

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



Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

Second Sunday of Lent

"He had no form or comeliness that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him.

He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief and as one from whom men hide their faces. He was despised, and we esteemed Him not." Isaiah 53:2-3

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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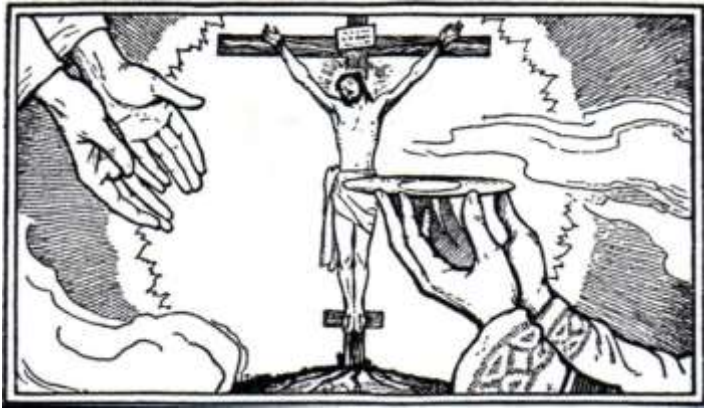
Wisdom Way, Greenfield
413-773-3311

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, MARCH 7TH (Fr. Roach)

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
MONDAY, MARCH 9TH – St. Frances of Rome

(Our Retired Priests)
9:00 Lawrence Gagnon – by wife, Dorothy and Family

6:30 Stations of the Cross

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH (Deacon Rabbitt)

9:00 Rose Kaseta – by Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH (Fr. Di Mascola)

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH (Fr. Bermudez)

9:00 Kersavage – Toomey Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH (Pope Francis)

9:00 Ann Berry Powell – by Andrea York

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

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 14 and 15

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, March 14

4:00	Deacon George Nolan	Kerry Semaski
	Joanne Yestramski	Hannah Lively
	Winston LaBelle	Brian Luippold
	Jason Semaski	

Sunday, March 15

10:30	Deacon George Nolan	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:

Sun., March 15 Deacon George & Lisa Nolan

Lectors/Cantors

Sat., March 14	4:00	Monica McCarthy / Betsy Grybko
Sun., March 15	10:30	Marie Boynton / Karlena Henry



Saturday, March 14

4:00 John Semaski, Joshua Semaski

Sunday, March 15

10:30 Casey Christi, Sean Pierce, Jason Edson

March 8, 2020

For the Glory of God and in memory of **Rachel D. Kociela** a donation was made to our church from Roger and Katherine Peloquin. **God Bless you!**

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

Don't Miss Out! Catholic Life Conference

Registration Deadline is March 10.

On March 21 the MassMutual Center in Springfield will be filled to overflowing with Catholics from around the diocese for the **Catholic Life Conference**. As the Diocese celebrates its 150th Anniversary, Catholics of Western Mass are invited to come together to be reminded how good it is to be Catholic. We want to see YOU there--come be part of the blessing! Saturday, March 21, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. which includes lunch and Vigil Mass with Bishop Rozanski. Speakers: Scott Hahn, Trish Short, and Hudson Byblow. Children's program with Poppie. Register online by Tuesday, March 10: catholiclifeconference.org or call Virginia 413-768-0698.



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.

Stations of the Cross

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

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet Monday, March 9th at the rectory following Stations of the Cross. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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.

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.

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.

Second Sunday of Lent

Spiritual Food for Thought

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin. All hope consists in confession. In confession there is a chance for mercy. Believe it firmly, do not doubt, do not hesitate, never despair of the mercy of God."

— St. Isidore of Seville

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal is how we as Catholics connect with thousands of people across Western Massachusetts who need the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Support for food pantries, to educate, to protect the unborn, to communicate the Gospel, to go inside prisons and share God's mercy message comes from your gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal. You are the face of the Catholic Church today and in the future. Take time to make your donation today. Thank you.

150th Springfield Diocesan Anniversary Historical Facts

St. Michael's Church Opens - In 1860, Father Michael Gallagher purchases a lot on the grounds of the Springfield Armory for \$7,250 to construct St. Michael's Church, which he names after himself. Built at a cost of \$75,000, it opens on Christmas Day 1861, amid the darkest days of the Civil War in the presence of the largest congregation of Catholics ever assembled in Springfield.

Note of Thanks

The St John Paul II Youth Group heartily thanks all of you for your generosity during the chocolate sale. It was very successful. The money helps offset the costs for the Steubenville Youth Conference this summer. What are you funding? Here is one parent's reflections on the youth conference: "The Steubenville youth conference has proven to be one of the most powerful, inspiring and faith filled experiences of my children's teen years (3 teens so far) It has been an opportunity to not only grow in their faith, but to grow in community with other teens. My children returned from these conferences each time with gratitude not only for the opportunity to attend, but with thanksgiving for our faith and our family. The blessings and graces received from God through this conference have been life changing and have helped my husband and I lay a stronger faith foundation in our children's spiritual lives. Such an important conference for our youth! " **We have 25 teens signed up so far and we are hoping for 50, so join the fun and meet Jesus where he may be found!**

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 863-4748.

Songs, Faith Sharing and Adoration

Please join us on Thursday, March 12th at St. Michael Parish in Brattleboro, VT for songs, faith sharing, and a time of Adoration led by Father Justin and MJM7. MJM7 is a Catholic family group comprised of Michael James Mette and 4 of his daughters: Gabriella (15), Trinity (14), Charity (12), and Cecilia (11). The Mettes' gifts of music, joy, and family life offer the boldness and innocence of youth with the wisdom and depth of lived experiences. Bring a friend! You will not want to miss this unique event. The evening is free. Donations are accepted.

With a miracle approved, beatification awaits computer programmer Carlo Acutis

Meg Hunter-Kilmer February 24, 2020

Pope Francis has approved a miracle attributed to Carlo Acutis, paving the way for his beatification, which will likely take place later this year in Assisi, where he is buried.



Venerable Carlo Acutis had a PlayStation. He made awkward videos with his friends. His favorite cartoon was “Pokémon.” And before the year is out, he’s likely to be beatified.

It was announced Feb. 22 that Pope Francis had approved a miracle attributed to Carlo Acutis, paving the way for his beatification, which will likely take place later this year in Assisi, where he is buried. Acutis’ intercession reportedly helped to heal a Brazilian child suffering from a rare condition of the pancreas in 2013.

Acutis’ mother, Antonia, doesn’t know how he came to love Jesus. He’d been baptized as a baby, but the family didn’t practice the Faith. Perhaps it was their Polish nanny who told Carlo about Jesus. Regardless of the source, Carlo had a deep love for Jesus even as a preschooler, asking his bemused mother if they could stop in to see Jesus when they walked past churches in their Milan neighborhood — and even insisting on taking flowers to place at the feet of the Blessed Mother.

Antonia wasn’t sure what to do with this piety in her young son, and she wasn’t prepared to answer his many questions. But as he asked, she began to wonder as well. His curiosity eventually prompted her to take

theology classes; beyond just being back at Mass, Antonia was diving into her faith, and all because of Carlo. “He was like a little savior for me,” she said in an interview published last year on the website *Aleteia*.

Fostering a love of the Faith

Carlo’s longing for the Eucharist drove him to ask permission to receive earlier than was customary. At 7, Carlo received his first Communion and never missed Mass again. Not just Sunday Mass, either. Every day of his life, Carlo went to Mass. Every day, he stole a few minutes to pray in silence before the tabernacle. And while his parents sometimes went with him, Carlo often went alone. When they traveled, Carlo’s first order of business was to find a church and figure out Mass times. Whether or not his parents joined him, Carlo would be there. Every day.

And they traveled quite a bit. Carlo’s deep love of Mary (whom he called “the only woman in my life”) led the family to Marian apparition sites all over Europe. But their pilgrimages became more intentional when Carlo was 11 and got an idea.

After receiving his first Communion, Carlo had begun to lament the many, many people who don’t go to Mass. “They’ll stand in line for hours to go to a

concert,” he would say, “but won’t stay even a moment before the tabernacle.” Eager to do something to draw souls to Jesus, young Carlo began to research Eucharistic miracles. He was convinced that people wouldn’t be able to stay away from the holy Mass if they knew about the miracles of Lanciano and Poznan and the dozens of others recognized by the Church. So Carlo began to research, dragging his parents from one shrine to another in order to take pictures for the website he was building.

This was only 2002, but Carlo was something of a prodigy when it came to technology. When he was only 8 or 9, he had gotten a hold of a university-level computer science textbook, using it to teach himself to code. From there, he moved into animation and video editing, making videos with his friends and dubbing voice-overs on videos of his dogs. Carlo had the tech savvy, the information and the drive — the resulting website documenting nearly 150 miracles eventually developed into an exhibit that has traveled the world.

Caring for those around him

But Carlo was no computer geek closeted in a back bedroom. For all his technological skill, Carlo was a friendly, outgoing kid. He was so friendly that his family was reluctant to go on walks with him; Carlo knew everybody, it seemed, and couldn’t help but stop to talk to every person he passed. He had a sensitive heart and was always looking out for those who were suffering: classmates whose parents were going through a divorce, kids who were being bullied.

Carlo’s approach was always friendship. And through that friendship, people were always drawn to Jesus. As pure and as pious as he was, nobody felt judged by the young saint. His uncle says that being with Carlo filled your heart. And that joy left people seeking and wondering, as Carlo’s mother had years before. A young Hindu man who worked for Carlo’s family was baptized as a direct result of his friendship with Carlo, while many others returned to the Faith.

Carlo was particularly close to the homeless people in his neighborhood, packing up food most days to take out to his friends on the street. Though his family was wealthy, Carlo had no patience for excess. He saved up his pocket money to buy a sleeping bag for a homeless friend, and when his mother suggested they buy Carlo such “luxuries” as a second pair of shoes, he revolted. Technology, though, wasn’t a luxury. It was an important part of his apostolate, and Carlo had no qualms about using three computers when building his website.

Through all this, every day: Mass, the Rosary, silent time before the tabernacle. Carlo insisted that holiness was impossible otherwise. “The Eucharist is my

highway to heaven,” he would say, and nothing could get between him and his daily appointment with the Lord. “The more we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus,” Carlo said.

‘I can die happy’

How did he have the time? In between teaching himself to code, playing soccer, riding his bike around Milan to visit the poor, teaching himself the saxophone, patiently explaining technology to his older relatives and making one movie after another? According to his mother, Carlo didn’t waste time on useless things. He limited himself to an hour a week of video games (because, he said, he didn’t want to become a slave to them) and focused the rest of his time on things that were valuable. But that didn’t exclude silly animations or videos of his dogs — Carlo knew that something doesn’t need to be catechetical to be valuable, and he enjoyed leisure all the more because its greatest value was in being fun.

Carlo hungered for heaven. “We have always been awaited in heaven,” he said, and throughout his life his eyes were fixed on eternity. So when, at 15, he went to the hospital with the flu and was diagnosed instead with an acute and untreatable leukemia, Carlo wasn’t upset. He was ready to go home. “I can die happy,” he told his mother, “because I haven’t wasted even a minute on things that aren’t pleasing to God.”

Within three days, Carlo Acutis was dead.

He was a remarkable young man, but he was an ordinary man. He had no visions. He didn’t levitate when he prayed. He just lived like heaven was real. He was completely himself, video games and computer programming and all, but entirely Christ’s.

On his website, Carlo wrote a list of instructions for becoming holy, encouraging people to go to Mass daily and confession weekly. But his very first rule for becoming holy was this: “You must want it with all your heart.”

This is the legacy of Venerable Carlo Acutis: an ordinary, modern kid who watched cartoons and used the internet and wanted holiness with all his heart. This is why the world loves him. Because he shows us that holiness is possible. For every one of us. Even if you have an Instagram account. Even if you’re a gamer.

Carlo Acutis was born in 1991. That fact alone is a testimony: Holiness is possible. For you. Right now.

But you have to want it.

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The Catholic Life Conference set for March 21 at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield will include a special exhibit on Eucharistic Miracles from Carlo Acutis