

Blessed Trinity Parish

Roman Catholic Church

Greenfield, Massachusetts

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord — January 8, 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 I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me
will have life because of me." Jn 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!

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. –Amen



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Arrangements for use can be made through the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Deacon John Leary, Coordinator

Hours available and Coverage Requested

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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: Upcoming schedule to come.

ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER

413.774.6010 *Pregnancy Tests, Counseling, Support, Post Abortion Support*

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Thoughts from the Pastor's Desk ...

Dear friends of Blessed Trinity,

The Greek word ἐπιφάνεια is a composite of two words meaning “to show, shine” “upon”. As one it means manifestation or appearance, like a star shining forth in the darkness.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is the day that marks the appearance of Christ Jesus as a revelation to all nations, the newborn King to Whom kings of the world, three from the East, come to pay homage. The Epiphany of the Lord celebrates the fact that God comes to reveal Himself, not to a chosen few but to all nations, to all who would call Him Lord and Saviour.

This past week we have marked the solemn and somber events of one who gave witness to the divine revelation of Jesus. Pope Benedict XVI offered a life of public witness and private prayer seeking to reveal the great mysteries of God with clarity, precision, and depth. Indeed he showed forth the brilliance of Christ in a darkened world. As a seminarian, deacon, and young priest, I was privileged to study and serve for several years in Rome during his pontificate, as well as that of Pope Francis.

May the late Holy Father and pope emeritus, Pope Benedict XVI, rest in peace and may each of us give life to our parish and local community with the joy, peace, and truth of the Eternal Word he so faithfully served.

The Epiphany foretells the universal openness of the Church, her call to evangelize all peoples. But the Epiphany also tells us how the Church realizes this mission: by reflecting the light of Christ and proclaiming his Word. Christians are called to imitate the service that the star rendered to the Magi. We must shine out as children of light, so as to attract all people to the beauty of the Kingdom of God. And to those who seek the truth, we must offer the Word of God, which leads us to recognize in Jesus “the true God and eternal life” (1 Jn 5:20).



Most Holy Trinity, I adore You!

My God, I love you in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

Fr. Pierz

OUR SACRAMENTS.

EUCCHARIST:

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 (BSC), and 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.

CONFIRMATION:

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

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

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.

OUR FAITH.

SAINT OF THE DAY - ST. AGATHON OF SCETE (JANUARY 8)

Around the year 364. Agathon retired from the world to live as a prayerful, austere hermit in the desert of



Scete near Alexandria, Egypt. He supported himself by weaving and selling baskets; he often just gave them away to the very poor to use or sell as they saw fit.

A real life Good Samaritan, he once found a foreign traveler ill on the side of the road; he took the man to an inn, looked after him, and worked in the city for four months to pay for the man's room and expenses while he recovered.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS.

There is a reason we have the 12 days of Christmas. The song's purpose is to lead us into Epiphany. For many, we will celebrate it liturgically until the Baptism of



Jesus, which will put us back into Ordinary Time. This Christmas observance continues until the Presentation of Jesus (February 2nd) or Candlemas.

So let us celebrate: Continue feasting | Have an epiphany celebration | Have 12 dinners of Christmas with family and friends | Keep your Christmas Creche set up. | Play traditional Christmas carols that pertain to Jesus's birth like "We Three Kings" "O Little Town of Bethlehem" "O Holy Night" and "The First Noel".

Christmas is still happening. Let us continue to celebrate the birth of Christ as we sing **Joy to the World.**

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"If you want to bring happiness to the world, go home and love your family."

- ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

CATHOLICS COME HOME.

Whether you are Catholic, on a journey into the Catholic Church, or returning, you are welcome.



Faith should touch every corner of our lives. We know it can be intimidating to walk through those doors, but we've been expecting you.

Welcome home.

To learn more about our Catholic Church and to help you understand more clearly the Church and her teachings you can find helpful resources at www.catholicscomehome.org

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.

"Use whatever gift you have received to serve others.

As faithful stewards of God's Grace in it's various forms." - 1 PETER 4:10

OUR FAITH.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.



The Epiphany of the Lord feast day brings us back to the life of Christ and the promises contained in the child born in a cave. Christians worldwide recognize the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The word “epiphany” is derived from the Greek word “epiphainen”, which means “to shine upon”, “to manifest”, or “to make known.”

“Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’ (John 8:12)”

The Epiphany reminds us that Jesus is shown to be the promised Messiah for which the Jews had been waiting. As the Catechism tells us, the Epiphany honors and recognizes the magi making the trip from the East to find Jesus and worship him.

The wise men who make the long journey to come adore and worship Jesus. They were likely from Persia and made the 1,000-1,200 mile trip to Jerusalem by camel to bring gifts to the Lord and adore Him. Contrary to popular belief, the Bible does not tell us there were three wise men. In fact, it does not give us the number of magi who made the trip. The number three is taken from the number of gifts they brought to the Lord, but we are not told exactly how many there were on the journey. Throughout the centuries and different cultures, there have been a variety of beliefs in how many magi there actually were that night. The number of magi is not as important as the meanings of the gifts they brought and the fact that they made journey at all.

Since the magi would have been traveling in a desert climate on camel, it is presumed they only traveled about 15-20 miles per day due to the limitations of the camel’s ability to travel long distances in that climate. As a result, it would have taken an estimated 60 days for the magi to make it to Jesus. (Many times, we complain and refuse to travel 30 minutes by vehicle to spend some time in adoration before the Lord.)

The coming of the magi also shows that pagans can indeed come to Jesus and those outside the Jewish religion can come to God the Father through Jesus Christ. It reminds us that Jesus did not come just for the Jews, but **He came for the entire world**. He came to be a light in the darkness of sin. He came to show the world the way to God and eternal life. He came to live so that we might live.

The Epiphany directs our focus to the times Jesus manifested to the world who He was and therefore calls us to follow Him. It reminds us that the light of Christ draws all men to repentance and salvation through Jesus.

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NEW PARISHIONERS.

Welcome! We are eager to meet you and we invite you to register at the Parish Office.

We look forward to getting to know you in prayer and service and we hope that you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, and your talents.

Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Adoration 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

Please contact Deacon John for available hours. 773.3311

OUR PARISH.



Mass Intentions

FIRST SATURDAY, January 7—FR. ROUX

8:00 BSC JOYCE TILTON – by Laurie

4:00 BSC ARLENE BECKLO –by Betty Fritz

SUNDAY, January 8—VOCATIONS/SEMINARIANS/DEACON CANDIDATES)

8:00 HTC JOHN QUINLAN – by Caroline Gargone

9:30 HTC EDWARD, ARLENE, ARTHUR & ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PETRIN FAMILY – by Deacon Joe & Marie Bete

11:00 BSC JOHN SABIN – by Wife and Family

MONDAY, January 9— DEACON BUCCI

8:00 HTC MICHAEL RYAN – by Betty Webber

9:00 BSC GRACE & BLESSINGS FOR MATT HIMES – by Maureen Filiault

TUESDAY, January 10—DEACON NOLAN

8:00 HTC ARLENE BECKLO – by Betty Webber & Ed Sanborn

9:00 BSC IN THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED—Christina Martel

WEDNESDAY, January 11—FR. GONI

8:00 HTC STANLEY LOPATKA – David & Judy Ciszewski

9:00 BSC JAMES HANNIGAN – by Doug & Joanne Brown

THURSDAY, January 12—BISHOP BYRNE

8:00 HTC MARK MALONEY – by The Parish

9:00 BSC DENNIS G. MOORE – by Doug & Joanne Brown

FRIDAY, January 13—MSGR. YARDEAU

8:00 HTC JOHN E. KILEY FAMILY – the Estate

9:00 BSC ANNE & ANDREW DEDINAS – Birute Hanley

SATURDAY, January 14—FR. LUNNEY & DEACON BETE

4:00 BSC JAMES O'SHEA— Charlie & Sandy Kosterman

SUNDAY, January 15—FR. AKSAMIT

8:00 HTC SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR NANCY PELOSI – Mary Fleury

9:30 HTC WILLIAM & MARY COUGHLIN— JANE McDONOUGH

11:00 BSC JAMES HANNIGAN – by Betty Fritz

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.

JANUARY 8, 2023

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

MARJORIE J. UNDERWOOD | SHELIAH MORAN
VICTIMS OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE

The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn
Jan. 1-14 in memory/honor:

1. **For a Special intention**-from Anonymous



The **ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES** will burn
Jan. 1-14 in memory/honor of:

1. **Special Intentions** - from Claire Heath
2. **Mary & Stephen McCarthy**—from Julie McCarthy
3. **For a Special intention**-from Anonymous
4. **Patricia Duffey Earley**-from Robert Earley



GREETERS/USHERS NEEDED.

Help make our parishioners and guests feel welcome! Just a once a month commitment could help.

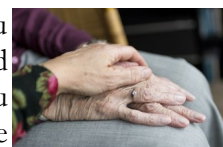
Call the Parish Office at 773.3311 for more information.

PRAYER CHAINS.

Our Parish Prayer Chains are available to anyone. Please contact us with your petition: Andrea Lapointe / Parish Office at 773.3311 or Marie Boynton at 413.775.3633 /memeboynton@comcast.net.



HOMEBOUND MINISTRY. If you know of anyone who is a homebound and unable to attend Mass, or if you know of any parishioner who is in the hospital or nursing home, **please email/call us at 773-3311 or 774-2884.** We want to reach out to all of our parishioners, especially in their time of need.



CANTORS.

Saturday Jan. 7 4:00 pm— Betsy Grybko

Sunday Jan. 8 11:00 am — Brenda Hill

Saturday Jan. 14 4:00 pm— Jane Winchester

Sunday Jan. 15 11:00 am — Jackie Jurewicz

OUR PARISH.

SAVE THE DATE. The Blessed Trinity Rosary Society will hold an afternoon Farewell reception for Father Valentine on **Sunday, January 15th from 2 to 4 pm** in the Father Casey Hall of Holy Trinity Church. Everyone is welcome to come and wish Father Valentine good luck and best wishes on his new assignment at the Newman Center Amherst, MA.



Come and share an afternoon of fellowship and refreshments as we thank him for serving our churches for the past year and a half. Come spend an enjoyable afternoon and show Father Valentine how much he has meant to all of us.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF. We are looking to build up our parish office team., with volunteer receptionists and a paid secretary.

If you or someone you know has office experience that might be a good fit, please contact Fr. Pierz for more information.



THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
serving berkshire, franklin, hampden & hampshire counties

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE : For Blessed Trinity Parish 12/21/22

Donors:	238
Cash Gifts:	\$51,010
Pledges:	\$38,090
Total:	\$89,100

Across the Diocese, \$2,932,615.53 has been donated from 17,615 donors. We are at 97.75% of our \$3M goal ---and need \$67,384.47 to get there.

If you haven't given please consider a gift.

Please visit DioSpringfield.org/ACA

WEEKEND OF DEC. 25

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

Weekly Parish Collection:	\$6,155
Fuel Collection:	\$ 140
Maintenance Collection:	\$ 387

"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!

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



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
or by appointment

Monday Jan. 9

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

Tuesday Jan. 10

Wednesday Jan. 11

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 Jan. 12

Friday Jan. 13

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

Saturday Jan. 14

10:30 am RCIA in Pastoral Center

4 pm—Mass (BSC)

6-7 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony in Pastoral Center

Sunday Jan. 15

8 am Mass (HTC)

9:30 am Mass (HTC)

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

11 am Mass (BSC)

2-4 pm Reception for Father Valentine –
Father Casey Hall. All are welcome!

6-7 pm—Gr. 9th/10th —NO Religious Education
Classes (Bread of Life)

OUR YOUTH.



Blessed Trinity Parish Children's Christmas party.



Father Pierz with our youngest parishioners at Christmas Eve Mass.



Welcome to our family Benjamin!
Baptism of Benjamin Peter Wood on December 18.

OUR HERITAGE.

Our Catholic churches have a long and rich heritage in Greenfield and Franklin County! Each week we will share a little history and photos for you to enjoy! If you have any photo's, history, special events or other items and information to share, please contact bulletin@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org or call the Parish Office.

We'd love to hear from you!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The Mother Church of Franklin County established in 1868.



Back in the day everyone looked forward to the annual Lawn Parties on the church grounds on Main Street.. It was one of the largest events each year with the funds raised used to finance the

parish operations each year.

Other events included "Beacon Lights" put on by the sisters and Holy Trinity students and "Passion Play" presented by "The Trinity Players". While these events kept the church finances in the black, it also was a wonderful way to offer parishioners an opportunity to socialize as a community.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

Established in 1960. Dedicated in 1970.



Photo from the 1960's before the current building was built.

SPOTLIGHT: GRACIE HICKS

Gracie Hicks is a senior at Mohawk Regional High School and a member of Blessed Trinity Parish. While she could have chosen any topic to research, she chose her senior capstone project on the “Decline of the Catholic Church in Franklin County”. Below is a copy of her final paper. She identifies some of the issues that all churches are facing in this day and age; however, she also includes some encouraging words and suggestions on how we all can help to increase attendance and build a stronger faith and sense of community. She is just one of the many outstanding youth in our parish. Thank you, Gracie!

Decline of the Catholic Church in Franklin County by Gracie Hicks, Senior Capstone Project

Research shows that people tend to be religious in order to feel comfort in times of need. When we are children we have our parents to look to take care of things. As we get older we become independent and find ourselves turning to religion as a way to have a higher authority. When we don't know what God would say we tend to look toward religious texts or to prayer. This also happens with people who are lost when it comes to religion. They will turn to God during natural disasters, shootings, violence, and crime. So you may wonder why the Catholic church is still seeing such a decline especially in a time like today. After reading this paper I hope I will have helped you to see what we can do to help this issue.

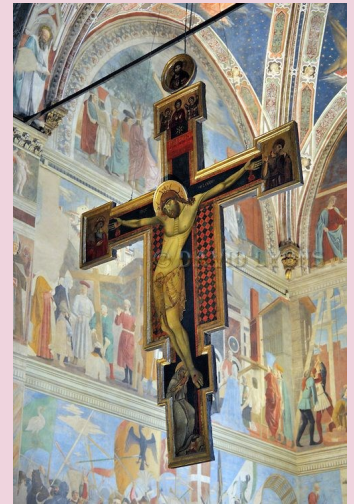
From my interviews with many people I have found that people really like the way the Catholic church is. The things that the Catholic church does, like missionaries and helping people in need, is a part of the faith that people don't know about. It is such a heartwarming thing to come into church every Sunday and see greeters at the doors. The priests that we have had here in Greenfield are really special. We have had priests that welcome all kinds of people and help people in times of stress. We have had priests who share life stories which allows us to feel connected to them in a real way. To say the least, the Catholic church is already so welcoming and connected.

However, there have been parts of our history that have led people to stay away. Sometimes people have felt embarrassed to share their religion because of the history. That doesn't mean we can't change it. Something that people can do everyday is share God's love. This doesn't mean judging others but rather speaking in a caring way that would make people who don't come to church feel like they are always welcome. You don't have to be a regular at church to be Catholic, but coming into church more often might help you to be more confident in your belief system. When you don't come to church, it would be good to pray to God and just remind him that you are thinking of him. God does so much for us that praying is a way of thanking him. It is something that you can do from the comfort of your home and no one has to know what you say to him. You can do it anytime you want to! Preaching in a way that makes people feel guilty can push people to feel embarrassed and unwelcome. We are a welcoming community and it should be a goal to share that with people.

As a parish we have programs that can be helpful to people of all ages. CCD is a very helpful tool that I used when I was a child and it taught me a lot about my faith. It also introduced me to people that share the same religion as me which made me feel like I had a safe place. Building community was really important in some of the feedback I have received. Going to these classes is an easy way that can help children understand what is being shared in mass and why we do some of the things we do in the Catholic faith. As people become adults it may seem easy to drift away from the church. Luckily there are churches around. Just because you can't come to the church you grew up in it would still be good to go to church wherever you can. I'm sure that as a community we can work on starting more groups! If you have an idea you can reach out to me. These programs are just the start of what we can do as a community to help people feel welcome in the Catholic church.

In the end we just want to help the churches of Greenfield grow. It may seem hard to do but doing these small actions can help people to feel welcome. The Catholic community really just wants to spread God's love and being able to find a way to say it that will help people to feel encouraged to come to church is all it takes. I believe in this community and I feel that we can improve the Catholic community of Greenfield.

As long as we do it together.



OUR DIOCESE.

FROM OUR DIOCESE TO SHARE. The Magi followed the Star to find the newborn King. Make the same journey with your spouse to bring your relationship to Jesus.

Worldwide Marriage

Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.



Upcoming in person events:

Feb 3-5, 2023 in Huntington, NY
Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA
Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE: JANUARY 8

Our Lady of Częstochowa Parish in Turners Falls will be having an **Epiphany Carol Service** on Sunday, January 8th at 2:00 pm.

All are welcome!

MARRIAGE MINISTRY WEEKEND. January 20-22 The Connecticut/Western Mass. Retrouvaille Mar-

riage Ministry program – designed to help couples struggling in their marriages – will hold a workshop weekend in the Hartford, Connecticut, area. The international program, which includes *six* subsequent weekends of follow-up meetings, provides tools for couples to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly and rediscover why they fell in love.

For information, call confidentially 1800.470.2230, email help4marriage@gmail.com or go to our website www.help4marriage.org for information & registration.

Registration ends January 16, 2023

OUR REGION.

HISTORIC DEERFIELD. JANUARY 14, 7-9 PM

Winter Music: Songs, Stories and a Musical Mystery In Old Deerfield. Musician-in-Residence Tim Eriksen presents interpretations and imaginations of winter in early New England through story and song, including the mystery of an 18th-century carol unique to the Memorial Libraries, and Justin Hitchcock's manuscript setting of Francis Hopkins' winter poem, "The Traveler."



Tickets: \$25 / Members: \$20 / Ages 12 & under: \$10

**Deerfield Community Center at
Historic Deerfield
16 Memorial St. Deerfield, MA**

DISCOVERY CENTER ART EXHIBIT. Jan. 28, 2023

Photo Beat, Past and Present: Moving Forward in



Time, Capturing of the moment. Joe R. Parzych has been a freelance photojournalist for the past 24 years for local news-

papers, national magazines, & trade journals. Joe's unique photographic storytelling provides an Autistic perspective to everyday objects that people overlook. Joe started as an apprentice to his grandfather, Joseph A. Parzych of Gill, MA, & his passion for local history and community has fueled his work in journalism. **Open Tue 10 am-4pm | Wed.-Sun. 10 am-5 pm | Closed Mondays, but open Monday holidays.**

Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

"There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future." – ST AUGUSTINE

AND MORE.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN 2023. How many of us have said “I’m too busy to volunteer?”, “I’m a busy working mom”, “I’m not comfortable volunteering at the jail.”, “I don’t have any talents to share” or “I don’t have extra money to help”. All valid excuses perhaps...but maybe there is a way to serve others that does fit into your busy schedule or life stage. Whether you are retired, working, a stay at home mom, in college or High School and even our youngest parishioners, we all have talents to share with our community. It could be as easy as giving just one extra dollar a week in the collection, an hour at the Adoration Chapel or helping to organize the Pastoral Center’s new Reading Corner? Are you creative and enjoy arranging flowers? Are you good at proofreading and could spend 15-minutes a week reviewing the bulletin? Maybe be an usher/greeter one mass a month? **If you haven’t made your 2023 New Year’s Resolution, why not explore these ideas...and call 773.3311 with questions or suggestions.**



Bulletin: At the end of Mass, take **3 bulletins** – one for you, one for a friend/neighbor and one to leave at your dentist office, auto repair shop or other. No cost involved. ;)

Bulletin Ads: Could your business or employer purchase a small ad in the bulletin? It’s well-read and inexpensive plus our parish receives a portion of the advertising proceeds. Be sure to support the businesses that purchased ads.

Food Pantry: Purchase the Buy-One-Get-One items on sale and donate one of the free items | Help organize the food shelves | Help pass out the food one hour a week

Flowers/Gardening: Do you have a green thumb and can donate flowers during the summer | Or want help to arrange flowers for the church | Could you help us create a” Rose Garden for Mary” this summer for all to enjoy.

Carpentry: Do you enjoy fixing things, building shelves, have extra materials that could be used/donated to projects at the Parish?

Cleaning/Organizing: Could you help for an hour with a friend to help our maintenance staff deep clean Do you enjoy organizing and could help go through the boxes, books and Christmas decorations in the basement | The new reading corner **could** use some organizing and ideas.

Music: Have you thought about joining the choir? Singing at funerals? Starting a children’s choir?

CCD: Retired teacher? Share your knowledge and talent with our youth | Or be a guest speaker once or twice. “Animals of the Bible” or “Fun Facts about the Bible Kids will Love”.

Baking/Cooking: Maybe food is your specialty. Why not cook a dish for the Community Meal program or help serve | Maybe you have a family recipe you’d like to teach to others? Easter Braided Bread or Gumpki’s? We could host a cooking class featuring your recipe | Pot Luck Socials or Picnics might be fun to plan | make cookies for the Children’s Christmas party

Adoration Chapel: How fortunate we are to have a 24/7 chapel. Share an hour with a friend – come together or each of you can split the time.

Writing: Articles for the bulletin or website | **Social Media:** Is this your expertise? Come help us with ideas for our Facebook page with photos.

Are you Crafty: Start on scarves, hats and mittens for the Giving Tree and Joshua Tree | Maybe you can teach others how to knit or crochet so they can contribute | Polish Easter Egg decorating | Teach or learn wreath making to help with the Rosary Society wreath fund raiser | Repairing Rosary Beads | Prayer Scarves

Donate Items: Are you cleaning out a room or two and have items to donate to the tag sale | Family photo albums that have events like weddings and baptisms at BSC and HTC |

Join a group: Committees | Ministries | Blessed Trinity Rosary Society (next meeting in March) | Knights of Columbus (3rd Thursday at 7pm)

Office Experience: Volunteer to be a receptionist for a morning a week?

Bring a friend/neighbor or family member to mass.

And that’s just a few of the things in the Parish. **What gifts in 2023 can you use this year to serve others?**