

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 Speaks to the Women of Jerusalem

Third Sunday of Lent

And there followed Him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented Him. But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

(Luke 23:27)

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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Support, Post Abortion Support
413-774-6010

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Ed & Suzi Cottrill
413-772-6062



SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH (Fr. Lisowski)
 4:00 Robert Brouillet – by Theresa Fanelli
SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH – Third Sunday of Lent
 (Bishop McDonnell)
 10:30 Lionel M. & James Martin – by Knight of Columbus
 Council #133
MONDAY, MARCH 16TH (Deacon Nolan)
 9:00 Jane Bourbeau – by Andrea York
6:30 Stations of the Cross
TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH – St. Patrick (Deacon Culliton)
 9:00 Martin Leo & Frances B. Coyne
WED., MARCH 18TH – St. Cyril of Jerusalem (Deacon Leary)
 9:00 Frank Provencal – by Eichorn Family
THURS., MARCH 19TH – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary
 (Fr. Aksamit)
 9:00 Grace and Blessings for Mary Filiault – by Mom
FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH (Deacon Ratté)
 9:00 Virginia McGinn – by Family
SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST (Fr. Goni)
 4:00 Janet Zilch – by Mike Zilch
SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND – Fourth Sunday of Lent
 (Msgr. Yargeau)
 10:30 Frank Provencal, Sr. – by Jay and Ann Dillon

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 21 & 22

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, March 21

4:00	Deacon Paul DeCarlo	Monica McCarthy
	Kathy Burrows	Joanne Yestramski
	Cynnie Erho	Winston LaBelle
	Francis Campbell	

Sunday, March 22

10:30	Deacon Paul DeCarlo	Judy Lapointe
	Donna Leary	Lionel Martin
	Joyce Thibodo	Doris Martin
	Bob Page	

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

Poet's Seat Nursing Home:

Sunday, March 22 Deacon John and Donna Leary

Lectors / Cantors:

Sat., March 21	4:00	Jason Semaski / Jackie Jurewicz
Sun., March 22	10:30	Mike Motisi / Brenda Hill



Saturday, March 21

4:00 Lauren Semaski, Jason Semaski, Leo Martinez

Sunday, March 22

10:30 Mike Motisi, Joshua Lively, Seth Lively

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week in memory/honor:
Marta Valle – from Ovidio Martinez

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

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

Stations of the Cross

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

Lenten Series

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

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.

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

“Our Faith, Our Future”, the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal continues to accept your donations and pledges. Your support funds ministries and service agencies to your neighbors in need. Thank you to those who have made a gift or a pledge. If you have not made a donation, please use the envelopes at Mass this weekend or go on line to <http://diospringfield.org/aca/> and click on the secure link. 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 info., call 413-863-4748.

150th Springfield Diocesan Anniversary Historical Facts

Springfield Diocese Founded - Boston Bishop John Williams petitions the Vatican to split his diocese in two, claiming it “too large to give it the necessary care.” Pope Pius IX hears the plea and, in 1870, the pontiff establishes the Springfield Diocese naming Father Patrick T. O’Reilly, pastor of St. John’s in Worcester, as its first bishop. At 37, O’Reilly is the youngest bishop in the country at the time.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Due to the success of our Pilgrimage to Lourdes last September, St. Anthony Church on Island Pond Road, Springfield is organizing another Pilgrimage trip there. It will be from June 17-24, 2020. It will include Paris, Versailles and St. Therese of Lisieux and Lourdes. To register and further information contact Fr. George Zina at St. Anthony Church 413-732-0589 or Giuseppe Polimeni 413-262-6562.

Spiritual Food for Thought

“Fix your minds on the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Inflamed with love for us, He came down from heaven to redeem us. For our sake He endured every torment of body and soul and shrank from no bodily pain. He himself gave us an example of perfect patience and love. We, then, are to be patient in adversity.” — St. Francis of Paola

Statement from President Trump

On Ash Wednesday, the White House released a statement from President Trump.

“For Catholics and many other Christians,” it reads, “Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season that concludes with the joyful celebration of Easter Sunday. Today, millions of Christians will be marked on their foreheads with the sign of the cross. The imposition of ashes is an invitation to spend time during Lent fasting, praying, and engaging in acts of charity. This powerful and sacred tradition reminds us of our shared mortality, Christ’s saving love, and the need to repent and accept the Gospel more fully. We join in prayer with everyone observing this holy day and wish you a prayerful Lenten journey. May you grow closer to God in your faith during this blessed season.” www.crisismagazine.com

Presentation at Holy Family Church

Greg and Aimée Wasinski will present “Faith, Hope, Love – It’s about more than belief” a free two evening event at Holy Family Parish in South Deerfield on Sunday, March 29 at 1:00 p.m. and Monday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m. Each night combines personal stories, faith-based inspiration, and musical reflections that open us up to rely on faith, hope and love. No matter where you are on your journey, you will find God in new ways. Aimée and Greg are from Cleveland, Ohio. Greg is a full-time inspirational speaker and radio host. Aimée is a former professional actress in musical theatre. They are the parents of two teenagers and married for 25 years. Visit faithandrealife.com.

Frassati Fellowship of Brattleboro

Young adults, ages 18 to 39, are welcome to join the Frassati Fellowship of Brattleboro for a St. Patrick's Day dinner party on Tuesday, March 17 at 6 p.m. (after 5:15 daily Mass) at St. Brigid's Kitchen, 38 Walnut Street, Brattleboro, Vt. Bring a prayer intention and a Rosary! Contact Dan Berger with any questions: dan.berger@protonmail.com, 802-451-0247.

Stash Bash

A Stash Bash will be held at Our Lady of Peace in Turners Falls, on Sat., April 18 from 9-1 in the parish hall. For sale will be items such as fabric, quilting supplies, yarn, ribbon, beads, buttons, thread, scrapbooking, etc. Vendors will have these items reasonably priced to help sell their overstock. Lunch will be available for purchase. For info. on vendor space, please contact Chris at 367-3052. To donate your surplus supplies, contact Sandy at 773-9217 or Mary at 648-3244.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish “Our Faith Journey 2020”

Pilgrimage to Poland, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Israel

August 6-23 (18 days) - \$4,600.00

Price includes: Bus transfers, air fare, checked baggage (50lb), hand luggage (17lb), hotels accommodations and meals (breakfast and dinner) according to program, tour guide and system throughout the entire Pilgrimage route, local guide, all admissions to visited facilities in program, medical insurance and tips for local staff and guides. For more information and registration, please contact pastor@stanthonychicopee.com or call 336-263-7634 or 413-538-9475.

Saint Joseph

Virginal Spouse of the Mother of God

by Dom Prosper Guéranger, Abbot of Solesmes



When the Son of God came down to earth to take on our humanity, He needed a Mother; that Mother could be none but the purest of virgins, and the divine maternity was not to alter Her incomparable virginity in any way. Until the Son of Mary would be acknowledged as the Son of God, His Mother's honor required a protector: a man was therefore called to the ineffable glory of being the Spouse of Mary. That happy mortal, that most chaste of men, was Joseph.

Heaven designated him as the only one worthy of such a treasure, when the rod he held in the Temple suddenly flowered, as if to give a tangible fulfillment to the prophetic oracle of Isaiah: *There shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of his root.* (Isaiah 11:1) The wealthy candidates for the hand of Mary were dismissed, and Joseph sealed a covenant with the daughter of David which surpassed, in love and purity, all that the Angels had ever known in heaven.

Being chosen to protect the Mother of the Incarnate Word was not the only glory of Joseph; he was also called to exercise an adoptive paternity upon the Son of God Himself. During the time that the Holy of holies was still shrouded in a cloud of mystery, men called Jesus the son of Joseph, son of the carpenter; and Mary — in the Temple, in the presence of

the doctors of the law whom the divine Child had just surprised by the wisdom of His questions and answers — spoke thus to Her Son: *Your father and I have been looking for You in bitter anguish.* (Luke 2:48)

And the Holy Gospel adds that Jesus was subject to them, that He was subject to Joseph just as He was to Mary.

Who could conceive and fittingly relate the sentiments which filled the heart of this man, whom the Gospel depicts for us with a single word, calling him a *just man*? (Matthew 1:19)

- A conjugal affection whose object was the holiest and most perfect of the creatures of God.
- The heavenly notification given by the Angel, which revealed to this happy mortal that his Spouse bore within Her the fruit of salvation, and which associated him as the unique earthly witness to the divine work of the Incarnation.
- The joys of Bethlehem when he was present at the birth of the Child, honored the Virgin Mother and heard the angelic concerts.
- When he saw the humble, simple shepherds who came to find the newborn Babe, soon followed by the wealthy Magi from the East.
- The anxiety which quickly interrupted so much happiness, when in the middle of the night he had to flee into Egypt with the Child and His Mother.
- The rigors of that exile, the poverty, the denudation which a hidden God suffered while he was His foster father, and the virginal Spouse whose sublime dignity he understood more and more.
- The return to Nazareth, the humble, laborious life he led in that town, where his tender gaze so often contemplated the Creator of the world taking part in common work with him.
- Finally, the delights of his unparalleled life in the bosom of the poor house embellished by the presence of the Queen of Angels and sanctified by the majesty of the Eternal Son of God, both deferring to Joseph the honor of being the head of the family, which by the fondest bonds gathered around him the Uncreated Word, the Wisdom of the Father, and the Virgin, the incomparable masterpiece of the power and holiness of God.

No, never could any man in this world comprehend all the greatness of Joseph. To understand it, one would have to compass the entire extent of the mystery with which his earthly mission put him in relation as a necessary instrument. Thus we are not surprised that this Foster Father of the Son of God was prefigured in the Old Testament under the features of one of the noblest Patriarchs of the chosen people.

Saint Bernard paints an admirable portrait of this wonderful relationship: "The first Joseph, sold by his brothers and thereby a figure of Christ, was taken to Egypt; the second, fleeing the jealousy of Herod, took Christ to Egypt. The first Joseph, true to his master, respected his wife; the second, no less chaste, was the guardian of his Queen, the Mother of his Lord, and the witness of Her virginity. The first received the knowledge of secrets revealed in dreams; the second received the disclosure of the mysteries from Heaven itself. The first preserved the harvests of wheat, not for himself but for all the people; the second received the guardianship of the Living Bread come down from heaven, for himself and for the whole world."(St. Bernard, Homily II *super Missus est.*)

A life so full of wonders could only come to an end in a death worthy of itself. The moment was approaching when Jesus was to emerge from the obscurity of Nazareth and manifest Himself to the world. His works were henceforth to bear witness to His heavenly origin: the ministry of Joseph was therefore accomplished. It was time for him to depart from this world, to go and await, in repose in the bosom of Abraham, the day when the heavenly gates would be opened to the just. By his deathbed, the One who is the Master of life kept watch, He who had often called this humble mortal by the name of Father. His dying breath was received by the purest of virgins, whom it had been his right to call his Spouse. It was in the midst of Their cares and caresses that Joseph fell asleep in the sleep of peace.

And now, the Spouse of Mary, Foster Father of Jesus, reigns in heaven with a glory which, while certainly inferior to Mary's, is decorated with prerogatives such as none of the other inhabitants of that place of happiness can enjoy. From there, he bestows a most powerful protection upon all who invoke him.

Litany of Saint Joseph

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us* (after each line)
Saint Joseph,
Renowned offspring of David,
Light of Patriarchs,
Spouse of the Mother of God,
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,
Foster-father of the Son of God,
Diligent protector of Christ,
Head of the Holy Family,
Joseph most just,
Joseph most chaste,
Joseph most prudent,
Joseph most strong,
Joseph most obedient,
Joseph most faithful,
Mirror of patience,

Lover of poverty,
Model of artisans,
Glory of home life,
Guardian of virgins,
Pillar of families,
Solace of the wretched, Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of demons,
Protector of Holy Church,

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

V. He made him the lord of His house:
R. And ruler of all His substance.

Let us pray.
O God, who in Thine unspeakable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thine own most holy Mother: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may deserve to have him for our intercessor in heaven, whom we reverence as our defender on earth: who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.