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

"Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble, brethren, against one another, that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the doors." James 5:8

Third Sunday of Advent

Schedule of Masses

Blessed Sacrament

Lord's Day: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 11:00 a.m.
Weekday: 9:00 a.m.
First Saturday: 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days Vigil: 6:00 p.m.
Holy Days: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Trinity

Lord's Day: 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Weekday: 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days Eve No Vigil Mass
Holy Days: 12:05 and 5:30 p.m.

First Saturdays: BlS - 8:00 a.m.

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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 26:4

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH (Fr. McGonagle)
4:00 Annie & Andrew Dedinas – by Birute Hanley
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH – 3rd Sunday of Advent
(Vocations, Seminarians, Deacon Candidates)
11:00 Elizabeth Nolan Mainville – by Nolan Family
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH – St. Lucy (Msr. Yargeau)
9:00 Charles F. McCarthy, Sr.
TUESDAY, DEC. 14TH – St. John of the Cross (Bishop Byrne)
9:00 John J. & Thérèse M. Falvey
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH (Deacon Channel)
9:00 Yvonne Jubb (20th Anniversary) – by Cheryl Jubb
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH (Fr. Furman)
9:00 Nancy & Jack Romano – by Daughter
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH (Fr.Goni)
9:00 Martin Leo & Frances B. Coyne
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH (Fr. Lunney)
4:00 Campbell & Clark Families – by Family
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH – 4th Sunday of Advent (Fr. Roach)
11:00 George F. Nolan – by Nolan Family

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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.

♦ 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)*.

♦ **Catholic School families** wishing parish sponsorship/tuition assistance must be registered, practicing, and supporting members who volunteer at some level. Please call the parish center for a copy of our policy.

Liturgical Roles

Lectors/Cantors

Sat., December 18 4:00 Deacon / Betsy Grybko
Sun., December 19 11:00 Deacon / Jane Winchester

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

♦ **Confessions:** after each weekend Mass, Saturday 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment

♦ 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.

♦ Every Wednesday there will be **Adoration and Benediction** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity and following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will be available after the Mass.

♦ **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.

♦ The **Roses for Mary Prayer Group** meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel.

♦ **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.

Collections – December 5, 2021

	Blessed Sacrament	Holy Trinity
Sunday	$3,837	$2,627
Fuel	$185	$296
Maintenance	$124	$147

Thank you for your generous support!

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week in memory/honor:
For a special intention – from Anonymous
The **Adoration Chapel Candles** will burn this week in memory/honor of:
1.) **William Phillips –** from the Family
2.) **Bob Thibodo –** from Joyce Thibodo
3. **For a special intention –** from Anonymous
4.) **Patricia Duffey Earley -** from Robert Earley

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning about the Catholic Faith? Or, have you received all of your sacraments except Confirmation? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is just the place for you to do this. To learn more call Laurie at 413-774-2918.

Year of the Eucharist

"I cannot say this without tears and great joy of soul! How You desire, Lord, thus to be with us and to be present in the [Blessed] Sacrament… You would be glad to be with us since You say that Your delight is to be with children of the earth."

~Saint Teresa of Avila

Check out www.yearoftheeucharist.net for more information and videos.

Franklin County Young and Catholic Bowling Night

Join us December 14th from 6:30–9:00 p.m. at the French King Bowling Alley, 55 French King Highway, Erving, MA. Ugly Christmas Sweaters are strongly encouraged! Bring money for rentals and games. **FREE RAFFLE!** Can't come but want updates for the group? franklincounty@youngandCatholic.org

Knights of Columbus Council #133
Meetings 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Parish Center
We are looking for new members.
If interested, please contact Dan Arsenault (413-774-5258) or Jay Dillon (413-773-3678).

Living Nativity

In the little village of Greccio, Italy St. Francis of Assisi gathered the people of the town to participate in the first Nativity scene which highlighted the humble birth of Christ. To re-enact this first Christmas scene and renew the spirit of humble adoration that St. Francis instilled in the villagers of Greccio the Basilica of St. Stanislaus and the San Damiano Youth Group will host Greccio in Chicopee, a living nativity with live animals on Sunday, December 19th at 5:00 p.m. Refreshments and Christmas Caroling in the school cafeteria will immediately follow. Free will donations are greatly appreciated. The Basilica of St. Stanislaus is located at 534 Front Street in Chicopee.

Bishop Byrne to Visit Holy Trinity Parish

Bishop William Byrne will visit Holy Trinity Parish on Sunday, December 12th. He will be the celebrant and Homilist at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us in welcoming him.

St. John Paul II Youth Group Advent Meeting

The St John Paul II Youth Group will have its Advent meeting on December 12 from 6:30-8:30 at Holy Trinity. Come join us as we rejoice that our Savior is born. Christmas decoration competition, an Advent holy hour, and more. Ugly sweaters optional. All teens are welcome. If you've never come, this is the one to check out!

The Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

Leader: The third candle of Advent is the Candle of Joy. It reminds us of the joy that Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her - a child who would save and deliver his people.

VOICE: God wants us all to have joy. The angel who announced to the shepherds that Jesus had been born told them: "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people - for to you is born this day, in the City of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." We light this candle to remember that He is the bringer of true and everlasting joy.

(Light Advent Candle Three - Pink)

Leader: Let us pray - Loving God, we thank you for the joy you bring us. Help us prepare our hearts for this gift. Bless our worship. Help us to hear and to do your word. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Spiritual Food for Thought

"What are we to say of the charity and compassion of the Blessed Virgin, who for nine months bore, and still carries in her heart, the only Son of God, the uncreated charity which knows no bounds? If, as often as we approach a fire, we are affected by its heat, have we not reason to believe that whoever approaches the heart of the Mother of Mercies, ever burning with her most ardent charity, must be profoundly affected in proportion to the frequency of his petitions, the humility and confidence in his heart?"— Dom Lorenzo Scupoli

Will You Spend an Hour with Jesus?

October 16, 2021 marked the 27th Anniversary of Perpetual Adoration at Blessed Sacrament Church. If you have ever considered taking an hour at the chapel, now would be the perfect time. We have many hours that are in need of volunteers. Our Lord asked, **"Could you not spend one hour with me?"** Please consider taking a regular weekly hour. There are many different times available**: Sunday 3:00 p.m., Monday 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., Tuesday 1:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., Wednesday 1:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m., Thursday 2:00 a.m., Friday 1:00 a.m., Saturday 12:00 a.m.** You could share an hour with a friend and only have to do it twice a month. Our Lord is asking us to spend an hour with Him. Can you answer His call? If you are able to help, please call Deacon John Leary at 413-219-2734 to sign up. Thank you and God bless you!

Advent Confessions

A number of priests will be available for the Sacrament of Confession at Holy Family Parish in South Deerfield on Sunday, December 19th from 2:00-3:00 p.m. What a beautiful way to prepare yourself for Jesus' coming at Christmas.

For Advent, why not create a Jesse Tree?

Patricia L. Guilfoyle

Advent is designed to help us prepare for the birth of the Savior, and there's no better way to do that than with a Jesse Tree.

A Jesse Tree is a traditional way of marking the days of Advent – like an Advent calendar, but it traces the family tree of Jesus from Creation to the Nativity. Each day features a different Scripture passage featuring depictions of Jesus' ancestors or events in the Old and New Testament that point to Him.

It is so named from the prophecy in Isaiah 11:1: "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." Artists' depictions of the Jesse Tree usually show a tree rising out of a recumbent Jesse of Bethlehem, the father of King David, with branches featuring Jesus' ancestors as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Luke.

(Fun fact: The Jesse Tree is where our representation of a genealogical family tree comes from.)

The Jesse Tree connects our holiday traditions, like putting up a Christmas tree or lighting an Advent wreath, with the history of salvation. On the tree we place ornaments representing the people, the prophecies and events leading up to Jesus' birth – for example, a burning bush for Moses or a ram for Isaac. There are many variations in the number of ornaments and subjects, with simple sets suitable for very young children to elaborate collections of more than two dozen ornaments.

Making a Jesse Tree is easy. You can use a small Christmas tree, a large branch or a poster as the base on which to hang the ornaments. Find daily Jesse Tree reflections and Scripture verses online – three recommendations are listed below. Each day during Advent, make an ornament to illustrate that verse and hang it on the Jesse Tree.

This activity is particularly fun for families and children, but it's also good for anyone who wants to connect the Advent season with God's faithfulness across history.

More online

At holyheroes.com: This Cramerton-based company has a generous collection of free resources in its "Advent Adventure" collection, including Jesse Tree ornament downloadable printables, and daily emails with prayers and short videos explaining each Scripture verse so kids can watch while decorating their ornaments. Bonus free content includes printable ornaments and videos explaining the "O Antiphons." Holy Heroes also offers for sale a Jesse Tree poster with stickers to post on your fridge, and a Jesse Tree "History of Salvation" Advent Activity Book with coloring pages, puzzles, quizzes and more.

At www.loyolapress.com: Find a series of online reflections for each day of Advent using a Jesse Tree, taken from "The Stories of the Old Testament: A Catholic's Guide" by Jim Campbell. Each day's reflection includes links to the Bible verse along with an ornament suggestion. Perfect for older children and adults who want to take a "deeper dive" into Scripture.

At www.catholicculture.org: Find more Jesse Tree ornament ideas for little children, coloring activities, even cookie recipes! Search "Jesse Tree" on the homepage.

Infant Jesus of Prague Novena

December 17th through December 25th

O Miraculous Infant Jesus, prostrate before Your sacred image, we beseech You to cast a merciful look on our troubled hearts. Let your tender heart so inclined to pity be softened by our prayers, and grant us that grace for which we ardently implore _____. Take from us all affliction and despair, all trials and misfortunes with which we are laden. For Your sacred infancy's sake hear our prayers and send us consolation and aid, that we may praise You with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen!

The Christmas Season

Catholic Community of Greenfield

Masses for the Holy Days

Blessed Sacrament	Holy Trinity
Christmas Vigil	
4:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Musical Prelude 3:30 p.m.	Musical Prelude 5:30 p.m.
Christmas Day	
11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
	Musical Prelude 8:40 a.m.
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Vigil	
6:00 p.m.	No Mass
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	
No Mass	10:00 a.m.

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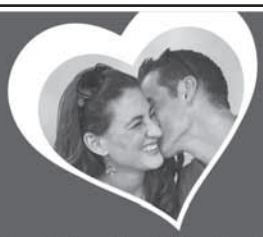
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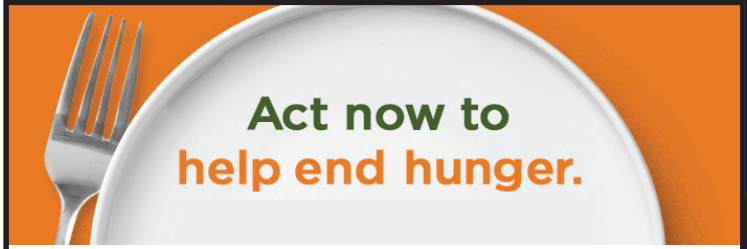
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