Blessed Trinity Parish Roman Catholic Church

Greenfield, Massachusetts

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 5, 2023



Schedule of Masses

Lord's Day Vigil—Saturday 4 pm Lord's Day—Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, & 11 am

Weekday - 8 am & 9 am

First Saturday - 8 am Weekday Holy Day Vigil - 6 pm Holy Day - 9 am, 12:05 pm, & 6 pm

"Just as the living Father sent me and Thave life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." In 6:57

Our Churches & Sacred Spaces

Blessed Sacrament Church

221 Federal Street

Mass: Saturday - 4 pm | Sunday - 11 am | Daily - 9 am Holy Day Vigil: 6 pm | Holy Day: 9 am

Calvary Cemetery

Wisdom Way | First Burial recorded 1792

Holy Trinity Church

135 Main Street

Mass: Sunday - 8 am & 9:30 am | Daily - 8 am Holy Day: 12:05 pm & 6 pm

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

221 Federal Street | Always present 24/7

www.blessedtrinitygreenfield.org

All are Invited & Welcome to Join Us!

We are a diverse Catholic Community of Greenfield which shares a faith in Jesus Christ, is nourished at the table of the Eucharist, celebrates life-giving and healing Sacraments, tries to live the beatitudes, and reaches out in service, together.

Please join us on this journey of life and faith!

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. —Amen



PARISH OFFICE.

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(Deadline Wed.5pm -10 days prior- for following weekend.)

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FATHER JAMES CASEY HALL (135 Main St)
PASTORAL CENTER HALL (14 Beacon St)

BL. McGivney Conference Room (14 Beacon St)

Arrangements for use can be made through the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Deacon John Leary, Coordinator Hours available and Coverage Requested

CALVARY CEMETERY

Arrangements for burial can be made through the Parish Office.

OUR MINISTRIES.

FOOD PANTRY

Saturday 9 am- noon | Tuesday Noon-3 pm | Thursday 3 pm-6 pm | pantry@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org

COMMUNITY MEALS: 2nd, 4th & 5th Thursdays

ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER

413.774.6010 Pregnancy Tests, Counseling, Support, Post Abortion Support

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Ed & Suzi Cottrill 413.773.3311

Young & Catholic Young Adult Group of Franklin County: Stephanie Paige 413.773.3311

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HOSPITAL MINISTRY | JAIL MINISTRY | HOMEBOUND MINISTRY | HOMELESS MINISTRY

Thoughts from the Pastor's Desk ...

Dear friends of Blessed Trinity,

If you'll permit me to dare and say it, Lent is just around the corner. Though we can still sense the cold snaps of winter and perhaps even hear the distant rhythm of Christmas carols in our memory, we know that in just a few short weeks we will be entering a new season of heartfelt preparation and penitence.

Ash Wednesday falls this year on February 22nd and with it we will engage several weeks of meaningful self-reflection, prayerful discernment, and active almsgiving. Lent is our opportunity to refocus the light of Christ, born and revealed unto us on Christmas and Epiphany day, in and throughout our lives.

Our readings this week serve as a providential reminder of this Lenten program. "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked when you see them." Our corporal and spiritual works of mercy take on new vigor. Our prayer life pulsates, "not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power". Yes, let us look eagerly to glorify our heavenly Father!

In anticipation of this season, I invite you to consider and plan for several opportunities for a robust and invigorating renewal of our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Firstly, I earnestly invite you to the Eucharistic Congress to be held Saturday, March 4th, in Springfield. Together with brothers and sisters across our diocese and beyond, this congress is the summit of our Year of the Eucharist and a proud celebration of our Catholic presence united in the Lord's divine presence. Details can be found further in the bulletin and please register soon!

With new energy in our prayer life marked by the Lord's true presence, I also invite you to make note of our expanded Mass and Confession schedule beginning this Lent. While maintaining a regular morning Mass throughout most of the week, our Wednesdays will include a permanent midday Mass and evening Mass throughout the year. During Lent, we will have two daily Masses each day. Furthermore, an additional hour of confessions will be added to the midweek schedule before the Wednesday evening Mass. May this new schedule serve as a welcome opportunity to encounter our Eucharistic and merciful Lord and engage His sanctifying grace in our lives.

Nourished in the Lord, it is our duty to share that gift of life and faith in Him with so many more. While the pandemic and its grip of isolation have hindered many encounters and activities, it is imperative we innovate and seek to be present as best we can. To that end, I invite you to be aware of several discussions coming up for the growth and expansion of our parish ministries. Your thoughts and suggestions are earnestly invited!

Pastoral Ministry to the Homeless, the Poor, & the Hungry: Thursday, February 16 at 6:00PM in the Father Casey Hall Pastoral Ministry to the Sick & Homebound: Monday, February 20 at 6:00PM in the Pastoral Center Conference Room

Many of these efforts and initiatives, with more to come, have been born from our first conversations during our Open Parish Meetings. Thank you for keeping the conversation going and for the works we can all engage so too build up the Church of Christ here in Greenfield!

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

Fr. Pierz

Proposed Daily Mass Schedule

Monday 8:30 Tuesday 8:30

Wednesday 12:05 & 6:00 PM

Thursday 8:30 Friday 8:30

Locations to be determined, based on the best use of our sacred spaces.

NB. Sunday Mass schedule does not change.

Proposed Daily Mass Schedule (Lent)

Monday8:3012:05Tuesday8:3012:05Wednesday12:056:00 PMThursday8:3012:05Friday8:3012:05

8:30 AM Mass in Blessed Sacrament Church12:05 PM Mass in Holy Trinity Church6:00 PM Mass in Perpetual Adoration Chapel

With consultation, discernment, and deliberation, these proposals can take effect Ash Wednesday, February 22.

OUR FAITH.



5 SIMPLE STEPS TO IMPROVE YOUR PRAYER LIFE BY FATHER KIRBY. We're all busy. We have

responsibilities and duties that fill our days and crowd our minds and hearts. They stretch us and keep us on the go. In the midst of this reality, how are we to preserve and nurture a spiritual life? How are we to stay close to the Lord in our everyday lives? Some might respond that we need a quiet life, solitude,

and set times for prayer in order to grow spiritually. While this is good counsel for a monk, it is not always practical. So, instead of a strict quiet life, we should seek to quiet some of the things we do. Find time to be alone—even just 5 minutes to start- and get in the habit to be alone each day. In the car, a walk, before you get out of bed. It may be different each day but allow yourself flexibility in your busy days to find time to pray. So it becomes a priority and habit.

How to start? Here's five simple steps that can help.

STEP ONE: I really want to pray. How do I start? The first step in praying is to acknowledge that we are not the ones who initiated our desire to pray. God is the one who summons us to himself. In Part Four of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, we're given a beautiful and extensive teaching on prayer and the interior life. It begins with the story of the Woman at the Well (contained in John 4:1-42).

Step 2: What's the best way to start praying? After recognizing that God is calling us to pray, our next step is to build a habit of prayer. This is a humble but very necessary step. The two best ways to create a habit of prayer is to make it practical so its achievable and attach it to an existing habit. Attach just 5 minutes to a daily walk? In the car? Over a cup of coffee? At Adoration Chapel? Fit it into your schedule and make just 5 minutes of prayer a priority and an investment in your day to be the best version of yourself. Soon you will find 10 minutes, 15 minutes and more! By attaching our daily five minutes of prayer to an existing habit and you won't forget

STEP 3: What am I suppose to say when I pray? When we pray, we can say whatever we want. There is no such thing as a bad prayer. When we begin to pray, the most important thing is just that we are praying. We can open our hearts and just let God know about our struggles and disappointments. As our habit strengthens, we can change our complaining into thanksgiving. We can thank God for all his blessings. Eventually, our five minutes can become ten minutes. We can also begin to pause and let God speak to us.

STEP 4: What can I do when prayer gets really difficult? When our prayer life becomes dry, it's important that we understand what is happening. Some might think that when prayer becomes difficult or dry, that they are doing something wrong, that they have offended God in some way. We should not be afraid of these moments. Even as we wrestle, the spiritual masters teach us that God is closer to us in our purgation than in our times of consolation. God is doing more in our souls than we could ever imagine. Our task is to persevere and let God work.

STEP FIVE: Am I praying all by myself? No Christian ever prays alone. As someone who is baptized, we always pray in Christ. The Lord makes constant intercession for us and everything we do, we do "in him, with him, and through him." In Christ, we are also surrounded by the saints, who are the friends of God and our older brothers and sisters, as a "cloud of witnesses" helping us (Hebrews 12:1). They encourage and pray for us. They inspire us and model the Christian way of life for us. Find a prayer partner or join a prayer group. It is essential that married people pray together, and that Christian families pray together. Parents are the first and graced spiritual directors of their children.

CONCLUSION:

Each of these five simple steps is meant to help us in our busy lives. They are meant to guide us in our life of prayer. Each step is intended as counsel along the way of life and from the trenches of the Church to assist each of us in developing or deepening our interior lives.

[Note: For further reading, Fr. Kirby wrote a book on prayer published by St. Benedict Press called <u>Lord Teach Us To Pray:</u> A Guide to the Spiritual Life and Christian Discipleship]

OUR FAITH.

OUR SACRAMENTS.

EUCHARIST:

LORD'S DAY MASS Saturday 4:00 pm (BSC) | **Sunday** 8:00 am (HTC), 9:30 am (HTC), 11:00 am (BSC)

WEEKDAY MASS 8:00 am (HTC) and 9:00 am (BSC)

ADORATION Always present, 24/7 in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel

CONFESSION: Saturday, 2:30-3:30 pm / before weekend Mass / by appointment.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office to schedule baptism preparation classes, review sponsor

eligibility, and plan celebration of the sacrament. Typically celebrated within 8 weeks of

birth. Ceremony may be private or during our Sunday Masses.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the Parish Office at least 9 months in advance to enroll in marriage

preparation classes and plan liturgy arrangements.

Typically takes place through our Religious Education program. If you are an adult and CONFIRMATION:

have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the Parish Office.

HOLY ORDERS: Have you ever been inspired of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Please

speak with Fr. Pierz or call the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Available during pastoral visit, Sacrament of Confession, or by appointment.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: Seeking to receive all your sacraments and enter full communion with the Catholic Church? You are invited and welcome to join us! Please contact the Parish Office to learn how to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation.

COME PRAY WITH US.

Most Holy Rosary—before Daily Mass at 7:35 am (HTC) Join us in asking our Blessed Mother to help, comfort, protect, and heal.

Adorations & Benediction—after the Wednesday 8 am & 9 am Daily Masses

Roses for Mary Prayer Group—each Monday at 6:00 pm in the Adoration Chapel. All are welcome.

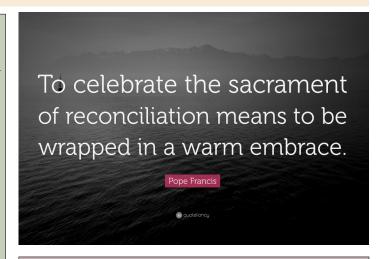
Holy Hour for the Sick and Dying-each Wednesday at 7 pm in the Adoration Chapel. If you know of someone in need of prayer, come and spend an hour for their intention.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy-Fridays at 3 pm in the Adoration Chapel—all are welcome.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— May all who attend Eucharistic Congress be inspired on the

path to true discipleship. May we experience a profound encounter with Christ in the liturgy; may it tholic Life bear fruit in our souls and increase concern for the poor.

We pray to the Lord.



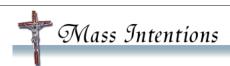
With the Lenten Season fast approaching, please take note of our updated Confession times.



Saturday, 2:30-3:30 pm Wednesday, 5:00-5:45 pm Before weekend Mass By appointment. 773.3311

Feb. 22—Ash Wednesday April 6—Holy Thursday | April 7—Good Friday April 8—Holy Saturday | April 9—Easter Sunday

OUR PARISH.



SATURDAY, February 4—FATHER DIMASCOLA

4:00 BSC MATTHEW KOSTANSKI— Charlie and

Sandra Kosterman

SUNDAY, February 5—FATHER ROACH

8:00 HTC STAR FLEURY—Mary Fleury

9:30 HTC FATHER DARLING— David and Helen Shea

Murphy

11:00 BSC Rose Salvetti – Barbara Brouillet

MONDAY, February 6- DEACON LEARY

8:00 HTC MATTHEW KOSTANSKI – his Parents

9:00 BSC HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY—Chris and

Maureen Donelan

TUESDAY, February 7—FATHER ROUX

8:00 HTC DAVID FITZ - Lisa

9:00 BSC STANLEY AND ELEANOR PARDA – Don Parda

WEDNESDAY, February 8—FATHER O'CONNOR

8:00 HTC GROGAN AND MEYER FAMILIES – LIVING

AND DECEASED - Tim and Joanne

9:00 BSC IN THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED

Christina Martel

THURSDAY, February 9—BISHOP BYRNE

8:00 HTC MATTHEW KOSTANSKI – his Parents

9:00 BSC GRACE AND BLESSINGS FOR STEPHEN

FILIAULT – Mom

FRIDAY, February 10—DEACON BETE

8:00 HTC MATTHEW KOSTANSKI – Britney, George,

and Children

9:00 BSC GRACE AND BLESSINGS FOR

MARY FILIAULT LARVEY—Mom

SATURDAY, February 11—Monsignor Yargeau

4:00 BSC MARIE NOGA— Noga / Smith Family

SUNDAY, February 12—VOCATIONS / SEMINARIANS /

PRIEST CANDIDATES

8:00 HTC BLESSINGS FOR FR. VALENTINE NWORAH—

Mary Fleury

9:30 HTC ANN AND JOSEPH HOHNHORST— their

niece, Mary Reilly Parsons

11:00 BSC LARRY AND KENNETH UNDERWOOD -

the Family

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. FEBRUARY 5, 2023

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

ROBERT HALL | BRENT KOSTANSKI | VICTIMS OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE | VICTIMS OF CALIFORNIA SHOOTINGS

JANUARY 29- FEBRUARY 11

The **SANCTUARY CANDLES** will burn this week in memory/honor:

For a Special intention-from Anonymous



For Health & Blessings for Rick Dufrainefrom Betty Webber

The **ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES** will burn in memory/honor of:

- 1. Evelyn, Doss and Family—from June and Family
- **2. For a Special intention**-from June, Greg and kids
- **3. For a Special intention**-from Anonymous
- 4. Patricia Duffey Earley-from Robert Earley

JOIN OUR TEAM.

Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic Parish in Greenfield, MA is seeking a spirited and enthusiastic individual to serve as **Parish Secretary.** This part-time, paid position of 24-28 hours per week supports the pastor in promoting the mission of the Church, assisting parishioners in administrative needs, and maintaining a professional office environment.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to communications, scheduling, record maintenance, census management, correspondence, and promotion of Catholic life and the activities of the parish. Understanding of the Church's teachings, organization, discretion, and technological skills are necessary qualities. Please contact Fr. Pierz at Blessed Trinity Parish by phone, (413) 773-3311 or email, pastor@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org with questions or interest.

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 clothing in the

containers by the doors of the Church or call Lou Grader at 413.774.2848.

CANTORS.

Saturday Feb. 4 4:00 pm— Sandra Pavoni Sunday Feb. 5 11:00 am — Jane Winchester Saturday Feb. 11 4:00 pm— Betsy Grybko Sunday Feb. 12 11:00 am — Brenda Hill

OUR PARISH.

KID SNACKS NEEDED. The Food Pantry is in



need of Granola bars and other individual sized servings of kids snacks—they go quickly. Other items in high demand are canned fruits, Jello, pudding, desserts and kids snacks. Financial

contributions are always appreciated.

Many thanks!

FEBRUARY COMMUNITY MEALS.

February 9 | February 23 | Take-out only 5-6 pm To volunteer for this ministry please call the Parish Office at 773.3311

THANK YOU! We have *exceeded* the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal goal! As of January 18, the ACA raised \$3,000,775 which is more than \$126,350 over 2021!



The ACA thanks you for all of your donations exceeding their goal!

Blessed Trinity Parish

Donors: 242 | Participation: 14.6% Cash Gifts: \$52,030 | Pledges:\$38,090

Total Raised:\$90,160 | Total Raised Last Year: \$90,429

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 29, 2023

"Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father"

Due to submission time constraints of the bulletin, the collection numbers for last week's offertory will be posted next week.

"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of His Holy Church."

Thank you for your generosity!

PLEASE NOTE FROM THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL OFFICES.

On the weekend of February 11th and 12th, parishes across the Diocese of Springfield will take up a combined collection for four causes that serve our Church and people here in the United States. What used to be spread across four weekends each year as second collections are all taken up at once from now on.



Coming up at Blessed Trinity Parish

Daily Mass 8 am HTC & 9am BSC

Daily Holy Rosary 7:35 am HTC, 8:30 am BSC

Confession: Sat. 2:30-3:30 pm (BSC),
before weekend Mass or by appointment

Monday Feb. 6

6:00 pm *Roses for Mary* Prayer Group (Adoration Chapel each Mon.)

<u>Tuesday Feb. 7</u>

6:30-9 pm Boys Scouts Pastoral Center (every Tues.)

Wednesday Feb. 8

After Daily Mass—Adoration & Benediction after BSC & HTC Daily Masses (each Wed.)

7 pm - Holy Hour for the Sick and Dying (Adoration Chapel each Wed.)

Thursday Feb. 9

5-6 pm Community Meal-Father Casey Hall (take-out only)

Friday Feb. 10

3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy recited (Adoration Chapel each Fri.)

Saturday Feb. 11

4 pm—Mass (BSC)

Sunday Feb. 12

8 am Mass (HTC)

9:30 am Mass (HTC)

9:45 am—First Communion parent meeting at Pastoral Center during CCD.

9:45 am -10:45 am Gr. 1-8 Religious Education Classes Pastoral Center. Coffee & conversation available for parents.

11 am Mass (BSC)

6-7 pm—Gr. 9th/10th –Religious Education Classes

OUR YOUTH.



Thomas Aquinas College Open House

Prospective students will soon be able to experience the intellectual, spiritual, and community life of Thomas Aquinas College at an open house on the New England campus.

High school juniors and seniors are invited to stay overnight through Sunday morning to sit in on classes, meet students and members of the teaching faculty, and to engage in a range of fun activities including game nights, bonfires, and an evening social.

The weekend will conclude on Sunday, February 26m at 11:00 a.m. with a panel featuring alumna Jane (Neumayr '98) Nemcova, an AI professional and the chief operating officer at Veuu, members of the teaching faculty and TAC parents. Sandwiches and refreshments will be served at its conclusion and those who wish may join us for a full campus tour.

Parents, siblings, family, friends, and anyone else unable to attend the whole weekend are more than welcome to join us on Sunday for the panel discussion, tour, and lunch.

To RSVP for the overnight portion of the Open House, either scan the

QR code or go to thomasaquinas.edu/OpenHouseNE.

If you are interested in joining us on Sunday, please email <u>SCassidy@thomasaquinas.edu</u>.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE.

Polish Heritage Scholarship -The Polish Junior League of Massachusetts is accepting applications for the Polish Heritage Scholarship for college students of Polish heritage.



Application information and forms may be obtained at www.polishjuniorleaguema.org/applications. Deadline for receipt of application materials is May 1, 2023

ATTENTION PARENTS.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING - FEB 12

Parents,
please join
us for the
First
Communion
Parent
meeting on
Sunday,



February 12, 9:45 am-10:45 am during CCD class at the Pastoral Center.

Coffee and tea will be available as you learn more and can ask questions you may have about this important Sacrament for your children.

Come experience a day at Saint Michael Catholic School!





Open House Dates: Monday, January 23rd Thursday, February 2nd Monday March 6th Tuesday, March 7th



May Jesus,
who loves all children,
bless your precious little one
with His love and grace
on this special day
and always.

Visiting hour for families with coffee and pastries available in the morning. Students can shadow the entire day. Questions about St. Michael's Open House?

Contact Lindsay O'Neil. **802.254.6320**

OUR YOUTH.



YOUTH MINISTRY MASTER CLASS SERIES

Strategy and support for professionals and volunteers working with youth

Spring Edition

Monthly Tuesdays on Zoom

(5.00 PM TO 6.00 PM

100% ONLINE Cost: Free

Registration Required

Register now at:



www.CatholicYouthRevival.org

THE SPEAKER LINEUP



JANUARY 10

Rebuilding Youth Ministry in a post COVID reality

Michael Marchand Director & Co-founder Project YM Chattanooga, TN



FEBRUARY 7

Reaching the Modern Teen

Tim Habeeb Northeast Regional Director Life Teen Boston, MA



MARCH 7

Mission Field Prayer Life

Fr. Stephen Rooney Associate Pastor Notre Dame Parish New Hyde Park, NY



APRIL 4

Assisting Teens with Mental Health, Anxiety and Stress

Dan Hegarty Licensed Social Worker East Longmeadow, MA



MAY S

AMA (Ask me Anything)

Jim Flanagan Director of Youth Ministry Holy Name Parish West Roxbury, MA

OUR DIOCESE.

HE IS PRESENT

WILL YOU BE?

Eucharistic Congress

MARCH 4TH, 2023

At the MassMutual Center



For more details or to register Please visit our website https://catholiclifeconference.org

Dr. Edward Sri Barbara Hell Dr. Carlos Parellada Patricia Sandoval Ray Grijalba <u>Sr. Maris Stella</u>













Adoration • Confession • Vigil Mass

Register at
CatholicLifeConference.org
Register by February 20, 2023
to have lunch included







AND MORE.

Recently shared by a parishioner on Facebook ...

Bring them to church. Saturate their lives with the Word of God. Even if they lay on the floor. Even if they need 437 goldfish and a sucker to be quiet. Even if you stand in the back swaying back and forth holding them. Even when it's hard. Even when when your row looks like a small hurricane just came through. Bring them to church. Let them see you worship. Let them see you pray. Let them see you running toward the Savior ... because if they don't see and learn these things from you, who are they going to learn them from?

The world will teach them it's not a priority. The world will teach them it's okay to lay out, not to pick up their Bibles. The world will direct them so far off course, confuse them, and misinform them that just being "good" is enough. The world won't teach them about Jesus. That's our job.

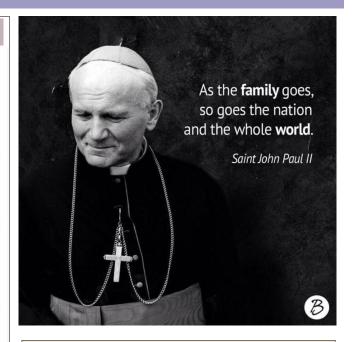
Bring them to church.

Matthew 18:5-6 And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me. But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea. Teaching kids is a huge responsibility. We must take it seriously and do it well. Prepare well, speak truth, and remember they are God's kids first.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "You are the Salt of the earth. You are the light of the world." "A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." "Your light must shine before others." Why not let your light shine by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. It can be the salt and light you need for your relationship. Experiences available are: Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA | Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

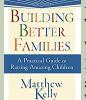
Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of inperson and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or https://wwmectw.org/.



A Prayer for Tired Parents

Thank you for my children, LORD; I know they are a gift from you. Daily I need Your strength and wisdom to train them in the way they should go. Give me patience and a joyful heart; let me be an example of Your love and forgiveness. Thank You, Father, for the honor of being a parent.—Amen.

BUILDING BETTER FAMILIES.



By Matthew Kelly \$26.95 www.dynamiccatholic.com

What makes a successful parent?
Do you realize that your children are in the middle of a cultural war?
What are the 5 things children really need? Are you asking your children

the right questions? What are the priorities of your family culture? Discover practical strategies and classic wisdom for parenting that will transform and help to build a better family.

Catholic author and speaker, Matthew Kelly founded the <u>Dynamic Catholic Institute</u> with the mission of "re-energizing" the Catholic Church in America.