

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



Jesus Takes Up His Cross

First Sunday of Lent

*And when they had mocked Him, they
stripped Him of the purple cloak, and
put His own clothes on Him.*

*And they led Him out
to crucify Him.*

Mark 15:20

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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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, FEBRUARY 29TH (Fr. Bermudez)

4:00 Annie & Andrew Dedinas – by daughter,
Birute Hanley

SUNDAY, MAR. 1ST – First Sunday of Lent (Clergy who are sick)

10:30 Stella Lachapelle – by Family

2:00 Lenten Penance Service – Blessed Sacrament

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND (Fr. Campoli)

9:00 Paul and Ann LaFleur – by Family

6:30 Stations of the Cross

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD – St. Katharine Drexel (Fr. Lunney)

9:00 James Weaver – by Jim Linker and Diana Keane

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH – St. Casimir (Clergy in Purgatory)

9:00 James Weaver – by Jim Linker and Diana Keane

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH (Fr. O'Mannion)

9:00 Health and Blessings for the Pavoni Family – by
Sandra Pavoni

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH (Deacon DeCarlo)

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

FIRST SATURDAY, MAR. 7TH – Sts. Perpetual and Felicity

(Fr. Roach)

8:00 Grace and Blessings for Mary Filiault – by Mom

4:00 Health and Blessings for Wayne & Paulette Cottrill –
By a Friend

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH – Second Sunday of Lent

(Bishop Rozanski and Vocations)

10:30 David F. Guy (7th Anniversary) – by Mom and Family

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 March 7 & 8

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, March 7

4:00	Deacon Paul DeCarlo	Kathy Burrows
	Kerry Semaski	Cynn timer Erho
	Hannah Lively	Francis Campbell
	Brian Luippold	

Sunday, March 8

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

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, Mar. 8 Deacon John and Donna Leary

Lectors / Cantors:

Sat., Mar. 7	4:00	Wayne Cottrill / Sandra Pavoni
Sun., Mar. 8	10:30	Dennis Roux / Jane Winchester



Mass Servers

Saturday, March 7

4:00 Simon Helenek, Crimson Helenek, Connor Livingstone

Sunday, March 8

10:30 Nathaniel Pierce, Michael Pierce

Requiescat In Pace

Sister Doris Exford, SP
Rachel D. Kociela

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

Justin J. Moore – from Mary Lou

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

- 1.) **Harland Parrott** – from Alan and Mary
- 2.) **Mary Parrott** – from Alan and Mary
- 3.) **For a special intention** – from Anonymous
- 4.) **Patricia Duffey Earley** - from Robert Earley

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 March 5th. For more information, call Virginia Christi at 624-3467.

First Friday and First Saturday Masses

Friday, March 6th is the First Friday of the month in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, March 7th is the First Saturday of the month in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass is at 8:00 a.m.

It’s time to register for the Catholic Life Conference!

Forgiveness. Is it possible? Acceptance. Can I find it? Weariness. Is there an antidote? Hurt. Is there an answer? The Catholic Life Conference asks “Why are YOU Catholic?” and presents one big day together with these questions in our hearts. TOGETHER we will seek encouragement for our needs, together we will hear speakers who can share from their lives, and together we will experience God drawing near to us in the Sacraments. We are in this TOGETHER. The Catholic Life Conference, MassMutual Center, Springfield, March 21, 2020, 8:30am-5:30pm. This is for you and those you love, Catholics of Western Massachusetts! Register today!



catholiclifeconference.org

Catholic Life Conference **Carpool and Sponsorships available**
Sponsorships are available to offset the conference cost for adults to \$25. Please contact Deacon John Leary if you need this. If you are interested in car-pooling, please contact Virginia Christi at 413-624-3467.

Contribution Report

We are now sending out the 2019 annual contribution reports to those who request that we do so. If you would like to have a printout of your yearly giving to the church for tax purposes, please call the rectory on weekdays during business hours.

Food Pantry

Please remember to leave your non-perishable donations at the doors of the church for our Food Pantry. We especially need canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce and desserts. Thank you!

Live Presentation of the Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 20 - 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish
29 Sugarloaf Street, South Deerfield, Mass.

The Immaculate Heart Central High School Mystery Players from Watertown, NY, present, in a creative way, the centuries old stations. They bring the stations to the modern level through the use of special lighting, music, pantomime, and paraliturgical readings. Using the sanctuary of the church as a stage, the Paschal Mystery is recreated in a moving, dramatic presentation. Please be advised that small children may be frightened due to the nature of the play. Please refrain from taking pictures during the actual event. Fellowship to follow presentation.

Spiritual Food for Thought

"The Cross is the way to Paradise, but only when it is borne willingly."— St. Paul of the Cross

Holy Hour for Nonbelievers

We will have a Holy Hour on Monday, March 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. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Monday evening during Lent at 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Penance Service

To prepare for the Lenten season and for Easter the parishes of Blessed Sacrament and Holy Trinity, welcome you to a Lenten Penance Service on **Sunday, March 1st at 2:00 p.m.** in Blessed Sacrament Church. Many visiting priests will gather with us and be available for confessions. This is a wonderful way to enter into the season of Lent. It is a time of grace, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Invite someone who has been away from the Church for a long time.

Lenten Series

Fr. Henry Dorsch will give a series of reflections during Lent beginning on Tuesday, March 3, and continuing each Tuesday evening of Lent through March 24 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Fr. Casey Hall at Holy Trinity Church. All are welcome

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

On Ash Wednesday, the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal got underway. Are you one of the thousands of faithful who practice your Catholic faith but never consider contributing to the campaign? If it’s because you don’t know where the money goes - please take the time to read the brochure and learn about the service agencies and ministries of the diocese who rely on support from the ACA. No matter the size of your donation, it is used to feed the hungry, protect the unborn, to educate: children, adults, and future priests, to support our youth, care for the dying and those who grieve. Your gift puts your Catholic faith into action in Western Massachusetts. Please prayerfully consider giving. Thank you.






Alternatives Thanks You

As we put the Christmas Gifts for the Manger away in our closet at Alternatives, we prayed that the Blessed Mother would send mothers and fathers in need of support so we can share these gifts with them. Our friends at Blessed Sacrament have been so generous for so many years and in so many ways. Your support gives us, the Staff of Alternatives, so much encouragement. Please remember Alternatives when you encounter a mother in an unplanned pregnancy, or a mother who has had an abortion and is suffering, or a family member who has been affected by abortion. Our counselors are here and ready to help at 413-774-6010. Thank you.

Easter Bazaar and Spring Gaik

The annual Easter Bazaar and Spring Gaik will be held at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 84 K Street, Turners Falls, Mass. on Saturday, April 4th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the church undercroft and the St. Thérèse Catechism Center. Included will be a Polish food sale, items from Poland, religious goods, sacramental gifts, bake sale, Easter and spring crafts, Chinese raffle, white elephant table and more. Breakfast and lunch will be served. For more information, call 413-863-4748.

March, Month of St. Joseph

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Lent 2:00 Lenten Penance Service – Blessed Sacrament	2 Roses for Mary PG HH for Nonbelievers – 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Hearts of Jesus and Mary Pr. Gr. 1 p.m. Stations – 6:30 p.m.	3 St. Katharine Drexel Lenten Talks – Holy Trinity Fr. Casey Hall - 7-8 p.m. Fr. Dorsch	4 St. Casimir Sanc. Choir 7 p.m. Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying 7 p.m.	5 Children's Adoration Hour – 4 p.m.	6  First Friday Mass – 9:00 a.m.	7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity First Saturday Mass – 8:00 a.m.
8 Second Sunday of Lent	9 St. Frances of Rome Roses for Mary PG Stations – 6:30 p.m.	10 Lenten Talks – Holy Trinity Fr. Casey Hall - 7-8 p.m. Fr. Dorsch	11 Sanc. Choir 7 p.m. Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying 7 p.m.	12	13 	14
15 Third Sunday of Lent	16 Roses for Mary PG Hearts of Jesus and Mary Pr. Gr. 1 p.m. Stations – 6:30 p.m.	17 St. Patrick Lenten Talks – Holy Trinity Fr. Casey Hall - 7-8 p.m. Fr. Dorsch	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem Sanc. Choir 7 p.m. Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying 7 p.m.	19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	20 	21  Mass Mutual Center Springfield
22 Fourth Sunday of Lent	23 St. Turbibus of Mogrovejo Roses for Mary PG Stations – 6:30 p.m.	24 St. Oscar Romero Lenten Talks – Holy Trinity Fr. Casey Hall - 7-8 p.m. Fr. Dorsch	25 The Annunciation of the Lord Sanc. Choir 7 p.m. Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying 7 p.m. No RCIA	26	27 	28
29 Fifth Sunday of Lent	30 Roses for Mary PG Stations – 6:30 p.m. Holy Rosary Sodality	31 Comm. Meal – 2 nd Cong. Ch. 5:30 p.m.				

Confess My Sins to a Priest? Why Can't I Just Talk to God?

Our Lord gave the power to forgive sins to the Apostles, who in turn passed it along to their successors, the bishops and priests.

Kathy Schiffer

If you're Catholic, you've heard this before, right? Your Protestant friend says, "Why should I confess my sins to a priest?" Chances are he's going to offer one of two arguments:

- I have a personal relationship with Jesus. I can talk to God directly.
- Jesus is the only mediator between God and man.

Well, that's easy! Your first counter-argument can be an explanation: We're simply doing what Jesus told us to do.

Catholics don't just confess their sins to a priest. The priest is an "alter Christus"; that is, he stands in for Christ. When a Catholic confesses his sins in the presence of a priest, it is Christ he's talking to *through* the priest, and Christ who is offering forgiveness.

Why would I believe such a thing? The Bible tells me so!

In Matthew 16:18-19, Jesus gives the power to forgive sins to Peter and to his successors. "And so I say to you," says Christ,

"...you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Of course, even if Jesus said something only once, we are obligated to believe it. In this case, though, he chose to really emphasize the importance of the teaching. Again in Matthew 18:18, the Savior says:

"Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

Still not convinced? Read His words in John 20:21-22 with an open mind, and see if you can come up with another explanation. Jesus said:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

As he walked along the roads near Jerusalem, teaching the people, Christ forgave sins. But he was leaving: He would soon suffer death on the cross, would rise and would return to heaven at the Ascension. How would his followers know that they were forgiven, when they couldn't hear those words from Christ in person?

Christ promised to be with his Church until the end of time; but he wouldn't be here on earth physically and visibly. He delegated the power to forgive sins to other men, the Apostles who would lead his Church, so that future generations could feel confident that they were forgiven. He gave the power to forgive sins to the Apostles, who in turn passed it along to their successors, the bishops and priests.

So plan this week, as Lent is getting underway, to take advantage of this sacrament of healing, this great gift which Christ left for you.

