## Blessed Trinity Parish

### Roman Catholic Church

Greenfield, Massachusetts

#### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 18, 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 Sather sent me and Thave life because of the Sather, 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

#### 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!

#### ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.—Amen



#### PARISH OFFICE.

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

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Deacon George Nolan | Deacon Channing L. Bete (ret.)

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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—to volunteer call Kathy Melnik 413.773.3311

#### **ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER**

413.774.6010 Pregnancy Tests, Counseling, Support, Post Abortion Support

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Ed & Suzi Cottrill 413.773.3311

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HOSPITAL MINISTRY | JAIL MINISTRY | HOMEBOUND MINISTRY | HOMELESS MINISTRY

#### Thoughts from the Pastor's Desk ...

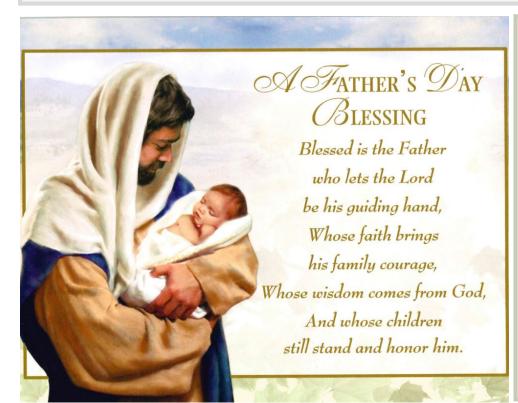
Dear friends of Blessed Trinity,

As we celebrate Mass today, we hear in our Second Reading how "God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us". Whether we admit it or not, our lives are marked by the scourge of sin, so easily and frequently gnawing at our conscience and compromising our will. Yet, despite this brokenness and frailty, God the Father reaches out to us constantly offering us His mercy and extending to us the gift of His divine life. Not only does the Lord our God reconcile us to Himself, forgiving the sins we confess unto Him, but He then invites us to be raised up to a higher dignity, that of being His daughters and sons. "Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life"! The death of the Son, who shares our human nature, ransoms us from the crime of our sins. The resurrection of the Son becomes our hope of new life, the gift of the Father. Such is divine mercy! God doesn't just get us back on our feet, He raises us to the heights! You and I, though creatures in a created reality, can become the sons and daughters of a Heavenly Father. You and I can receive the mercy of God.

In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, called by Pope Francis some years ago, we heard the motto: *Misericordes sicut Pater. Merciful as the Father*. In his apostolic letter on the theme, our Holy Father wrote "Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the Church; it constitutes her very existence, through which the profound truths of the Gospel are made manifest and tangible. Everything is revealed in mercy; everything is resolved in the merciful love of the Father".

As we celebrate Father's Day this weekend, let us pray the Lord our God to bless and sanctify our fathers. May they be witnesses to the great mercy and power of God the Father Himself. May these sons, husbands, and men of our parish who have been called to the duty and gift of fatherhood honor it well in their lives, and even were they to fall, may they show us the way to rise up again. May our fathers bear witness to Our Father.

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



We pray for our fathers
that they may have
wisdom and humility
in the face of the task
of parenting. Give
them the strength to do
well by their children
and by You.
In Your Holy name, O
God, we pray.

- Amen.

## 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

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.

#### WE ARE CATHOLIC. WELCOME HOME. CatholicsComeHome.org

There's an old saying that goes, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug. It's your Heavenly Father reaching His arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, to draw you home.

We hope you accept this as your invitation to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith.

#### **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.

#### Making a difference in Our Community.

Each week we want to update how our growing Ministries have had a positive impact in our community while sharing our Catholic Faith by the caring of others.

**Community Meals:** On 6/08/23, even with the rain, we served 40 meals!

Food Pantry: Numbers not yet available

**Homebound Visits:** 43 Visits **Nursing Home Visits:** 34 Visits



## OUR FAITH.

"In was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

Last week 160 Haitian refugees arrived in Greenfield with little more than the clothes on their backs. Because of a critical shortage of affordable housing across Massachusetts, families with children, immigrants and refugees who qualify for temporary shelter under the state's Emergency Housing Assistance Program, will be provided emergency shelter in Greenfield. An on-site provider from the city will work with these families to help quickly place them into stable housing however there is no minimum or maximum length of stay in the temporary

# Please Join Us This Sunday for Mass, a Welcome Luncheon, & Activities 10:30am at Father Casey Hall

We will be hosting a welcome luncheon for all to enjoy this Father's Day welcoming them to our city and Parish this Sunday, June 18 at 10:30am after the 9:30am Mass. We will have a luncheon and activities for all to help them settle in during this difficult time. Help these families and fathers celebrate their first

#### Making A Difference.

**Please Donate.** We are looking for donations of clothing and personal hygiene products. (Please see list.)

**Please Help Us.** We are looking for parishioners to help sort donations that are coming in. It's a daunting task with this many families but we know our parish will step in and help.

**Please Translate.** A huge barrier we face right now is language. The predominate languages of Haiti are French, Haitian Creole and Spanish. If you or anyone you know can translate, please contact us. We currently are creating Mass schedules and other helpful materials in these languages so we can communicate better.

Contact 773.3311 or Office@BlessedTrinityGreenfield.org



With the official religion of Haiti being Roman Catholicism, most Haitians are Catholic.
Last week we welcomed over 20 newcomers to Mass.

#### **IMMEDIATE NEEDS:**

- ♦ Women's Clothing : Sizes Med & Lg
- ♦ Men's Clothing : Shirts—Sm, Med, & Lg
- ♦ Pants—Size 32—34
- ♦ Children's Clothing :

  Boys & Girls— 3T-6T
- ♦ Socks—All Ages
- ♦ Underwear—All Ages
- ♦ Diapers : Size 1-5
- ♦ Soap—Baby & Adult
- ♦ Shampoo—Baby & Adult
- ♦ Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- ♦ Deodorant
- ♦ Feminine products



## Living and Deceased Fathers Remembered in our Father's Day Novena

Melvin Arsenault	John Chmielewski	Robert Elwell	Ronnie Jaffarian
Robert Ball	John Ciszewski	Larry Filiault	Edward Jeronczyk
John E. Barrett	Jerry Coney	Raymond Fischlein	Bernard Johnson
Guy Barry	Lee W. Coney	Gus Fish	Eric Johnson
Zigmond Barszewski	Edward T. Conway	John Fish	Narcisse Johnson
Ted Behaylo	Thomas J. Conway	David Fitz	Patrick Kelleher
Gedeon Belhumeur	Frank Cottrill	Charles Foley	Joseph M. Kelly
Pierre Belhumeur	John D'Ambrosio	James Forguhar	Richard J. Kelly
Carol Bernier	Henry G. Dandeneau	Pierre Gagne	Thomas C. Kelly
Channing Bete, Sr.	Henry P. Dandeneau	Edmund Gamelin	Dos Kenneth
Deacon Joe Bete	Charles Danielski	Rick Gamelin	William D. Kilgour, Sr.
Paul Bishop	Edward Danielski	Scott Graber	David King
H. W. Bonneau	Frank DeCarlo	George H. Grigat	Dennis King
John Boulanger	Andrew Dedinas	Gene Grimshaw	Greg King
Donald Bowman	Michael J. Dedinas	Donald Grogan	Joseph King
Llewellyn H. Bowman	Louis DeMeo	Andrzej (Andrew) Grybko	Alec Kownacki
Todd J. Boynton	Anthony DeNofrio	Clinton Hanson	Richard Knower
Stephen Bradley	Ernest Deshaies	William Haufler, Jr.	Chad Kosterman
Donald Brown	Renaud Deshaies	William Haufler, Sr.	Charlie Kosterman
Joseph Brozo, Jr.	Jay Dillon	Richard M. Henry	Raymond Kosterman
Joseph Brozo, Sr.	Tom Dillon, Jr.	Francis Herzig	Shane Kosterman
Walter Brozo	Tom Dillon, Sr.	George Herzig, Jr.	Edmond LaBelle
Pliny Burrows	Henry DiSotto	George Herzig, Sr.	Winston LaBelle
Richard Burrows	Dorsey McNeelas Dobias	Garrison Hoevet	Harris LaChance
George Butterfield	Robert Dobias, Sr.	Ken Hoevet	Larry LaChance
Greg Caloon	Robert R. Dobias	Erich J. Holan	Lewis LaChance, Sr.
Anthony Caloon	Edward Doton	Christopher Hoynoski	Mark LaChance
Ralph Cassidy	Albert Dubois	Jeffrey Hoynoski	Peter LaChance
Jason Chatman	Gary Dubois	Marcel Hoynoskį	Gedeon LaMontagne
Alec Chmielewski	Mike Duprey	Robert Hoynoski	Dennis Lane
Henry Chmielewski	Earle Elwell	Thomas Hughes	

Paul Tilton Henri Lapointe Jimmy John Moscillo Dorsey McNeelas Ryan James Lavin Edward J. Muenkel Edmond St. Germain Leo Togneri Albert J. LeBeau, Jr. Dominic Musacchio Henry St. Germain, Jr. Gino Togneri Albert J. LeBeau, Sr. Bernard Myers Eric Toia Henry St. Germain, Sr. Alfred R. LeBeau, Sr. Steve Nolawenski Rev. Thomas Schmitt Rocco B. Trimarchi Henry L. Paine Howard Leete Mitchell Serowick, Ir. James Tuturice Cezar M. Parra Charles Alfred Shattuck, Jr. Patrick H. Tuterice Craig Letourneau Edward H. Letourneau Alan Parrott Amasa Shippee Edgar Valdez Raymond Leveille Harland Parrott Jacob Vielmetti Gerald Shippee Michael Vielmetti Jason Lively Rodney Patten Lawrence Shippee Carlo Pederzini Norman Waldron Mederic Lively Marvin Shippee William J. Wiles Stanley Lopatka Luigi Pederzini Miles Shippee William Louisignau Leon Peters Wayne Shippee Ray Woitkiewicz Howard G. Luippold George EJ. Pfersick Raymond Sicard Vinton Wong Bob "Chief" Plant Robert Sicard John Luippold Alfred Wood Loide Perreault Edward Stehno Frankie Wyvoda Bill MacLaughlin Ernest Maheu Edward Petrin Emil Yunghans Guy Stevens Arthur Plourde David Manica Walter Zachlowski Perley Stevens Edward Zak Nickefor Mastaler John Pydych Frederick H. Stratton Raymond Pydych Frederick J. Stratton Louis Zak Louis A. Marion Donald Regan H. Frederick Stratton James Zimmerman Louis Masino Raymond Maurer Larry Regan Ronald Stratton Michael Zraunig Rev. Francis McCarthy Herbert Reil James Sweetman Russel F Zraunig Patrick Reilly John Sweetman Alec McCormack Joe McCormack Thomas Reilly Stanley Szulborski Paul McLeod, Sr. Peter Tewhill Cyrille Roberge Rev. Joseph Medio Danny Roberge Donald Therien Steve Melnik George Roberge Pliney Therien

George Roberge, Jr.

Jerry Roberge

Greg Rode

Robert Rode

William Rugg

Robert Therien

Lennie Tilton

Marshall Tilton

Robert A. Thibodo

Robert D. Thibodo

Peter Melnik

Mark Melnik

Joey Merlino, Jr.

Tames Moscillo

Louis S. Misiun, Sr.



SATURDAY, June 17 — CLERGY WHO ARE SICK

4:00 BSC MARTIN LEO & FRANCES B COYNE

SUNDAY, June 18 — Fr. O'MANNION

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA - DAY 1

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

MONDAY, June 19 - DEACON BETE

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA - DAY 2

8:30 BSC THOMAS REILLY—by Mary Reilly Parsons

TUESDAY, June 20 — DEACON NOLAN

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA - DAY 3

8:30 BSC KINDER FAMILY – LIVING AND DECEASED —

by Barbara Clapp

WEDNESDAY, June 21 — DEACON PATTEN

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA – DAY 4

12:05 HTC WHELLEHAN FAMILY - LIVING & DECEASED

by Barbara Clapp

6:00 PAC MARLENE HOLMES – by her mother, Mary

Barchenski & Family

THURSDAY, June 22 — FATHER LISOWSKI

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA — DAY

8:30 HTC Grace & Blessings for Father Matt

HIMES – by Maureen Filiault

FRIDAY, June 23 — DEACON CULLITON

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA – DAY 6

8:30 HTC GARY P LEBLANC – by the Family

SATURDAY, June 24 — FATHER CAMPOLI

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA – DAY 7

4:00 BSC DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PAVONI/

DUKE FAMILY – by Sandra Pavoni

SUNDAY, June 25 — BISHOP BYRNE

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA - DAY 8

8:00 HTC GUY & ALICE BEAUDET — by the Family

9:30 HTC MAFALDA MUSACCHIO — by Bill & Donna

Kilgour

11:00 BSC Grace & Blessings to Laurie Tilton –

by Maureen Filiault

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JUNE 18, 2023

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

SHARON GIRARD

#### JUNE 18-JULY 1



**BSC SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning in memory/honor of **Geraldine Wong** - from Virginia Vielmetti

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

- 1. Mr & Mrs. Jacob Vielmetti— by Virgina Vielmetti
- 2. Joey Merlino— by Virgina Vielmetti
- **3. 15th Wedding Anniversary Blessings** by Jason & Anne Lively
- 4. Patricia Duffey Earley— from Robert Earley

HTC 7-DAY CANDLE: (available)

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

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI FLOWERS**

Our Corpus Christi flowers were donated in Memory of Kristy Patterson & Guy Stevens by the Stevens Family

#### **FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS**

Our Father's Day Altar & Tabernacle flowers were donated in Memory of Kathleen Wiles by the Family. Our Mary & Joseph Statue flowers were donated in Memory of Thomas Reilly by Mary Reilly Parsons.

Thank you for this beautiful show of remembrance.

Let us trust in Him who has placed this burden upon us. What we ourselves cannot bear let us bear with the help of Christ. For He is all-powerful, and He tells us: 'My yoke is easy, and my burden light.'

#### ARE YOU CALLED TO ENCOURAGE CATHOLIC **EDUCATION IN FRANKLIN COUNTY?**

We will have a meeting to discuss exciting new opportunities and changes coming to our area.

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

#### WEEKEND OF JUNE 11, 2023

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

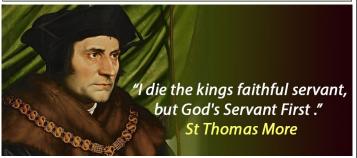
Weekly Collection: \$5800

Fuel/Energy Collection: \$156

Maintenance Collection: \$112

"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

Thank you for your generosity!



#### **PASTORAL MINISTRY** TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Do you know of a parishioner or family member entering a nursing home, recently homebound, or with an upcoming hospital stay

who would enjoy a visit and prayer?

Contact <u>comfort@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org</u> or call 413-773-3311 and let our parish know!

#### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK.

New up-to-date posts, photos, opportunities to volunteer, Parish information & more!



**Blessed Trinity Parish Greenfield** 

www.BlessedTrinityGreenfield.org

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

Saturday June 17

**2:30 pm—3:30 pm** Confession (BSC) **4:00 pm** Mass (BSC)

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR



#### Sunday June 18

8 am Mass (HTC) Confession: 30-minutes beforehand 9:30 am Mass (HTC) Confession: 30-minutes beforehand 10:30 am Welcome Luncheon in our Father Casey Hall 11:00 am Mass (BSC) Confession: 30 minutes beforehand (Note: Priest availability can be limited with 9:30 am Mass àt HTC.)

#### Monday June 19

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

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

#### Tuesday June 20

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

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

#### Wednesday June 21

11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)

**12:05** am Mass (HTC)

**5-5:45 pm** Confession (PAC)

**6:00 pm** Mass (PAC)

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

#### Thursday June 22

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

5:00 pm Community Meal (HTC)

6:30 pm Catholic Education Discussion —Fr. Casey Hall

#### Friday June 23

**8:30** am Mass (HTC)

#### Saturday June 24

2:30 pm—3:30 pm Confession (BSC)

**4:00 pm** Mass (BSC)

#### Sunday June 25

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.)



#### PRAYER CHAINS.

Please contact us with your petition. Our Parish Prayer Chains are for all.

Marie Boynton—memeboynton@comcast.net

Andrea Lapointe/Parish Office at 773.3311

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## **OUR HERITAGE.**



## STAINED GLASS: BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH SANCTUARY

**Abraham**— **Father in Faith.** As we celebrate Father's Day today, this window panel near the Confessional Room explains a father's strong faith in God.

The scriptures tell us when Abraham's only son Isaac was a boy, God came to him and told him to sacrifice Isaac on Mt. Moriah. Though he loved his son dearly, he did not hesitate to obey the Lord. The very next day, Abraham saddled his donkey and began the journey, with Isaac, two servants, and wood for the sacrifice. As they neared the mountain, Abraham instructed the servants to stay behind, while he and Isaac ascended.

Genesis 22:7-8 describes the conversation between father and son as they climbed the mountain, Isaac spoke to his father Abraham. "Father!" he said. "Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "My son, God will provide the sheep for the burnt offering." Then the two walked on together. As they arrive, Abraham begins to comply, having bound Isaac to an altar, he is stopped by the Angel of the Lord; a ram appears and is slaughtered instead of Isaac as God commends Abraham's pious obedience.

Abraham's faith in God was so great that he was willing to give Him his only son, trusting that God could bring him back from the dead. At first glance, the story of Abraham and Isaac seems disturbing. Why would a loving God ask Abraham to sacrifice his only son in a manner similar to his pagan neighbors? Was He bringing unnecessary torment to a man who had already waited so long for a child?

Upon closer inspection, it's clear that God's request to sacrifice Isaac was not unloving. Instead, it is a beautiful picture of Abraham's faithfulness and God's provision. In the past, Abraham had doubted God. He had tried to have children in his own way instead of waiting on God. By asking him to sacrifice Isaac, God was testing Abraham to see if he trusted Him. In return, God promised to make his offspring as many as the stars.

**Stained Glass:** This panel beautifully illustrated all of the items mentioned in the Bible. The fire and wood for the sacrifice, Isaac's bound hands, Abraham with a knife, the angel that comes down from heaven to stop Abraham, and the ram that appears. With the verse:

"I swear by my very self—oracle of the LORD—that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your son, your only one, I will bless you and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants will take possession of the gates of their enemies,

and in your descendants all the nations of the earth will find blessing, because you obeyed my command."

GEN. 22:16-17.

This event was a foreshadowing of what God was going to do, namely, offer His only beloved son, **Jesus**, as a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world and thereby prove His love for us. In Abraham's case, God did not permit Abraham to complete the task. Like Abraham, we should have confidence in God, trusting Him with everything and being willing to sacrifice our best to Him. Though we may not fully understand His plans, He supplies all our needs in His own time. All He asks is that we have a willing heart. *(Online sources Cathlic365, National Shrine.org)* 

Blessed Trinity Parish is fortunate 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.



## OUR YOUTH.

#### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY.

"A good father knows how to wait and knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself."- Pope Francis

Fathers are called in a special way to reflect God's unconditional love and forgiveness. Similar to the way our heavenly Father cares for us, our earthly fathers are there to help us navigate life's challenges and pick us up when we fall. God the Father gave up his only Son, Jesus Christ, so that we might be saved through him. He provides an example of the very vocation of fatherhood. **Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for Our fathers,** by birth or adoption, who love us and support us through life. **Our priests and bishops** who act as spiritual fathers. **God our Father,** who will always teach. (grdiocese.org, Aleteia.com)





#### Let's not forget our spiritual fathers...

There's a reason Catholics call priests "Father". Priests have always been viewed in the Catholic Church as **spiritual fathers**.

Father's Day is here, and it's the perfect time to honor our priest. He is the spiritual father to his flock, and has made a difference in so many lives.

Simply telling him,

"Happy Father's Day, Father! We are praying for you!" would surely be much appreciated.

Blessed Trinity CRYPTOQUIP

#### Answer to Last Week's Puzzle:

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

-St. Augustine

