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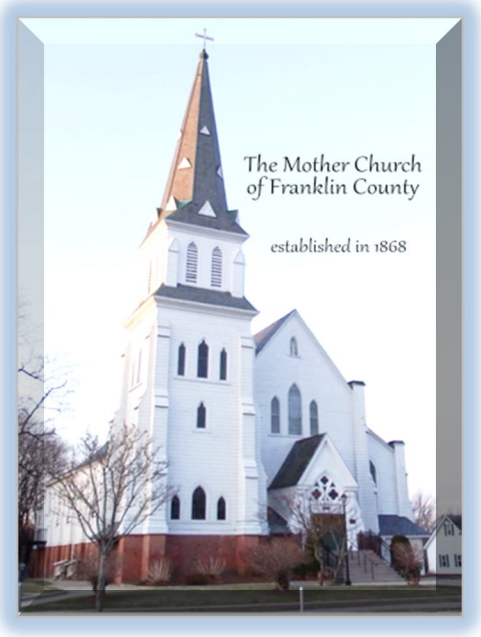

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Our Lord, Jesus Christ King of the Universe

November 20 2022

Catholics Come Home

Learn more about our Catholic Church. Whether you are Catholic, on a journey into the Catholic Church or retuning to the Catholic Church, you will find resources that will help you understand more clearly the Catholic Church and her teachings at www.catholicscomehome.org.

New Parishioners are always welcome at Holy Trinity. If you haven't registered in the parish, please call the office at: 774-2884 to register.

Schedule of Masses

Holy Trinity

Lord's Day:	8:00 and 9:30 AM
Weekday:	8:00 AM
Holy Days Eve:	No Vigil Mass
Holy Days:	12:05 and 6:00 PM

Blessed Sacrament

Lord's Day:	Saturday: 4:00 PM Sunday: 11:00 AM
Weekday:	9:00 AM
First Saturday:	8:00 AM
Holy Days Eve:	6:00 PM
Holy Days:	9:00 AM

Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Pastor

Rev. Michael M. Pierz x103

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Valentine Nworah x108
v.nworah@diospringfield.org

Deacons

Deacon John Leary
Deacon George Nolan
Deacon Paul F. DeCarlo
Deacon Channing L. Bete, Jr.

Organist

Kathleen Galluzzo

Choir Director

Paul Calcari

Office Manager

Monique Richardson 774-2884 x101

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Trinity: Sunday 9:00 AM or by Appointment
Blessed Sacrament: Saturday 2:45 to 3:30 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

As part of the preparation process, an interview with the Pastor and two instructional sessions are required.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning marriage must contact the rectory at least six months prior to the marriage and must attend a Pre-Cana course.

Father James Casey Hall

Arrangements for use of the hall may be made by calling the parish office at 774.2884 x101

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, November 19 – Father Nworah & All Souls
4:00 BSC Louis Zak – Jane Fay

SUNDAY, November 20 – Father O'Connor & All Souls
8:00 HT Donald, Natalie, Larry and Anna Regan – Charlie and Sandy Kosterman
9:30 HTC Lucia Manica Riggins – Deacon and Marie Bete
11:00 BSC Mass of Thanksgiving - Maureen

MONDAY, November 21 – Bishop Byrne & All Souls
8:00 HTC Ronald Van Valkenberg – Georgina Wiles and Class of 1955
9:00 BSC Grace and Blessing for Maureen Filiault – Laurie

TUESDAY, November 22– Deacon Patten & All Souls
8:00 HTC Terry Miner – Doug and Joanne Brown
9:00 BSC Terri Bergeron Coyne – Doug and Joanne Brown

WEDNESDAY, November 23– Deacon Culliton & All Souls
8:00 HTC Teresa Miner – the Parish
9:00 BSC Joseph E. Brozo, Jr – the Family

THURSDAY, November 24 – Vocations & All Souls
8:00 HTC All Souls – the Parish
9:00 BSC In Thanksgiving for our Clergy – the Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group

FRIDAY, November 25 – Deacon DeCarlo & All Souls
8:00 HTC John E. Kiley Family – the Estate
9:00 BSC Brian and Kathy Vesper – Sharon and Mark Elwell

SATURDAY, November 26 – Father O'Mannion & All Souls
4:00 BSC Janet Zilch – Mike Zilch

SUNDAY, November 27 – Father Aksamit & All Souls
8:00 HTC Richard Harris, Jr. – Bob and Sally Miller
9:30 HTC Joe Poirier – Knights of Columbus – Council #133
11:00 BSC Maria Hilaria – Christina Martel

Flowers: If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, please call the parish office at: 774-2884

7 Day Candle: If you would like the seven-day candle to burn in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, please call the parish office (413) 774-2884.

"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."
…Padre Pio

Year of the Eucharist
November 21, 2021 – June 11, 2023

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.

For more information and videos check out www.yearoftheeucharist.net

Our Mother Mary is our Hope

In these difficult and unsettled times, we would like to invite everyone to join us and pray the **Most Holy Rosary daily before the 8:00 Mass at Holy Trinity Church beginning at 7:35 AM.** We will pray for our country, for the return of the faithful, for the conversion of sinners, and for the end of abortion. Please join us in asking for Our Blessed Mother to help, comfort, heal, and protect us in these dark days.

Roses for Mary Prayer Group

The Roses for Mary Prayer Group meets every Monday at 6:30 PM in the Adoration Chapel at Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join them.

Rosary and Novena

The Rosary and Novena will be prayed every evening in the Adoration Chapel during November at 7:00 PM for the Souls in Purgatory. We will pray especially for all of the deceased members of Blessed Trinity Parish and for your family members. Please join us to pray for these souls, and when they reach Heaven, they will in turn intercede for you.

"Gifts for the Manger"

During Advent, "Gifts for the Manger" will support Alternatives Pregnancy Center. For 35 years Alternatives has provided loving support to women, babies, and families. Please take a baby bottle from the manger on the altar at Blessed Sacrament Church, and return it with your donation to the basket next to the manger. Baby and toddler books and expectant mother books can be wrapped and placed in the manger. Thank you!

OUR LORD, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
November 20, 2022

Give eternal life O Lord, to all our beloved dead. May they rest in peace! We remember in our prayers:

VIRGINIA KELLEHER JOHN F. ZEWSKI ARLENE A. BARONAS
VICTIMS OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE

Thank you for your generosity!
Weekend of November 13th:

HOLY TRINITY

Sunday Collection:	$	2,332.00
Fuel Collection:	$	205.00
Maintenance Collection:	$	90.00

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday Collection:	$	2,174.01
Fuel Collection:	$	5.00
Maintenance Collection:	$	38.00

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, December 5th at 6:30 PM in the Father Casey Hall. New members are always welcome. Call Marcy at 772-6983.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

A pilgrimage to many holy sites in the Holy Land is planned for May 7-18, 2023. We will fly round trip from Boston. An optional bus to and from Logan will be arranged. Msgr. Ronald Yargeau and Deacon George Nolan will be our Spiritual Directors. The cost is $4,449 which includes airfare, comfortable hotels, many meals, buses in Israel between the holy sites, and local tour guides. For more info., contact the Trip Coordinator Helen Shea Murphy at 413-824-8733 or helensheamurphy@verizon.net.
See the web site at www.pilgrimages.com/helensheamurphy

ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

OUR LADY OF CZĘSTOCHOWA CHURCH on 84 K Street, Turners Falls, Mass. will hold its annual ***St. Nicholas Christmas Bazaar*** on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come for Christmas crafts and gifts, religious goods, bake sale, Polish food sale, pierogi, gifts from Poland, tag sale, giant raffles, Win a week in Orlando, Florida!

November is the month of All Souls

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17th at the Parish Center. Any Catholic gentleman who is interested in becoming a Knight is asked to call Dan Arsenault at: 413-774-5258 or Lou Grader at: 413-774-2848. Thank you.

A Blanket & 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 the Church or call Knight Lou Grader at: 774-2848. Thank you for your help!

The Food Pantry needs the following: small cans of baked beans, spaghetti sauce, canned ravioli, canned vegetables, rice, hearty soups, crackers, peanut butter & jams, cold cereals, ramen noodles, canned meats, **canned fruits**, **jello, pudding**, desserts and **children's snacks**. The items in bold are the most needed. Financial contributions are always appreciated. Thank you.

COMMUNITY MEALS MINISTRY

The next community meal is Thursday, December 8th, at 5:00 PM. Kathleen Tomaus will be the team leader. The meal will be available as "Take & Eat" until 6:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer kindly call the parish office at: 774-2884. Thank you!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

We are **94%** of our way to the $3M goal!
$2,822,265.17 in donations/pledges to date 11/08/2022
This is up $2,666.41 from this date in 2021.
16,815 donors have contributed.
That is down 703 from last year at this date.
The average donation is $168.

To reach $3 million by 12/31/22, we need to collect another $177,734.83
To reach our 2021 total, we will need to bring in another $52,150.83.

"Live each day as you would climb a mountain. An occasional glance toward the summit keeps the goal in mind, but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from each new vantage point. So, climb slowly, enjoying each passing moment: and then the view from the summit will serve a more rewarding climax for your journey."
…….Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Thoughts from the Pastor's Desk …

Dear friends of Blessed Trinity Parish,

Happy and Holy Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe!

Today we mark the final Sunday of the liturgical year. Having followed the ordinal progression of time, we encounter the One who is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. As all things came into being through the Word of God, it is the Word of God made flesh who stands before all creation reigning as King. He is the visible image of the invisible God. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. We celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yet, let us never forget where He mounts His throne. The Gospel today helps us realize… The soldiers jeered at Him. The criminals reviled Him. "Above him there was an inscription that read, 'This is the King of the Jews'". It is the throne of the Cross.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, may we ever give thanks for the reign of Christ over our hearts. Let us allow Him to rule our passions and conform us to the divine will. May the freedom won for us from the Cross be our copious blessing in family and friendship, in humility and trust, in holiness and virtue. Allow the throne of the Cross to be adored and honored as Our Lord leads us in the victory of life over death, the triumph of good over evil. As we gather together at table this week, let us not be afraid to sign ourselves with the Cross and give thanks for our life in Christ.

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

Please join me in giving thanks this week for the many volunteers of our parish who teach our children, feed our poor, adore our Lord, care for our churches, raise our worship, and enliven our parish. Please also join me in thanking Fr. Val Nworah for his time of priestly service here in Greenfield and the gifts he will share with the university and parish in Amherst. Finally let us give thanks to one another for the witness of faith we can offer. May Christ and His Cross reign over Greenfield!

VOCATIONS

The church needs shepherds. Pray that the bishops will lead us well and rely on the power of God If you think God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Jonathan Reardon at 413-248-7034 or you can send an email to: vocations@diospringfield.org

FATIMA TOUR FOR PEACE

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA, USA —— OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, which has been traveling for 75 years, will be coming to the Diocese of Springfield this month. After being blessed by the Bishop of Leiria-Fatima, on October 13, 1947, the statue left Fatima and was flown to America to begin its tours. The bishop prayed that Our Lady's presence would travel with it wherever she went. It was blessed again in 1952 by Pope Pius XII, who had crowned the original statue in Fatima as Queen of the World just a few years earlier. The mission of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima continues to bring the message of Fatima—the Peace Plan from Heaven—to a world in need. Our Lord told Sister Lucia, the oldest of the three seers at Fatima, that he had entrusted the peace of the world to the Immaculate Heart.

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue has visited more than 100 countries, including Russia and China, bringing Mary's powerful message of salvation and hope to millions of people. Countless favors and graces have been reported wherever the Virgin Statue has traveled. We hope you will come and experience the blessings of Our Lady during this special statue visitation, sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA – Our Lady's Blue Army.

Here is the parish that the Pilgrim Statue will be present:

Monday, November 21 - Our Lady of the Cross, Mater Dolorosa School, Holyoke

Visit diospringfield.org for more information

ST JOHN PAUL II YOUTH GROUP

The St John Paul II Youth Group will have its monthly meeting on Sunday, November 20th, from 6:30-8:30 at Holy Trinity Church in Greenfield. Come join us as we help feed the hungry by baking pies for Thanksgiving Day community meals and praying for the dead during a candlelight rosary in the cemetery, and more! All teens in 8th-12th grades welcome. Call 413-772-6062 for more information.

PRAYER CHAINS

Our Greenfield Catholic Community Prayer Chains are available for anyone. Please contact either Andrea Lapointe at 413-774-5356 or Marie Boynton at 413-775-3633 or memeboynton@comcast.net with your petition.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 20, 2022

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (*Quas primas*, 7).

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union, Christ has power over all creatures" (*Quas primas*, 13).

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' –(Quas primas, 33).

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public. "Thus, by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King" (*Quas primas*, 26).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

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