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

"Whosoever shall eat this Bread, or drink this Chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord." 1 Corinthians 11:27

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.

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413-772-6062

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

Please remember in your daily prayers the Mass intentions listed for each day.

SATURDAY, May 7 – MSGR. YARGEAU
4:00 BSC Deceased members - Knights of Columbus #133

SUNDAY, May 8 – VOCATIONS, SEMINARIANS, DEACON CANDIDATES
MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA I

8:00 HTC BILL PLUMLEY – Knights of Columbus #133
9:30 HTC BETSEY TIBBETTS – Kathleen Galluzzo
11:00 BSC ANTHONY, SR., MARY AND JOSEPH PREGONY - Family

MONDAY, May 9 –POPE FRANCIS - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA II
8:00 HTC JOHN E. KILEY FAMILY - Estate
9:00 BSC JOHN J. & THÉRÈSE M. FALVEY

TUESDAY, May 10 – VOCATIONS - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA III
8:00 HTC PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9:00 BSC BARBARA MCGONAGLE - Laurie

WEDNESDAY, May 11 – OUR RETIRED CLERGY
MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA IV
8:00 HTC Conversion and Salvation of VLADIMIR PUTIN – Mary Fleury
9:00 BSC BARBARA MCGONAGLE – Doug & Joanne Brown

THURSDAY, May 12 – FR. GONI - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA V
8:00 HTC JOHN E. KILEY FAMILY - Estate
9:00 BSC BARBARA MCGONAGLE – Betty Fritz

FRIDAY, May 13 – FR. LUNNEY - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA VI
8:00 HTC BETTE & JENNIE MARSH – Noreen Grogan
9:00 BSC JOYCE TILTON – Laurie

SATURDAY, May 14 – DEACON BETE
MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA VII
4:00 BSC CAMPBELL AND CLARK FAMILIES - Family

SUNDAY, MAY 15 – FR. MCGONAGLE
MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA VIII
8:00 HTC SHARYN DRENEN – Mary Fleury
9:30 HTC DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #133
11:00 BSC GERALD E. SHEA – David & Helen Shea Murphy

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, Saturday 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment

Cantors

Sat., May 14	4:00	Betsy Grybko
Sun., May 15	11:00	Jackie Jurewicz

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.

♦ Blessed Sacrament has a **Prayer Chain** which is available for anyone. Simply contact Marie Boynton at 413-775-3633 or memeboynton@comcast.net with your petition.
♦ **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.
♦ **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)*.
♦ 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.
♦ **New Parishioners:** We welcome you and ask that you register at the Parish Center. 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.
♦ 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.
♦ **Baptism:** As part of the preparation process an interview with the Pastor and two instructional sessions are required. Please contact Fr. Doug at 773-3311.
♦ **Engaged Couples:** Arrangements for your marriage must be made at least nine months in advance of the marriage date.

Collections – May 1, 2022

	Blessed Sacrament	Holy Trinity
Sunday	$3,226	$3,998
Fuel	$277	$339.80
Maintenance	$117	112
Catholic Appeal	$13,755	$44,105

Thank you for your generous support!

Requiescat In Pace

Mary A. Barchenski
Jean E. Egan
Thomas F. Frechette

For the Glory of God and in memory of **Caroline Coughlin** a donation was made to our Building Fund from Ascension Parish Staff-Sudbury, Christine Dunn, Michael & Deborah Hutchinson, and Dwayne & Tina Schimke. ***God Bless you!***

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**.) Gertrude Scott** – from Nancy Willis
2.) **Deceased members of the Hanson & Foley Families –** from Chuck and Beverly Foley
3.) **For a Special Intention –** from Anonymous
4.) **Patricia Duffey Earley -** from Robert Earley

Month of May Rosary

Our Lady instructed the children of Fatima in 1917 to tell the people to pray the Rosary every day. Please come and join us each night at 7 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel during the month of May to pray the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother.

Year of the Eucharist

Do you experience the wonder? Do you sense the mystery and power of receiving and consuming your God in the Eucharist? Do you marvel at the fact? If we do believe that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, then the power unleashed within us by the consumption of the Eucharist is unfathomable." "Matthew Kelly, Rediscovering Catholicism) For more information and videos check out www.yearoftheeucharist.net.

Adult Ed Bible Study Continues

Come join us at Holy Trinity Church Hall each Wednesday from 6:00-7:30PM for adult Bible study. Fr Doug is facilitating the Great Adventure Bible Timeline video series. Get the Workbook, Timeline Chart, as well as online access to the workbook and videos for a year, for $37.95. Contact Fr. Doug and he'll get you set up. OR, just come with your Bible and join in the conversation and watch the video. At the end of each session we'll give you the reading assignment for the next class. The last day of the Bible study will be June 1st.

Totus Tuus

Join us for a week of faith and fun as St. Michael Parish in Brattleboro hosts a high school camp from **7:00-9:00pm Sunday, July 10th through Thursday, July 14th** and a grade school camp (1st - 8th grade) from **9:00am-3:00pm Monday July 11th through Friday, July 15th**, which includes songs, games, snacks, Mass, confession, and a water fight to close out the week. Both programs are led by high-energy college-age young adults who help campers grow in their love of God and the Church. The cost for the day camp is $60 per student and the high school evening camp is $25 per family with a total family maximum of $150. T-shirts are included with the tuition cost, so register now to enter your child(ren)'s sizes. A registration form can be found under the Religious Education tab on the St. Michael Parish website at stmichaelvt.com. Completed forms and payments can be mailed to the St. Michael Rectory or brought the first day of camp. Hope you can join us!!

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

To demand love is to lose love. A selfish heart creates its own vacuum.

Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament and Raffle Tickets

The Greenfield Knights of Columbus, Council #133, are looking for golfers, sponsors and raffle donations for their 9th annual charity golf tournament to be held on Friday, May 20st at Crumpin-Fox golf course in Bernardston. The event will be an 18-hole, 4-person scramble with tee advantages for senior golfers. The entry fee of $125 includes greens fees, use of practice range, carts, a $40 gift card and prizes for the winners. For a tee time, contact Bob Wanczyk at 413-774-2465 or Paul Doran at 413-774-2801. Raffle tickets will be sold and winners will receive one of a number of incredible prizes. There will be a "Hole-in-One" contest sponsored by McGovern Chevrolet for a chance to win a new car. This year, Council #133 recognizes "Franklin County Community Meals" as our tournament partner. For raffle tickets, to sign up or to get more info., call Lou Grader at 413-774-2848, Dan Arsenault at 413-774-5258, Bob Wanczyk at 413-774-2465, Paul Doran at 413-774-2801, Joe Ruscio at 413-768-9876 or Jay Dillon at 413-325-5620.

From the Eye to the Heart: Symbolism in Marian Imagery

Have you ever thought about why Catholics have placed so much importance on paintings and statues? More than just lovely decoration, religious art contains rich symbolic meaning and is meant to invite us into prayer. Please join Jenny Healy for an opportunity to discuss and think through the perennial importance of art in the Christian life on ***Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 5PM*** in the youth center at St. Michael Church in Brattleboro, Vermont. Jenny Healy has taught art history for Franciscan University and now works for the USCCB in the office to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Could God be Inviting You?

"Love one another as I have loved you." Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? Call Fr. Jonathan Reardon 413-248-7034, or write: vocations@diospringfield.org. Visit the website at www.myvocation.com.

Candles for Intentions

The four candles that burn around the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel as well as the one Sanctuary Candle next to the Tabernacle in the main church are available as votive candles. Each candle will burn for two weeks for your petitions or in memory of a loved one. The donation for each candle is $10. The intentions for which the candles are burning are listed in the bulletin each week

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Adoration Chapel 14-Day Candle @ $10.00 each = $_____

Sanctuary Lamp 14-Day Candle @ $10.00 = $_____

In memory of _____
or
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or
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Russia and Our Lady of Fatima

Monsignor Charles M. Mangan

Pope John Paul II prays before an image of Our Lady of Zarvaniza at the Church of St. Nicholas in Kyiv, Ukraine, June 23, 2001. REUTERS VIA CNS

Pope John Paul II began his pastoral visit to Ukraine June 23, 2001, by stopping at St. Nicholas Greek-Catholic Church in Kyiv to invoke Our Lady of Zarvaniza, whose icon was present there. The Sovereign Pontiff prayed: "O Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Zarvaniza, I thank you for the gift of my visit to the Kyivan Rus' from where the light of the Gospel spread through this whole region. Here before your miraculous icon, kept in this church of Saint Nicholas, I entrust to you, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, my apostolic journey to Ukraine. Holy Mother of God, spread your maternal mantle over all Christians and over all people of good will who live in this great nation. Lead them to your Son, Jesus, who is for everyone the way, the truth and the life."

Asking Mary to cloak with her protection those who live in Ukraine and to lead them to Christ strikes us, more than 20 years later, as so timely and necessary. With a brutal invasion having been unjustly undertaken and now being savagely prolonged, Our Lady's motherly assistance is required more than ever.

The events in Ukraine invite us to think of Our Lady of Fatima. The sinless, Ever-Virgin Mother of God, in her July 13, 1917, apparition to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, taught the three shepherd children what we now know as the "Fatima Prayer," to be recited after each decade of the rosary. "O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need." During the same appearance, Our Lady presented the way forward — the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart and the practice of the faithful making the five First Saturdays.

Mary continued: "If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world. In Portugal, the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved."

Pope Benedict XVI said in his homily May 13, 2010, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, during the Mass in Fatima to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the beatification of Jacinta and Francisco: "We would be mistaken to think that Fatima's prophetic mission is complete. Here there takes on new life the plan of God which asks humanity from the beginning: 'Where is your brother Abel (…) Your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground!' (Gn 4:9). Mankind has succeeded in unleashing a cycle of death and terror, but failed in bringing it to an end … In sacred Scripture we often find that God seeks righteous men and women in order to save the city of man and he does the same here, in Fatima, when Our Lady asks: 'Do you want to offer yourselves to God, to endure all the sufferings which he will send you, in an act of reparation for the sins by which he is offended and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?' ("Memoirs of Sister Lúcia," I, 162).

Given that the apparitions and message of Our Lady of Fatima still have validity within the church and the world, Ukraine's Latin rite Catholic bishops, in a recent letter, petitioned Pope Francis to consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Acknowledging the current turmoil in their homeland, the bishops wrote: "… we humbly ask Your Holiness to perform publicly the act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Ukraine and Russia, as requested by the Blessed Virgin in Fatima. May the Mother of God, Queen of Peace, accept our prayer: Regina pacis, ora pro nobis."

We humbly beg Our Lord Jesus Christ through Our Lady of Zarvaniza and Our Lady of Fatima for his gift of peace.

Msgr. Mangan teaches at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md.

On Mother's Day, remember Jesus also has a Mother

Father Jeffrey F. Kirby

Today, we celebrate Mother's Day in the United States and in many countries throughout the world.

The holiday is an opportunity for us to thank the woman who gave us life and to reflect on the unique role that mothers are called to play in the lives of their children and in the world.

The holiday also points believers to Mary of Nazareth and a consideration of her place as the Blessed Mother.

Now as a parish priest, whenever my mom visits, it's amazing how much she inquires about my life and how much she inspects the environment: food, cleanliness, people and personalities. Honestly, if she wasn't my mother, her approach would be pushy and intrusive. She would be way over the top. But, she's my mom. And so, she's given a leeway that others would never have in my life. Yes, mothers have a privileged access to the lives of their children.

It's a basic human reality, whether we like it or not, that mothers can go where no one else can. They understand us. Our mothers carried us, brought us into the world, and our lives are always a gift and a reflection of them.

Mothers are important and their vocation is sacred within the realm and experience of the human family. This truth is painfully experienced in the negative when mothers are absent because of death or divorce or when they don't live up to their calling by some type of dysfunction.

And so, we shouldn't be surprised when we see this universal truth played out in the earthly life of Jesus Christ. In the fullness of time, God the Father sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to bring redemption to humanity. Jesus Christ didn't just appear as an adult, or fall from the sky. He was born of a woman, and had a human mother.

The archangel announced to Mary of Nazareth that she was "full of grace," and was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Savior of humanity. It was Mary who first heard and believed in the glad tidings of the savior's arrival.

Virginally conceived, Jesus was born surrounded by his mother's faith and his people's hope. After his displacement and birth in Bethlehem and his flight into Egypt, Jesus settled and was raised in Nazareth. He worked with human hands, prayed with human words and loved with a human heart. Under the care and teaching of his mother and foster father, Jesus' human nature was slowly prepared for his saving mission.

Jesus honored Mary as his mother and showed her the love of a devoted son. With her maternal heart, she held a privileged place in his life and mission. At the wedding feast of Cana, the Lord was hesitant to work a miracle, "My hour has not yet come." It was Mary who prompted his actions, and with it the beginning of his public ministry. Her instructions to the servants at Cana about Jesus are her last recorded words in the Bible: "Do whatever he tells you."

At one point in Jesus' public ministry, someone yelled to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked."

Jesus, however, acknowledged Mary's faith and showed the depth of his love and honor for his mother when he responded, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it."

As his mother, Mary was especially prepared to be his most adamant follower.

Mary understood who Jesus was and what he was called to do. From the crib to the cross, from Pentecost to her Assumption, Mary loved her Son and faithfully served him as her savior and lord.

In turn, Jesus relied on her in his infancy and early life, spiritually throughout his public ministry, and at the end of his earthly life, he entrusted his community of believers to her, "Behold your Mother." She now stands as an advocate of grace and guide in faith to anyone who wishes to turn to Jesus Christ.

On this Mother's Day, we thank God for all good mothers, living and deceased, and for Mary, a spiritual mother who is always present and forever available to those who need her.

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