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

"And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His Mother kept all these things in her heart."
Luke 2:51

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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, DEC. 25TH – The Nativity of the Lord (Vocations)
Christmas
*11:00 Henry and Yvonne Campoli
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH –The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Fr. Lisowski)
11:00 Anthony Pregony, Jr. – by Wife and Sons
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH – St. John the Evangelist (Deacon Rabbitt)
9:00 Edward H. Letourneau (12th Anniversary) – by Family
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH – The Holy Innocents (Clergy who are sick)
9:00 Grace and Blessings for Stephen Filiault – by Mom
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH – St. Thomas Becket (Deacon Patten)
9:00 Grace and Blessings for Mary Filiault Larvey–by Mom
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH (Fr. O'Connor)
9:00 Jim DeJoy – by Family
FRIDAY, DEC. 31ST – Pope St. Sylvester I (Deacon DeCarlo)
9:00 Cynthia Sochocki – by Family
*6:00 Arthur Gilmore, Jr. – by Wife
*SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST – The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
*10:00 *Mass at Holy Trinity* (Bishop Byrne)
4:00 Judy Lapointe – by Betty Fritz
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND – Epiphany of the Lord (Fr. Campoli)
11:00 Ruth Costello (Anniversary) -by 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)*.

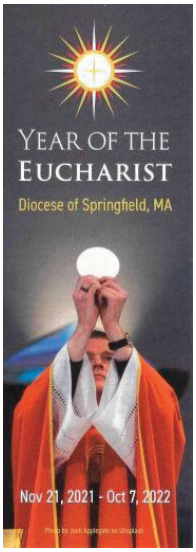
◆ **Catholic School families** wishing parish sponsorship/tuition assistance must be registered, practicing, and supporting members who volunteer at some level. Please call the parish office for a copy of our policy.

Liturgical Roles

Cantors:

Sat., January 1 4:00 Jackie Jurewicz
Sun., January 2 11:00 Brenda Hill

Year of the Eucharist Prayer



Jesus, I believe that you are truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist. In you I place my whole family. Heal our wounds and renew us in heart and mind with a greater reverence, devotion and love for you in the Holy Eucharist.

Our Lady, first tabernacle of the Word made flesh, intercede on our behalf to your Son, especially for the Diocese of Springfield and our priests. Through their love for the priesthood and the Eucharist, may they inspire young men to the priesthood that the Mass may continue to be offered so that we may be nourished with your Son's Body and Blood. Guide especially our youth to your Church so they may thrive by knowing the truth that only comes from Jesus.

Most Holy Trinity, I adore you! My God, I love you in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

♦ **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 parish office. 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.

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week in memory/honor:
Dyer & Miranda Families – from Rosita M. Dyer
The **Adoration Chapel Candles** will burn this week in memory/honor of:
1.) **Henry & Ethel St. Germain, Sr. –** from John & Valeda Peters and Family
2.) **Henry St. Germain, Jr. –** from John & Valeda Peters and Family
3. **Clifford St. Germain –** from John & Valeda Peters Family
4.) **Patricia Duffey Earley -** from Robert Earley

Holiday Office Schedule

Please note the office will be closed for Christmas through Monday, December 27th and on the eve of the Solemnity of Mary, December 31st.

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).

Fr. Valentine

N.B. - Fr. Valentine will be going to Nigeria to visit with his family from the 28th of December, 2021 to the 28th of January, 2022.

World Youth Day Registration is Open

Registration for the Diocese of Springfield's trip to World Youth Day in Lisbon Portugal in 2023 has now opened. The trip (ages 18-35)* will take place July 28, 2023 to August 7, 2023 and will cost $4,300. In addition to airfare, hotels, and standard trip items, the cost of this ticket also includes group travel insurance, which is a must-have in current times. The diocese will also offer an optional track for those 18+ interested in journeying for 7 days of the Camino de Santiago after World Youth Day. Please reach out to Joe Austin, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry if interested in this track at j.austin@diospringfield.org.

To register, a deposit of $350 is required. The diocese will be hosting several fundraising info sessions starting in January to discuss fundraising opportunities. To register, go to: https://gxw.groupxpress.com/GX/apps/gxWeb/W58BBE8/

Year of the Eucharist

"The Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ for man." ~ St. Maria Goretti
Check out www.yearoftheeucharist.net for more information and videos.

Pilgrimage to Oberammergau Passion Play

August 4-14, 2022

Catholic Communications Ministry invites you to join Fr. Gary Dailey for a once in a decade spiritual experience like no other to the Oberammergau Passion Play. Itinerary includes: Brussels, Banneux, Cologne, Aachen, Rhine Cruise, Schoenstatt, Heidelberg, Rothenburg ob der Tauber Andechs Monastery, Oberammergau, Ettal, Passion Play, Wieskirche, Neuschwanstein, and Munich. $5,439 per person from Boston – price based on double occupancy. For complete information visit: www.pilgrimages.com/dioceseofspringfield.

Catholics Come Home

Learn more about our Faith with helpful and thought-provoking resources at **www.catholicscomehome.org.**

Spiritual Food for Thought

"God has done everything; He has done the impossible: He was made flesh. His all-powerful love has accomplished something which surpasses all human understanding: the Infinite has become a child, has entered the human family. And yet, this same God cannot enter my heart unless I open the door to him."

— Pope Benedict XVI

2022 Pilgrimage to Italy and Holy Land

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 56 St. Anthony St., in Chicopee will sponsor a faith journey to Italy and the Holy Land from August 11 to 28, 2022. For more information and reservations please visit the Parish website Pilgrimage 2022 (Italy-Holy Land) (stanthonychicopee.com), contact Fr. Jacek Leszczynski, 336-263-7634, pastor@stanthonychicopee.com or the Parish Office at info@stanthonychicopee.com, 413-538-9475.

Catholics for the Unborn Pro-Life Vigil

Please join Catholics for the Unborn for a pro-life vigil on Thursday, January 13th at 10 AM at 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 a part of or the whole vigil. For more information call Marilyn at 567-6085.

Food Pantry Hours

The hours of operation of our Food Pantry located in the Parish Center are: Saturdays: 9 a.m. – noon; Tuesdays: noon – 3 p.m.; Thursdays: 3 – 6 p.m. Please wear a mask whether or not you are vaccinated. Thank you!

Blanket and Warm Clothes Drive

A Blanket and Warm Clothes Drive to benefit area homeless shelters is being conducted by the Knights of Columbus. If you would like to donate, please leave the blankets and clothes in the containers at the doors of Holy Trinity Church or call Knight Lou Grader at 774-2848. Thank you for your help!

Holy Hour for the Sick and Dying

A Holy Hour is observed each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel at Blessed Sacrament Church. Included are Thanksgiving, Prayers and Petitions; recitation of the Scriptural Rosary, prayers and silent time; and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the Sick and the Dying. If you know of someone who is ailing and in need of special graces and prayer, come and spend an hour for his/her intention.

Marian Shrines Pilgrimage

A Marian Shrines Pilgrimage is planned for July 11-20, 2022. It will begin in Portugal and travel to Fatima, through northern Spain to Salamanca, Avila, Burgos, Loyola and ends in France at Lourdes. For details visit www.pilgrimages.com/frbanjare or contact Danielle at danielle@206tours.com or 800-206-8687.

Holy Land Discovery

Take your Faith on a Journey to the Holy Land on this Catholic 9-day experience from April 21, 2022 - April 29, 2022. Your included destinations while on this Journey: Tel Aviv, Israel – Jaffa- Caesarea- Megiddo- Nazareth – Bet She'an – Magdala – Sea of Galilee – Capernaum – Mount of Beatitudes – Cana – Bethlehem – Jerusalem – Masada and the Dead Sea. Plus, Mass will be offered on your journey. Land prices begin at $2059 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only $500 per person will reserve your space. Space is very limited. For further information, contact Brian at 860-399-1785/ Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

Christmas Flowers

Donations Have Been Made to Blessed Sacrament Church for Christmas Flowers In Memory/Honor of the Following Loved Ones

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January, Month of the Holy Name

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					31 *Vigil Mass 4 p.m.	1 **Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** Masses: 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
2 Epiphany of the Lord Holy Hour for Nonbelievers 6 p.m.	3 Holy Name of Jesus Roses for Mary Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. – Ad. Ch.	4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	5 St. John Neumann Holy Hour for the Sick and Dying – 7:00 p.m. – Ad. Ch. Sanc. Choir - 7 p.m.	6 St. André Bessette	7 St. Raymond of Peñafort **First Friday Mass 9:00 a.m.** Div. Mercy Chaplet 3 p.m. Ad. Chapel	8
9 Baptism of the Lord	10 Roses for Mary PG 6:30 p.m. – Ad. Ch.	11	12 Holy Hour for the Sick and Dying – 7:00 p.m. – Ad. Ch. Sanc. Choir - 7 p.m.	13 St. Hilary	14 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m. Adoration Chapel	15
16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	17 St. Anthony the Abbot Roses for Mary PG 6:30 p.m. – Ad. Ch.	18	19 HH for Sick & Dying 7 p.m. Ad. Ch. Sanc. Choir - 7 p.m.	20 Pope St. Fabian St. Sebastian Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.	21 March for Life Washington, D.C. St. Agnes Div. Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m. Ad. Ch.	22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children St. Vincent
23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	24 St. Francis de Sales Roses for Mary PG 6:30 p.m. – Ad. Ch.	25 Conversion of St. Paul	26 Sts. Timothy and Titus HH for Sick & Dying 7 p.m. Ad. Ch. Sanc. Choir - 7 p.m.	27 St. Angela Merici	28 St. Thomas Aquinas Div. Mercy Chaplet 3 p.m. Ad. Chapel	29
30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	31 St. John Bosco Roses for Mary PG 6:30 p.m. – Ad. Ch.	*"Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2: 9-10*				

Why Do We Call Mary the Mother of God?

The image of Mary as Queen Mother is directly related to the first official Marian dogma defined by the Church: Mary's status as Mother of God. The Greek word for the title is *Theotokos*, which literally means "God-bearer." That title is one of the oldest and most commonly used titles for Mary, with Christians using it in the very first centuries of the Church. The title also appears in one of the oldest known Christian prayers, the *Sub Tuum Praesidium* ("Beneath Your Protection"), an early form of the *Memorare* that dates to the third century.

The first Christians called Mary the "Mother of God" without hesitation. There was scriptural precedent, and it seemed logical. If Jesus was God, and Mary was his mother, then that made her the Mother of God. That sort of logic depends on a principle called the "Communication of Idioms." According to that principle, whatever one says about either of Christ's natures can be truly said of Christ himself. That's because His two natures, the divine nature and the human nature, were united in Him. He is one divine person.

In the fifth century, however, some people raised the same objections to the title that many non-Catholics raise today: They argued that the title "Mother of God" implied that Mary was the "originator of God." Those objectors said that they could accept the title "Mother of Christ," but not "Mother of God." At the heart of those objections, however, was an objection to the unity of Christ's two natures. Mary, they claimed, gave birth only to Christ's human nature, not his divine nature. The Church, led by Pope Celestine I and St. Cyril of Alexandria, disagreed. As St. Cyril pointed out, a mother gives birth to a person, not a nature.

Accordingly, Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ, who was and is a divine person. Although Mary did not "originate" or "generate" God, she did bear Him in her womb and give birth to Him. She was God's mother.

The controversy over Mary's title as "Mother of God" was addressed in 431 A.D. at the Council of Ephesus. There, more was at stake than simply defending Mary's title. The Christian teaching about Christ's two natures was the real issue. The Church wanted to settle one question: Was Jesus one person or two? Rejecting the teaching of the heretic Nestorius, the Church declared that Jesus is one divine person, with two natures—his mother's human nature and his Father's divine nature. Mary did not give Jesus his divine nature or his divine personhood—those He possessed from all eternity as the only begotten Son of the Father. But she also didn't just give Him His flesh: She gave birth to the whole person. She gave birth to Jesus Christ, both God and man. That is what we confess every time we say the Apostles' Creed.

Calling Mary "Mother of God" states a truth that must be stated in order to protect an essential truth about Christ. In a similar way, that's what all Mary's queenly predecessors did for their sons. One of the three essential tasks of the Queen Mother was to be a sign of her son's legitimacy. She was the link between his father, the former rightful king, and her son, the present rightful king. Likewise, Mary as the virginal "Mother of God" is the link between her Son's humanity and divinity. She is the sign that He is both God and man.

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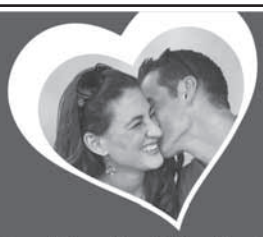
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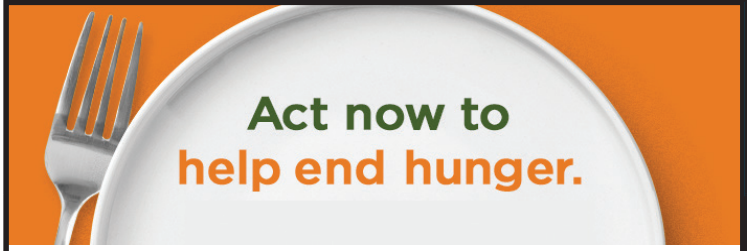
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