TH – St. John Chrysostom (Deacon Ratté)

9:00 Richard Letourneau (23rd Anniversary) – by Family

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14TH – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

4:00 Stella Lachapelle – by Family (Fr. Lunney)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15TH – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 George D. Nolan – by Family (Fr. Reardon)

\*\*\*\*\* REMINDER: ♦ Please join with us in praying the Rosary before each daily Mass at 8:15 a.m. and before the 4:00 p.m. Saturday 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 September 14 & 15

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, September 14

- 4:00 Deacon Bob O'Connor Joanne Yestramski
Brian Luippold Winston LaBelle
Kathy Burrows Jason Semaski
Cynn timer Erho Kerry Semaski
Francis Campbell

Sunday, September 15

- 10:30 Deacon Bob O'Connor Suzanne Hunter
Joyce Thibodo Doris Martin
Bob Page Lionel Martin
Judy Lapointe

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

Poet's Seat Nursing Home:

Sunday, Sept. 15 Deacon George and Lisa Nolan

Lectors / Cantors:

- Sat., Sept. 14 4:00 Monica McCarthy / Jackie Jurewicz
Sun., Sept. 15 10:30 Marie Boynton / Karlena Henry



Mass Servers

Saturday, September 14

- 4:00 Leo Martinez, Crimson Helenek, Connor Livingstone

Sunday, September 15

- 10:30 Casey Christi, Sean Pierce

**September 8, 2019**

***Requiescat In Pace***

Todd A. Fox  
Louise M. Miniuks

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

**Ramon & Laura Conception** - from Edward Bueno

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

- 1.) **Raymond Dorhamer** - from wife, Barbara
- 2.) **William Rugg** – from Betsy & Donald Grybko
- 3.) **Judy Lapointe** – from Mary Greene
- 4.) **Patricia Duffey Earley** - from Robert Earley

**Altar Server Training**

On Sunday, September 8, Deacon George Nolan will be training Altar Servers in the church from 11:40 AM to 12:40 PM. Any child who has made his or her First Communion is eligible to serve. Children interested in serving must attend. Altar Servers form a very important part of the church and our parish is enriched through their dedication and service. It is a very important responsibility, and requires a sincere commitment. Please contact Deacon George at [gnolan5366@gmail.com](mailto:gnolan5366@gmail.com) or 413-523-3394 to register.

**Holy Hour for Vocations**

Please come to a Holy Hour for Vocations on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Seeking a Director for Alternative Pregnancy Center**

Alternatives Pregnancy Center is a Christian organization which has been providing services to pregnant women for over 30 years, helping them make the choice of life for their babies. If women have had an abortion, counselors help with the emotional aftermath. Alternatives is seeking candidates for the part time position of Director. The candidate should be strongly pro-life and be able to organize an office, have effective communication skills used to interact with clients and staff, manage a budget, meet with other agencies to advertise the services of Alternatives, hire and train new staff, and work effectively with the Board of Directors. If you are interested please contact Helen Shea Murphy at 413-773-8890 or [helensheamurphy@verizon.net](mailto:helensheamurphy@verizon.net) for more information.

**Food Pantry**

Please remember to leave your non-perishable donations at the doors of the church for our Food Pantry. We need cold cereal, spaghetti sauce, tuna fish, baked beans, hearty soups, canned ravioli, jello, pudding and desserts. Thank you!

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Gift Shop**

Attention! The Gift shop is moving from its current location at the Parish Hall behind the St. John Cantius Church at 10 Hawley St., Northampton to the Youth Center at 87 Beacon St., Florence, next to Annunciation Chapel. Grand Re-Opening will be on Oct. 18 & 19 (Fri. & Sat. 11am – 1pm.) Huge Sales: many items 50% off and some free will take place on two weekends only, Sept. 6 & 7 & Sept 13 & 14 (11am. – 1pm.). Come take advantage of the sales.

**Polish Night**

The Greenfield Moose Lodge Polish Night will be Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Cocktails - 5 p.m.; Dinner – 6 p.m.; Eddie Forman Orch. – 7 p.m. Tickets \$25; dancing only \$10. Tickets are available at the Lodge (20 School St. – 773-9030) after 3 p.m. daily or noon on week-ends. Menu includes: pierogi, gołabki, kielbasa, kapusta, sides and more by chef Wanda Muzyka Pyfrom & Team.

***Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Spiritual Food for Thought**

"Even on the cross He did not hide Himself from sight; rather, He made all creation witness to the presence of its Maker. Then, having once let it be seen that it was truly dead, He did not allow that temple of His body to linger long, but forthwith on the third day raised it up, impassible and incorruptible, the pledge and token of His victory."

— St. Athanasius of Alexandria

**Catholics for the Unborn**

Please join Catholics for the Unborn for a pro-life vigil on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Holy Spirit Chapel, St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. The vigil begins with Exposition, Recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet then Adoration. At 12 noon there will be Benediction followed by Daily Mass. Please support our efforts to protect innocent unborn life through prayer. Come for part or the whole vigil. For more information, call Marilyn at 567-6085.

**National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Unborn**

On Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Pro-Life of Pioneer Valley in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Unborn will be holding a Mass at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Southwick, Mass. at 11am. After Mass prayers will take place at the church's monument to the unborn behind the church in the St. Joseph's Courtyard followed by a lunch at the church hall. Please join us. The National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children 2019 is sponsored by Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League. The groups are calling on pro-life Americans to honor the gravesites and monuments of our aborted brothers and sisters.



**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).

**Marriage Help Available-local program starting Sept. 27**

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love. The next local weekend is Sept. 27-29, 2019. For info., call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email [helds4marriage@gmail.com](mailto:helds4marriage@gmail.com) or go to our website [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) for information & registration.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Put God first in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sept. 14-15, 2019 in Medway, MA and Oct. 18-20, 2019 in Laconia, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

**Polish Junior League of Massachusetts**

The Polish Junior League of Massachusetts will hold its Annual Scholarship Fashion Show at 12 noon on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Castle of Knights Banquet Hall, 1599 Memorial Avenue, Chicopee. Fashions will be provided by The Little Black Dress in Enfield, and all proceeds will be awarded to college students of Polish heritage. Tickets are \$35 and include a choice of three lunch entrees. Deadline for tickets is October 11<sup>th</sup>. For tickets and information, please call Eileen at (413) 243-2228.



## About the National Day of Remembrance

On Saturday, September 14, 2019, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League will co-sponsor the 7<sup>th</sup> annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, calling on pro-life Americans to honor the gravesites of our aborted brothers and sisters.



Solemn prayer vigils will be conducted at these gravesites, of which there are 52 across the United States, as well as at dozens of other sites dedicated in memory of aborted children.

### Why Visit the Gravesites of the Aborted Unborn?

When people become truly aware of the reality of abortion, they can more easily cut through the lies by which some try to justify it, and the natural apathy to which human nature is inclined. Even pro-life people are thrust into a higher level of commitment and activism.

Touching this reality happens in various ways: hearing a vivid description of the procedure, seeing diagrams of it or images of aborted children, hearing a woman's personal testimony of regret over her abortion.

This impact, whereby abortion no longer remains an abstraction, can be brought to an even more profound level when experienced during an event, such as the funeral for an aborted baby.

Tens of thousands of these children have been retrieved and buried at gravesites across our country. The stories of how they were killed, how they were found, and how they were buried, along with the pictures and videos that document those events, are powerful tools to awaken the consciences of our fellow citizens.

But while a funeral and burial for an aborted baby may be a relatively rare event, the opportunity to visit the burial places and recall how those children got there does not have to be rare—in fact, it shouldn't be.

Pro-lifers should be visiting these gravesites—and other memorial sites dedicated to aborted babies—as a regular part of their pro-life witness. That's what the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is all about.

### National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Unborn – Our Lady of the Lake, Southwick

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# Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14 is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.  
A brief history of how this feast came to be celebrated in the Church.

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross originated in the Church in Jerusalem. From the middle of the fourth century it was celebrated on 13 September, the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica erected on Golgotha under Constantine. According to the account written by a fourth-century pilgrim named Egeria, a relic of our Lord's Cross had been found on that date a few years earlier. The "exaltation" or "raising up" of the Cross took place on the second day of the octave of the dedication; on that day, according to a liturgical book of the time, *the venerable Cross is solemnly shown to all the Christian people*. At the present time the most characteristic rite of this feast in the Byzantine liturgy is the priest raising the Cross above all the people's heads, blessing them and turning to the four points of the compass, while the choir intones the *Kyrie Eleison* a hundred times at each point. Afterwards the faithful come forward to venerate the Cross and to receive one of the flowers decorating the place where the Cross has lain. In the Eastern Churches this feast is so important that it is considered an Autumn Easter.

In Rome, from the beginning of the sixth century, 3 May was commemorated in the Vatican Basilica as a parallel feast, the Finding of the Holy Cross. In the middle of the seventh century the Vatican Basilica adopted the Jerusalem custom of venerating a fragment of the relic of the Cross (called the *lignum crucis*) on 14 September. Pope Sergius (687-701) transferred the custom to the Lateran Basilica, giving it extra solemnity, such that by the eighth century the feast had spread all over the Christian West.

In the Roman liturgy the preface of the Mass reminds us that since the tree of Paradise was the place of mankind's fall, God has wanted the Cross to be the new tree that would save us: "*ut unde mors oriebatur, inde vita resurgeret*, so that

where death arose, life might again spring forth." [1] The readings emphasize the lifting up of Christ on the wood of the Cross as an anticipation of his being raised into glory, and as the "magnet" that would draw all creatures: *and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.* [2] The Cross is the place of Jesus' triumph, and from it, he wants us to help spread his reign. "Christ our Lord was crucified; from the height of the Cross he redeemed the world, thereby restoring peace between God and men. Jesus reminds all of us, 'And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to myself' (*Jn 12:32*). If you put me at the center of all earthly activities, he is saying, by fulfilling the duty of each moment in what appears important and what appears unimportant, I will draw

everything to myself. My kingdom among you will be a reality!" [3]

Saint Josemaria always wore a reliquary round his neck in the form of a cross containing a *lignum crucis*, a fragment of the True Cross. It was a manifestation of his devotion to the Holy Cross in the loving fulfilment of everyday duties. There are hundreds of ways, also small ones, to express this devotion in daily life, such as making the sign of the cross when saying grace before and after meals: "That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need." [4]

[1] Roman Missal, Preface of the Holy Cross.

[2] *Jn 12:32*.

[3] *Christ is Passing By*, no. 183.

[4] Pope Francis, Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, 24 May 2015, no. 227.

