

# *Blessed Trinity Parish*

## *Roman Catholic Church*

*Greenfield, Massachusetts*

*Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - June 11, 2023*



### *Schedule of Holy Mass*

Lord's Day Vigil— Saturday 4 pm

Lord's Day—Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, & 11 am

#### **Weekday**

M-T-Th-F- 8:30 am

Wed. 12:05 pm & 6 pm

First Saturday - 8 am

Holy Day Vigil - 6 pm

Holy Day - 8:30 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  
Monday & Tuesday—8:30 am | Wednesday—6 pm  
Holy Day Vigil: 6 pm | Holy Day: 8:30 am

#### *Calvary Cemetery*

Wisdom Way | First Burial recorded 1792

#### *Holy Trinity Church*

135 Main Street

Mass: Sunday - 8 am & 9:30 am  
Wednesday 12:05pm | Thursday & Friday—8:30 am  
Holy Day: 12:05 pm & 6 pm

#### *Perpetual Adoration Chapel*

221 Federal Street | Always present 24/7

[www.blessedtrinitygreenfield.org](http://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!

## **SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. —*Amen*



### **PARISH OFFICE.**

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**HOURS:** Monday-Friday: 9 am - 3 pm

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**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—to volunteer call Kathy Melnik 413.773.3311

#### **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,

As we meditated briefly last week on the Collect for the Mass, our prayer continues to deepen and be enriched. Celebrating the great mystery of God's dynamic love within Himself, that of the Most Holy Trinity, Holy Mother Church proposes for our contemplation this week the great gift that is Love Incarnate, the Most Blessed Sacrament. In the abundance of God's love, we are invited into a share of His very life, Body & Blood, Soul & Divinity. Today we celebrate Corpus Christi, the Blessed Sacrament of His True Presence.

The Collect for this Sunday's Mass (as you can find each week in the header on the preceding page) collects our prayers and personal intentions into one proclaiming

*O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

As always concluding with the trinitarian formula of the reign of God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, this prayer orients us in the mystery of our relationship with Him by virtue of His generous gift. By His gift and our disposition, humble and free, God extends to us the great joys and graces of His divine love. While the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are complete and perfect in their love, it is by His Divine Mercy that we merit to be sharers in that same profundity of love. Through the Most Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood, you and I can be fed on the life of God Himself.

The dynamism of divine love is an invitation extended to you and I, capable of loving, being loved, and love itself. Through the Most Holy Eucharist, you and I become sharers in the very flesh and blood, soul and divinity of Christ. In the salvific act of the Cross, our Blessed Lord poured forth His whole self and, having already united Himself to us in the humanity of our earthly flesh, now effected our reconciliation with the divinity of the Heavenly substance of God. As such we can raise our prayer to the Father robustly and eagerly

*Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.*

In Holy Communion, from the pierced side of Christ and His exposed Heart, you and I can feast on the love of God. A miracle, no less than Heaven itself.

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



**History of Corpus Christi Processions.** In the fourteenth century, the custom first developed of carrying the Blessed Sacrament in splendid procession through the town after the Mass on Corpus Christi Day. This was encouraged by the popes, some of whom granted special indulgences to all participants. The Council of Trent (1545-1563) solemnly approved and recommended the procession on Corpus Christi as a public profession of the Catholic faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Sacrament. By tradition, Catholics take part in a procession through the streets of a neighborhood near their parish following Mass. The Blessed Sacrament is placed in a monstrance and is held aloft by a member of the clergy during the procession. After the procession, parishioners return to the church where Benediction takes place. (*CatholicCulture.org*)

***LET'S PRAY AND WORK TOGETHER TO BRING A PROCESSION  
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ONTO THE STREETS OF GREENFIELD AGAIN!***



# OUR FAITH.

## 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

M & T 8:30 am (BSC) | Wed. 12:05 pm (HTC) & 6 pm (PAC) | Th & F 8:30 am (HTC)

#### ADORATION

Always present, 24/7 in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel (PAC)

### CONFESSION:

Saturday, 2:30-3:30 pm | 30 min. before Sunday Masses | Wednesday, 5-5:45pm | or by appointment. (Every effort is made to arrive 30 min. before the 11 am Mass for Confession, however priest availability can be limited.)

### 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.

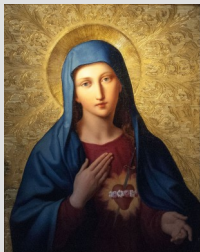
### HOLY ORDERS:

Have you ever been inspired of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Please speak with Fr. Pierz or call the Parish Office.

**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.

#### THE ROSES FOR MARY PRAYER GROUP.



*Join us for prayer in our Perpetual  
Adoration Chapel*

*Each Monday at 6:30pm.*

#### PRAYER CHAINS.

Please contact us with  
your petition.



Our Parish Prayer Chains are available to all..

Andrea Lapointe: Parish Office at 773.3311

Marie Boynton: 775.3633 [memeboynton@comcast.net](mailto:memeboynton@comcast.net)

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

Join us for a meeting to discuss exciting new opportunities and possibilities in our area.

**June 22nd, 6:30 pm in our Father Casey Hall**

#### NEW PARISHIONERS.

**Welcome!**

We are eager to meet you & invite you  
to register at the Parish Office.

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



# OUR FAITH.

**CORPUS CHRISTI.** This Sunday we celebrate the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*—also known as *Corpus Christi*. The Latin words translate to “Body of Christ.”

**Unique Feast.** This day honors the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is one of the few celebrations that does not commemorate an event in the life of Jesus or Mary. Instead, it is dedicated to the fundamental belief of Catholicism — Jesus’ sacramental presence in the consecrated bread and wine. The feast of **Corpus**

**Christi** is one of only five occasions of the year in which a diocesan bishop is not to be away from his diocese unless for a grave and urgent reason.

**Corpus Christi** is one of only a handful of feasts that was originally recommended by parishioners. Juliana of Liège, a 13th-century Norbertine canoness, longed for a feast day outside of Lent to honor the Eucharist. After receiving several visions of Christ, she petitioned her bishop to institute the day which eventually spread to nearby cities and towns. On August 11, 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the papal bull *Transiturus de hoc mundo*. It declared **Corpus Christi** as a feast day throughout the entire Latin Rite. This was the very first papally sanctioned universal feast in the history of the Latin Rite. The pontiff celebrated the first solemnity in Orvieto, the town where he was then residing. He ordered the famous corporal with traces of the **Eucharistic Bolsena Miracle\*** that had occurred in 1263, be kept in Orvieto Cathedral — where it still is today.

**St. Thomas Aquinas' Texts.** Pope Urban IV asked one of the greatest theologians of history, St Thomas Aquinas — who at that time was accompanying the Pope in Orvieto — to compose the texts of the liturgical office for this first feast. They are masterpieces, in which poetry expresses perfectly the theology. These texts give praise and gratitude to the Most Holy Sacrament, while the mind, penetrating the mystery with wonder, recognizes in the Eucharist the Living and Real Presence of Jesus, of his Sacrifice of love that reconciles us with the Father, and gives us salvation.

Curiously, the successors of Urban IV did not uphold the decree and the feast was suspended until 1311 when it was reinstated by Clement IV at the Council of Vienne. (*MassExplained.com*)



**\*Eucharistic Bolsena Miracle.** One day in 1263, while a priest was consecrating the bread and the wine, he was overcome by strong doubts about the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist. A few drops of blood began miraculously to ooze from the consecrated Host, thereby confirming what our faith professes, dispelling all doubt.

## LITURGY/WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – 6:45 PM | Pastoral Center Conference Room**

All parishioners are invited to attend the next Liturgy/Worship Commission meeting. We look forward to our continued effort at encouraging and celebrating the acts of divine worship. **Agenda follows:**

**Open Matters:** Sacristy Manual | Hospitality & Welcome | Volunteer Recruitment | Proposed Regular Meeting day/time

**New Matters:** Marian Day Deanery Celebration—Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | One-Year Parish Anniversary | Distribution of Holy Communion under Both Species

**Status Reports:** Music Ministry (Kathleen Galluzzo / Steve Glover / Paul Calcari) | Lectors (Joanne Brown) | Sacristans (Jackie Jurewicz / Betty Webber) | Environmental Sacristans (Karen Lepore / Kathy Melnik) | Ushers/Greeters (*vacant*) | Altar Corps (Jason Edson) | Altar Society (Virginia Christi / Kaitrin Livingstone)

**Wednesday, June 14th 6:45pm Pastoral Center Conference Room**

# OUR YOUTH.

## WHY YOU SHOULDN'T MISS SUNDAY MASS ON SUMMER VACATION.

Summertime is just about here. It's tempting to skip Sunday Mass while relaxing on the beach, but summer vacation doesn't exempt us from going to church.

When traveling away from home to enjoy a relaxing time of vacation, it can be tempting to "forget" to attend Mass on Sunday. We may want to sleep in on Sunday, or there might not be a convenient Mass time and we don't want to interrupt our activities.



Whatever excuse we may come up with, vacation seems much simpler if we skip the Sunday obligation. **However, God doesn't see it this way.**

The current *Code of Canon Law* confirms the Sunday obligation and states, **"On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass."** This means that any Catholic who is able to attend Mass must make every reasonable effort to be there.

At times there may be exceptional circumstances that could dispense a person from attending Mass. For example, if the island you're traveling to doesn't have a Catholic church, it would be unreasonable to expect you to find a Mass. But opting to skip an available Mass in favor of **enjoying time on the beach is not a legitimate reason to miss Sunday Mass.**

**Time for God.** The reason why the Church is so insistent on this issue is that we need to make time for God on Sundays, worshiping in the way that **He** designed. While it may be easier to skip Mass on Sunday when traveling, we would be sacrificing the wellspring of grace that God wants to give to us **in every Sunday Eucharist.**

Above all, don't see the obligation to Sunday Mass as an imposition, but as an invitation to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. ([aleteia.com](http://aleteia.com))

**Make it Memorable.** Is there an historic church nearby your vacation spot? Learn about its history, meet the priest and deacon. Don't just attend, but immerse yourself into the experience. Do a little research before you go. Is there a church by the water? Is there one with beautiful lawns and gardens to walk through? Does it have an unique history? If they have a coffee social afterwards, be sure to stop by to meet parishioners, learn what some of their programs are to share with our parish **and always bring back a bulletin for us. Bring back 2 bulletins if you can**—one to post on the Parish Bulletin Board and one to share with the grateful Blessed Trinity Parish Bulletin Editor! **Let's see how many bulletins we can collect over the summer!**



**DAY TRIP SPOTLIGHT: The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy.** Located in nearby Stockbridge, Massachusetts (just a 75 minute drive) this beautiful Catholic Shrine is nestled on 375 acres of land in the beautiful Berkshire hills in Western Mass. The name of the property is called "*Eden Hill*" because of its natural beauty. The Shrine is usually open 365 days a year, including all holidays and holy days. The priests and brothers of the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary have resided on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, since June 1944.

**History:** The property was purchased in 1855, and had several wealthy owners and schools. In 1943, Fr. Joseph Luniewski, superior of the Marian House in Washington, D.C., sent a young priest, Fr. Walter Pelczynski, MIC, a native of Adams, Massachusetts, to find a residence suitable for a home for those preparing for religious life. With the help of the pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Adams, and with the assistance of family members and friends, the Marians purchased Eden Hill on November 24, 1943.

**Priest:** Fr Matthew Tomeny, MIC, the rector of the National Shrine

**Daily Mass:** 9:00 a.m | 2:00 p.m. ~ **Sunday Mass:** 9:00 a.m | 10:30 a.m. | 2:00 p.m. | [shrineofdivinemeracy.org](http://shrineofdivinemeracy.org)



# OUR YOUTH.

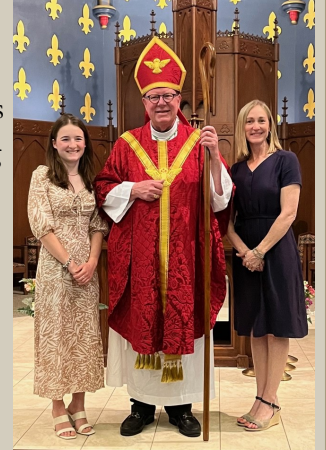


June 3, 2023 our parish welcomed  
Bishop William Byrne for our Confirmation Mass.

## *Congratulations*

to our 11 confirmation students  
and their sponsors on receiving  
this blessed sacrament!

Thank you to the Blessed  
Trinity Rosary Society for  
hosting a beautiful reception  
afterwards.



## **CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP** Hurry – there's still time to register!

**High School**  
**June 18th to 22nd, 6:30-8:30PM**  
**Grades 1 through 8**  
**June 19th to 23rd, 9AM-3PM**

Registration forms are found on the Saint Michael  
Parish, Brattleboro website: [stmichaelvt.com](http://stmichaelvt.com)

Contact Tina Crocker at  
413-896-8676 or at  
[jtcrocker@crocker.com](mailto:jtcrocker@crocker.com)

Let us thank all those  
who teach in Catholic  
schools. Educating is  
an act of love; it is  
like giving life.

Pope Francis



Blessed Trinity **CRYPTOQUIP**

"BIW CRJO ERT0 WA NID BIWDAOXN,  
I XIDT, RFT IWD CORDSA RDO  
DOASXOAA WFSHX SCOB DOAS HF BIW."

- AS. RWMWASHFO

Blessed Trinity **CRYPTOQUIP**

Glory to the  
Father, the Son,  
And the Holy Spirit;  
To God Who is, Who was,  
And Who is to come.

Gospel Acclamation  
for Trinity Sunday

# OUR PARISH.



## Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, June 10 — MONSIGNOR YARDEAU

4:00 BSC JANET ZILCH – by Mike Zilch

SUNDAY, June 11 — VOCATIONS, SEMINARIANS & DEACONS

8:00 HTC LESTER FLEURY – by the Fleury Family

9:30 HTC KRISTY PATTERSON & GUY STEVENS—by Betty Webber

11:00 BSC PARISH & PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, June 12 – CLERGY IN PURGATORY

8:30 BSC LARRY FILIAULT— Wife & Family

TUESDAY, June 13 —FATHER O'CONNOR

8:30 BSC ROBERTO AVERGONZADO — by Socorro & Dan Wong

WEDNESDAY, June 14 — DEACON RABBITT

12:05 HTC FR. DARLING – by Betty Webber

6:00 PAC ED ZAK – by Jane Fay

THURSDAY, June 15 —FATHER AKSAMIT

8:30 HTC STANLEY & ELEANOR PARADA – by Donald Parada

FRIDAY, June 16 —OUR RETIRED CLERGY

8:30 HTC JOYCE TILTON – by Laurie Tilton

SATURDAY, June 17 —CLERGY WHO ARE SICK

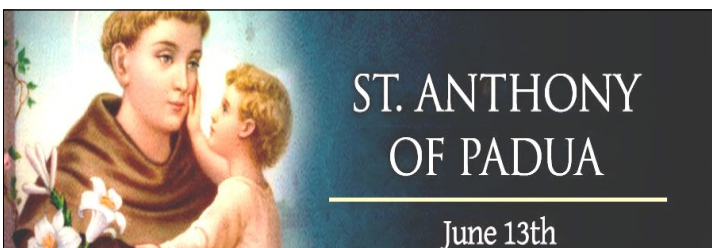
4:00 BSC MARTIN LEO & FRANCES B COYNE

SUNDAY, June 18 — FATHER O'MANNION

8:00 HTC GEORGE HERZIG, JR – 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY — by the Herzig & Zabko Family

9:30 HTC KATHLEEN WILES – 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY — by the Family

11:00 BSC JAMES J CASTELLO – by the Family



## CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

**JUNE 11, 2023**

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

**FRANCIS YESTRAMSKI | JACK DUTCHER**

**FRANK PETER CLARKE**

## JUNE 4-17

**BSC SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning in memory/honor of  
**William Haufler** - from Virginia Vielmetti

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

1. **Health & Blessings for Clarence Crafts**—from Claire Heath

2. **Mr & Mrs. Jacob Vielmetti**—Virginia Vielmetti

3. **Kathleen Haufler**—Virginia Vielmetti

4. **Patricia Duffey Earley**— from Robert Earley

**HTC 7-DAY CANDLE:** Jacob Garmalo 7th  
Anniversary —from his family.

*If you would like to burn a candle or  
donate flowers for a special occasion, in  
memory of a loved one or other  
intention, call the parish office at  
773.3311*



## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEALS:**

Thursday from 5-6pm on

June 22—Norma Patten

June 29—Kathy Tomaus

July 13—Kathy Tomaus

*Take out only at our Holy Trinity Church*

*For more info, contact Kathy Melnik at 773.3311*

## **WEEKEND OF MAY 28, 2023**

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

Weekly Collection: \$4593

Fuel/Energy Collection: \$177

Maintenance Collection: \$126

## **WEEKEND OF JUNE 4, 2023**

Weekly Collection: \$5616

Fuel/Energy Collection: \$485

Maintenance Collection: \$186

*"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!**



# OUR PARISH.

## **NOVENA FOR OUR FATHERS**



A Novena for our Fathers,  
living and deceased, are now  
available.

Cards and envelopes are available at  
the entrances of the church. Please  
print the name of your loved ones  
on the envelope and place it in the  
collection basket before Father's Day so that they may be  
included in the Novena prayers. To be printed in the  
bulletin, please return before June 12th.



Do not let the past disturb you, just  
leave everything in the Sacred Heart  
and begin again with joy.

— Mother Teresa —

AZ QUOTES

Updated as of 6/07/23 for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Our Diocese is at 76.6% of the \$3,000,000.00 goal.

**Blessed Trinity Parish numbers are:**

Donors: 177

Cash Gifts: \$37,039

Pledges: \$33,440

Total to Date: \$70,479



***Please consider making your donation today.***

Contact: 413-452-0670 or email [aca@diospringfield.org](mailto:aca@diospringfield.org)

## **THIS WEEK AT BLESSED TRINITY PARISH**

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!



### **Saturday June 10**

11:00 am Informational Jail Ministry Meeting

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

### **Sunday June 11**

8 am Mass (HTC) Confession: 30-minutes  
beforehand

9:30 am Mass (HTC) Confession: 30-minutes  
beforehand

11:00 am Mass (BSC) Confession: 30 minutes  
beforehand (Note: Priest availability can be limited  
with 9:30 am Mass at HTC.)

### **Monday June 12**

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

6:00 pm Roses for Mary Prayer Group (PAC each  
Mon.)

### **Tuesday June 13**

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

6:45-8:15 pm Boys Scouts Pastoral Ctr. (each Tues.)

### **Wednesday June 14**

11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)

12:05 am Mass (HTC)

5-5:45 pm Confession (PAC)

6:00 pm Mass (PAC)

6:45 pm Worship Commission Meeting—Pastoral  
Center Conference Room

7 pm Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying-(PAC ea. Wed.)

### **Thursday June 15**

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

### **Friday June 16**

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

### **Saturday June 17**

2:30 pm—3:30 pm Confession (BSC)

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

### **Sunday June 18**

8 am Mass (HTC) Confession: 30-minutes  
beforehand

9:30 am Mass (HTC) Confession: 30-minutes  
beforehand

11:00 am Mass (BSC) Confession: 30 minutes  
beforehand (Note: Priest availability can be limited  
with 9:30 am Mass at HTC.)

## **CALLING ALL GARDENERS.**

**Do you have a green thumb? Do you have an abundance of blooms to share?**

Blessed Trinity Parish is looking for **fresh flower donations** this season to enhance  
the beauty of all three of our altars.

If you have a yard with flowering bushes (spring lilacs, crab apple, quince, etc.) roses, daisies, peonies, hydrangeas,  
greenery, phlox, sedum, irises, autumn maple or oak branches, ivy or other annuals & perennials, we would love to  
add you on our seasonal calendar!

Please contact Kathy Melnik or Karen Lepore at the Parish Office at 773.3311 for more information.

***Thank you in advance!***



# OUR HERITAGE.

## STAINED GLASS: BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH SANCTUARY

The set of window panels by the choir section pair well together. This week we will learn about the beautiful stained glass panel on the left that depicts Jesus giving Peter the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.



Choir panel on left.

This window celebrates how Christ built His church upon Saint Peter. At the top of the panel, you'll see three buildings encircled in clouds representing "heaven" sitting on top of a very large "rock" or mountain. Building a structure on sand makes a poor, weak foundation, but building on top of rock is a solid, trusted foundation.

Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Catholic Church, but it was through Saint Peter's love for Him and recognition of who Jesus really was, that Jesus founded His church. The Catholic Church was founded on love and faith in Jesus Christ, the son of the living God.

***"I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on Earth will be loosed in Heaven." Matthew 16:19***

Jesus gave Peter "the keys of the kingdom of heaven." A key was a badge of authority and then as now was used to open doors.

Saint Peter was made the first Pope of the Catholic Church, and Jesus himself gave him power, position and authority, especially for the **"binding and loosening"** of sins, marriages and leadership of his church. The concept of **"binding and loosening"** found in **Matthew 16:19** was commonly used among the Jewish people in relation to the authority of the rabbis to forbid and permit certain practices. Jesus gave Peter and the apostles authority over both the doctrine and practices of the first-century church. Through the leading of the Holy Spirit, (see stained glass on right with Peter and John) they would be given wisdom to know what to forbid and what to permit.

Just as Jesus laid His hands on Peter in this window, Saint Peter in turn laid his hands on his successor, giving the successor this same authority, who then laid hands on his successor, and so forth continuing in an unbroken line from Saint Peter to the present day Pope Francis. This is called the succession of the popes. The popes then lay hands on our bishops, who in turn lay hands on every priest that is ordained. This authority and power came directly through Jesus Christ himself.

The beautiful scripture at the bottom of this panel reads:

***"As the Father has sent Me, so I am sending you." John 20:21***

As their Advocate and Comforter, the Holy Spirit would remain with them and in them forever, just as He does today in the life of everyone who trusts in Jesus. After Jesus ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit remained with His disciples (depicted in the stained glass window on right) and they came to know Him better.

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Choir panel on right.

**Blessed Trinity Parish** is blessed to have beautiful stained glass windows in our churches. As we learn about these windows, we invite you to take a few moments to walk around and experience their beauty up close. *Many thanks to our parishioner Sandra Pavoni, Historical Researcher who is sharing her passion and knowledge as we explore our windows in the coming months.*



# AND MORE.

## LIKE A NAP? THE BIBLE ENCOURAGES YOU TO GO FOR IT!



### Next time you feel yourself doze off, embrace it.

Taking a nap can be crucial for our well-being. Whether it's to escape the stresses of everyday life, or catch up on much-needed sleep, there's something quite wonderful about having a little power nap.

However, taking some time off to snooze can leave us feeling a little guilty. After all, that laundry won't get cleaned by itself, and there's always an urgent work email!

But it's time to embrace the nap for the wonders it can do for the rest of your day. And actually, we should learn from our Heavenly Father Himself, who took time off to rest:

**"On the seventh day God completed the work He had been doing; He rested on the seventh day from all the work He had undertaken. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work He had done in creation." Genesis 2:2-4**

If you think about it, God took *a whole day off* during the creation of seven days. You could ask, how many of us really unplug completely for a day each week? After all, just checking our work messages might only take a minute or two, but, by not switching off we're not allowing ourselves to truly rest and appreciate what we have.

While it might seem unreasonable to allow ourselves a whole day of rest on a Sunday, especially for those with young families, in Scripture we are encouraged to see that resting is important for us, both physically and spiritually.

Whether this rest comes in the form of managing a peaceful Sabbath, or in taking the time out in our day to take a quick snooze to free up our minds to feel more peaceful, we mustn't forget the importance of rest in our often unrelenting world. ([aleteia.com](http://aleteia.com))



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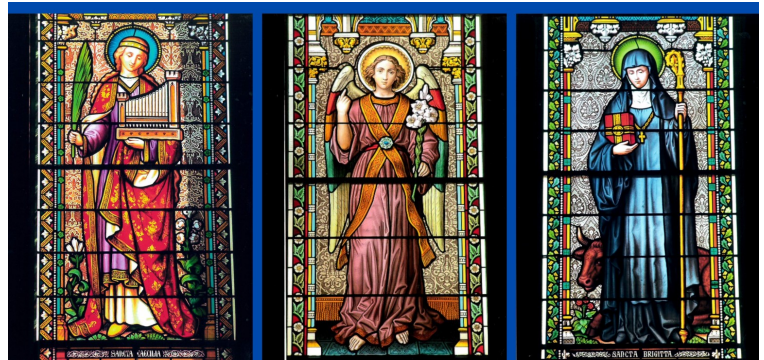
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