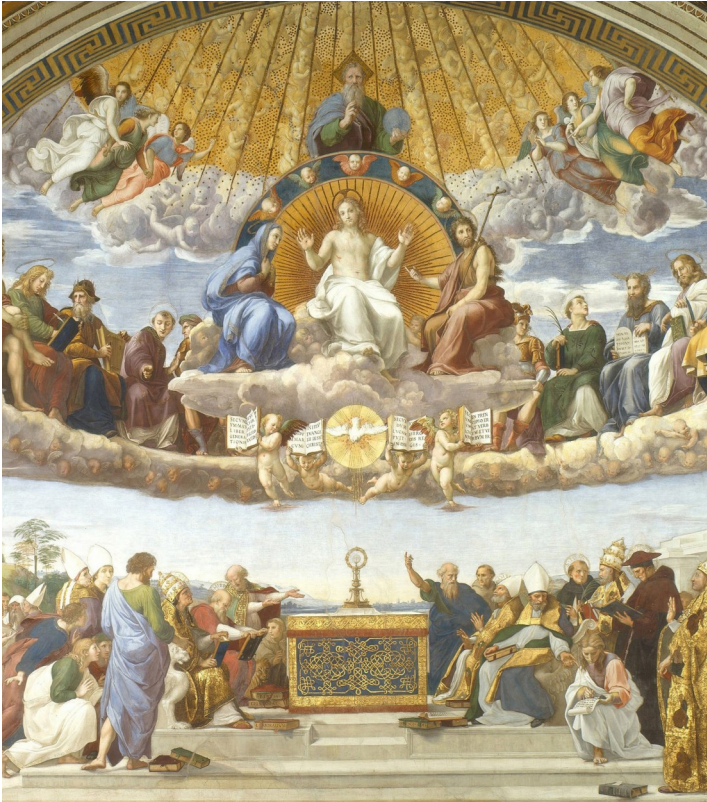


Blessed Trinity Parish

Roman Catholic Church

Greenfield, Massachusetts

Third Sunday of Lent - March 12, 2023



Schedule of Masses

Lord's Day Vigil— Saturday 4 pm

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

Lenten Weekday

M -T -Th - F - 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

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 | Lent Weekday
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 | Lent Weekday
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!

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. —*Amen*



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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: 2nd, 4th & 5th Thursdays—to volunteer call Marcy Hoynoski 413.773.3311

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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 encounter of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well in today's Gospel is the relationship you and I are privileged to have each and every day. During the hottest part of the day (it was about noon), when we feel most wearied by the day's labors and perhaps most alone in the esteem of others, an opportunity to meet the Lord Jesus is presented. Christ Jesus can meet us when we least expect it and when we most need it.

In that biblical encounter, Jesus begins by asking for a drink of water. A seemingly simple request, but, in this scene, one full of cultural and social implications. The woman is taken aback as she has been formed by the habits of her society, beaten down by her life's experiences, and dejected by her hopes for tenderness, love, and life. Yet, here she meets Jesus.

In His being present to her, our Blessed Lord does not poll the ills of cultural ethics. He does not promote a political viewpoint. He does not ordain a social agenda. He simply meets her. Personally.

Living in a civilization and society as our own, rising and advanced in so many ways, we can often fall duped to the idea that great social constructs, appealing cultural norms, faceless humanitarian programs, ever-artificial intelligences, and ever-expanding global technologies are all deep wells of human knowledge and ingenuity solving our problems and satisfying all needs. Yet, the Lord meets us personally.

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (Jn 4:13-14).

Dear friends, let us go out to meet the Lord! Let us be ready to welcome Him when He comes! An encounter with the living God is open to us always. Eternal life is knowing and living in Christ now and forever. In Spirit and truth, He is not an unknown being or distant deity, but One who comes to us in Person, that is, Body and Soul. He is the Person of Jesus Christ. Flesh and Blood. Spirit and Truth! We can meet Him!

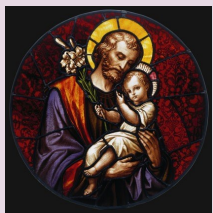
In our prayer and sacrifice, in our praise and worship, may our hearts and minds be always directed toward this personal encounter with the Lord. In our daily work and active charity, may our encounters with one another, neighbors and strangers alike, be a living reflection and profound recognition of our baptismal duty and immersion into the Mystical Body of Christ.

Jesus meets us personally. Let's not be afraid to meet Him personally. To meet Him in prayer and sacrament, body and soul. Let's not be afraid to encounter one another personally, in spirit and truth, in Christ Himself!

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

Fr. Pierz

MARCH: THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH. How to pray the Rosary of St Joseph. He is one of the most popular saints of Christianity, with countless devotions to him. One such devotion is the **Rosary of St. Joseph** that uses the regular beads of the Marian rosary but substitutes various prayers and mysteries to honor the foster-father of Jesus. It is a beautiful devotion and one that draws a soul closer to the beloved St. Joseph.



On the crucifix. O Lord, in order to honor St. Joseph as he deserves, Thou hast taken him body and soul to Heaven to Crown him with glory, thus signifying to the world, both visible and invisible, that Thou hast made Joseph Thy foster-father, the supreme steward of all Thy possessions. **Large beads.** After saying the above prayer,

skip to the large bead and say the following prayer on each of the large beads: *We beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may find aid in the merits of the Spouse of Thy Most Holy Mother, so that what we cannot obtain by ourselves may be given us through his intercession, who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.* **Small beads.** For each decade of small beads: it is customary to meditate on events in the life of Joseph: **1. Betrothal to Mary (Mt 1:18) | 2. Annunciation to Joseph (Mt 1:19-21) | 3. Birth and Naming of Jesus (Mt 1:22-25) | 4. Flight into Egypt (Mt 2:13-15). | 5. Hidden Life at Nazareth (Mt 2:23; Lk 2:51-52).** (Other mysteries that can be substituted are the "Finding of Jesus in the Temple," the "Death of St. Joseph" and the "Coronation of St. Joseph in Heaven.") **On each small bead the following prayer is recited:** *Hail Joseph, Son of David, thou whose holiness surpasses that of all Angels and Saints, blessed art thou amongst men, thou who wert chosen to be the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary of whom was born Jesus. Glorious Saint Joseph, now reigning body and soul in Heaven, protector of the Universal Church, pray for us poor sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.* **Each decade:** Completed with a "Glory Be."

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 - LENT

MTThF 8:30 am (BSC) | M-F 12:05 pm (HTC) | Wed. 6 pm (PAC)

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.

DISPENSATION FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2023.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP - DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD

St. Patrick's Day Commemoration. "During the Holy Season of Lent, Catholics are obliged to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of this penitential season. This year St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday and I am mindful that for many in our diocese this is the occasion for festive celebrations. Therefore, I am granting a general dispensation from this Lenten discipline for that Friday, March 17. I would encourage those who will forego the practice to prayerfully consider some substitution of equal sacrifice, including but not limited to abstaining from meat on another day. Let us not lose focus, amidst all of our celebrations, of the great saint whom we celebrate and the Catholic faith which he brought to the Irish people. Go mbeannai Dia thú!"



Most Rev. William D. Byrne, Bishop of Springfield

2023 LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES AT OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Wednesdays March 8th – April 5th at 6:30 pm

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 127 Holyoke Road, Westfield, MA

The series features an amazing line-up of speakers not to be missed!

March 15 - Sam Todzia: **Clarity in the Chaos: Conversations with Youth**

March 22 - Karen Kiefer: **Catholic Parenting: You're Not Alone!**

March 29 - Deacon Michael Forrest: **Haiti 180: Our Global Family**

April 5 - Fr. Valentine Nworah: **The Family as the Domestic Church: My Nigerian Experience.**



OUR FAITH.



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD **LENTEN REGULATIONS 2023**

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as days of fast, when only one full meal is allowed. On days of fast, two other meatless meals may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.
2. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
3. The obligation to abstain from meat begins at age fourteen (14) and does not cease.
4. The obligation to fast begins at age eighteen (18) and ceases at age fifty-nine (59).

Please note: Although the faithful may excuse themselves from fast and abstinence, for a just cause, there is an obligation to substitute another penance in its place. No Catholic should lightly excuse him/herself from these Lenten obligations.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE.

Sunday, March 19 | 3:00 PM | Blessed Sacrament Church

Please join us for this special service with many visiting priests available for confession and guide us as we prepare our souls for the coming Paschall feast of Easter.

"The Lord never tires of forgiving, it is we who tire of asking for forgiveness."

Pope Francis

LENTEN SEASON: **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday	8:30	12:05	—
Tuesday	8:30	12:05	—
Wednesday	—	12:05	6:00 PM
Thursday	8:30	12:05	—
Friday	8:30	12:05	—

8:30 PM Mass in Blessed Sacrament Church

12:05 PM Mass in Holy Trinity Church

6:00 PM Mass in Perpetual Adoration Chapel



LENTEN SEASON: **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Saturday 2:30-3:30 PM (BSC)

NEW Wednesday 5:00-5:45 PM (PAC)
Before weekend Mass* (HTC/BSC)
By appointment. 773.3311

* Every effort is made to arrive 30 min. before the 11 PM Mass for Confession, however priest availability can be limited

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**April 6—Holy Thursday | April 7—Good Friday**  
**April 8—Holy Saturday | April 9—Easter Sunday**



### **LENTEN SEASON: STATIONS OF THE CROSS.**

Monday 6:30 PM BSC | Friday 11:30 AM HTC

The Stations of the Cross are representations of the path Jesus bore on his way to the crucifixion. They involve Jesus enduring suffering, insults, moments of support, and the intense sacrifice that Christians believe Jesus undertook for human salvation. The object of the Stations is to help the faithful make a pilgrimage (in spirit) to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. Most simply, they are usually performed during Lent, especially on Good Friday, and are about remembering Christ's suffering for our sake.

We invite you to join us for this long-held and meaningful Lenten practice.

# OUR PARISH.



## Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 11—FATHER ROUX

4:00 BSC JOANNE DENOFRIO-CONEY —  
her husband and Family

SUNDAY, March 12— VOCATIONS, SEMINARIANS,  
DEACON CANDIDATES

8:00 HTC WILLIAM KILGOUR, SR — Bill and Donna  
Kilgour and Pat Gaudry

9:30 HTC BARBARA MCCABE — the Family

11:00 BSC JESSICA FOLEY — the Family

MONDAY, March 13 – POPE FRANCIS

8:30 BSC BRENT KOSTANSKI – Bill, Mary, Britney &  
George

12:05 HTC KAREN AMBO—Marie Reddy & Family

TUESDAY, March 14—DEACON PATTEN

8:30 BSC MATTHEW KOSTANSKI – his Parents

12:05 HTC BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR SUSAN ALECKSON  
– Mary Fleury

WEDNESDAY, March 15—DEACON NOLAN

12:05 HTC DOROTHY & ED SANBORN, SR. – Family

6:00 PAC BRENT KOSTANSKI – Bill, Mary, Britney &  
George

THURSDAY, March 16—FATHER LUNNEY

8:30 BSC JOSIAH BANKS – Dennis & Jeanne  
Breunig

12:05 HTC BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR SUZETTE  
GUILMET - Mary Fleury

FRIDAY, March 17—DEACON CULLITON

8:30 BSC MARTIN LEO & FRANCES B. COYNE

12:05 HTC THOMAS, BRIDGET, PETER & PATRICK  
REILLY — Mary Reilly Parsons

SATURDAY, March 18—FATHER AKSAMIT

4:00 BSC EDWARD JERONCZYK & WALTER SMITH —  
Arlene and Family

SUNDAY, March 19— FR. AUFIERO

8:00 HTC CATHY BUTTERFIELD — Betty Webber

9:30 HTC JOSEPH & BEATRICE MISKINIS — Kip, Lill &  
Roger

11:00 BSC GRACE & BLESSINGS FOR STEPHEN  
JOSEPH FILIAULT – Mom

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT.

**MARCH 12, 2023**

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

**VICTIMS OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE**

## MARCH 12–25



**BSC SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning  
this week in memory/honor:

For a Special Intention from Anonymous

**HTC 7-DAY CANDLE:**

For the Unity of our Parish from James

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

1. Health & Blessings for Holly Sullivan—from Claire Heath

2. For a Special Intention—from Anonymous

3. For a Special Intention—from Anonymous

4. Patricia Duffey Earley— from Robert Earley

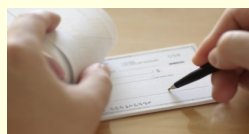


If you would like to burn a candle or  
donate flowers for a special occasion,  
in memory of a loved one or other  
intention, call the parish office at  
**773.3311**



**VAN DRIVERS NEEDED.** We are looking for volunteer  
van drivers to bring the kids to St Michael School in Brattleboro.  
Morning and Afternoon shifts are available. If you have extra time  
and are looking to help, please join us. For more details, please  
contact Mark or Missy Penfield through the Parish Office at  
413.773.3311 or email Pfield4@comcast.net . **Thank you!**

## **FRIENDLY REMINDER.**



As we transition into our new  
Blessed Trinity Parish, the bank has  
reminded us that **ALL CHECKS  
MUST BE MADE OUT TO:**

**BLESSED TRINITY PARISH.**

The bank warns it will no longer accept any other name  
going forward. If your check is made out incorrectly, the bank  
refuses to make the deposit and returns the checks back to us.  
The parish office staff will then have to call you so that you can  
rewrite another check.

**THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING!**

## **CANTORS.**

Saturday Mar. 11 4:00 pm— Jackie Jurewicz

Sunday Mar. 12 11:00 am — Jane Winchester

Saturday Mar. 18 4:00 pm— Betsy Grybko

Sunday Mar. 19 11:00 am — Brenda Hill



# OUR PARISH.



**OUR CHOIRS INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEIR COLLECTIVE VOICES.** Ever thought about joining the choir but needed a nudge?

Our talented and enthusiastic choirs are looking for more members to join their “family”. You don’t need experience—only enthusiasm and a desire to share your talent with our appreciative parishioners.

Still not sure,? Contact Paul Calcari with questions. At 773.3311 or come to a rehearsal or two to see if this is something that interests you.

**Weekly Rehearsals:**

Tues. 6:30 pm-7:30 pm (HTC) or Wed. 7 pm-8 pm (BSC)

*Hope to see you soon!*

**LOCAL—CORNED BEEF DINNER.** Our Lady of Peace of Turners Falls will have a curbside dinner pick-up on **March 18 3-5 pm.** \$15 a dinner. Pull up to the front of the church on 7th St. **Reservations must be made no later than March 13.** Call 863.5397.

## **PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND.**

We are looking for volunteers to join our growing ministry visiting Nursing Homes, the Hospital, & our Homebound.

Whether it is bringing the Blessed Sacrament as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, sharing music and song in our nursing homes, or simply offering a ministry of presence and prayer with the lonely, the afraid, or the dying, *you are needed and invited!*



**Interested or have questions?** Details & trainings are available by contacting Patti Coffin or Ava Clark at 413. 773.3311. Join us for our upcoming commission and info meeting: Monday, 03/20 at 6:00PM in the Conference Room

## **WEEKEND OF MARCH 5, 2023**

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

Weekly Parish Collection: \$ 6,133

Fuel/Energy Collection: \$ 490

Maintenance Collection: \$ 242

*“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!**

## **This Week at Blessed Trinity Parish**

### **Monday March 13**

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)

12:05 am Mass (HTC)

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

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (BSC)

6:30 pm Blessed Trinity Rosary Sodality meeting (HTC Ftr. Casey Hall)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



### **Tuesday March 14**

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)

12:05 am Mass (HTC)

6:45-8:15 pm Boys Scouts Pastoral Center (every Tues.)

6:30 pm Weekly Choir Practice- (HTC)

### **Wednesday March 15**

11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)

12:05 am Mass (HTC)

5-5:45 pm Confession (PAC)

6 pm Mass (PAC)

7 pm - Holy Hour for the Sick and Dying—(PAC each Wed.)

7:30 pm Weekly Choir Practice- (BSC)

### **Thursday March 16**

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)

12:05 am Mass (HTC)

6-8 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg. Pastoral Center)

### **Friday March 17—St. Patrick's Day**

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

11:30 am Stations of the Cross (HTC)

12:05 am Mass (HTC)

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

### **Saturday March 18**

2:30 pm—3:30 pm—Confession (BSC)

4 pm—Mass (BSC)

### **Sunday March 19-**

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

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

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

11 am Mass (BSC) Confession: 30 minutes beforehand (**Note:** Priest availability can be limited because of 9:30 am Mass at HTC) **NOTE: Gr. 9-10 Bread of Life**

Upcoming Pastoral Commission Meetings (all are welcome!):

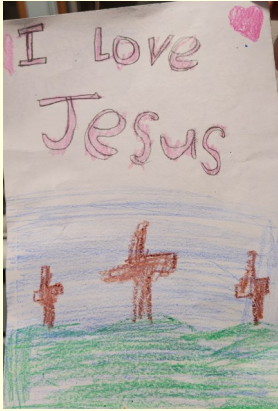
**Pastoral Ministry to the Sick & Homebound**, 6PM, Monday, March 20, Past. Center Conf. Room

**Faith Formation**, 7PM Wednesday, March 22, Past. Center Conf. Room

**Community Meals Strategy Meeting**, 4PM, Wednesday March 29, Past. Center Conf. Room

**Pastoral Ministry to the Homeless, the Poor, & the Hungry**, 7PM, Wednesday, March 29, Past. Center Conf. Room

# OUR YOUTH.



Thank you Eugenia for your wonderful drawing and note to Jesus.

*(Eugenia, age 8 received her First Communion last year.)*



We are looking for drawings of your faithful imagination! Easter, Spring, Heaven, and more to feature in our bulletin during the Lenten Season. Please submit drawings by email [bulletin@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org](mailto:bulletin@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org) or drop them off at the Parish Office, at CCD class, or hand them in after church to the greeters or Father Pierz.

Please include your first name, age and a little about yourself and a description of your drawing.

**SPOTLIGHT: CCD PROGRAM.** We checked in on our Religious Education Classes this week to share with you what they are up to.

Katie Pierce, one of our wonderful CCD teachers, a member of the Blessed Trinity Parish Religious Education Board, a busy mom and the point-person for the program (in her spare time!) reports that the program continues to grow— although they always welcome new children at anytime.



Currently there are 38 students with 3 students preparing for their First Communion in May. They contribute the lower numbers to still coming out of COVID and are continuing to build and come back.

Not discouraged, the Religious Education Board is busy seeking a Director of Religious Education and focused on increasing the numbers of youth in our programs.

If you know of a child that is interested in coming to classes, meeting new friends and learning about the Bible, please encourage them to visit a class. **Classes for Grades 1-8 are run each Sunday from 9:45am-10:45am at the Pastoral Center** (14 Beacon St.) next to Blessed Sacrament Church on Federal Street. Parents meet each Sunday for coffee and conversation while their kids are in CCD. **Grades 9-10 meet Sundays 6-7 pm.**

**Questions? Please call the Parish Office at 413.773.3311.**





# OUR YOUTH.

**Blessed Trinity Parish is hiring!**



**WE ARE SEEKING A DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE) TO START IN THE SPRING/SUMMER OF 2023.**

## THE POSITION:

The DRE is a leadership role responsible for the development, organization, and administration of the Religious Education program for the school-aged children of Blessed Trinity Parish.

This part-time position (24-28 hours per week; year round) will report to the Pastor and collaborate with the Religious Education Board.

Candidates should submit a resume and cover letter that speaks to their interest and qualifications relative to the job description.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP :

- Prayerfully consider if God is calling you personally?
- Do you know someone who would be a great candidate? Please talk with them.
- Visit our parish Facebook page to like and share the job posting to your personal page or Catholic FB groups... let's spread the word!
- Be brave! Don't be afraid to speak up if you meet someone while out and about who seems qualified... That could be the Holy Spirit at work.



Review the job description here:  
<https://bit.ly/DREjobposting>

**CONTACT US:**  
[apply@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org](mailto:apply@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org)

# AND MORE.

**MAYO PHARMACY: A CATHOLIC PHARMACY PASSIONATE ABOUT LIFE.** Kevin Martian, owner and pharmacist, says,



"If someone calls with a prescription for birth control, we just tell them that we don't carry it because we are a Catholic pharmacy."

When you walk into *Mayo Pharmacy* in Bismarck, North Dakota, you may be taken aback by what you see. Its shelves are not only stocked with vitamins and health goods, but they are also filled with an impressive selection of Catholic religious articles and books.

"The previous owner had a little gift shop at the pharmacy, but when we bought it, my wife Tammy added more to it and improved it," said Kevin Martian, owner and pharmacist, in an interview with the Register. "The Catholic gift shop is part of our mission as a business. Currently, there are no Catholic gift shops in the Bismarck area. We believe it important for one to be in our

community, and we happen to have the space for it, so we do it."

If you venture a little further into the pharmacy, you will find yourself looking in vain for one of the most commonly dispensed pharmaceuticals in America today: artificial birth control.

"If someone calls with a prescription for birth control, we just tell them that we don't carry it because we are a Catholic pharmacy," Martian said. "We try to be respectful and show them Christian love. They are usually pretty understanding, but when we get a prescription for 'Plan B' — the morning-after pill — there is usually more tension on their side. Overall, I believe it is a supernatural grace that we aren't persecuted more for it. God takes care of us."

The amazing thing is that when Martian graduated from North Dakota State University with a bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical science and a doctoral degree in pharmacy in 2011, running a pro-life pharmacy of his own wasn't even "on his radar."

Apparently, however, God had other designs in mind for Martian and his career, and it would just take some time for them to all pan out.

"Around that time, Tammy and I really wanted to become natural family planning (NFP) instructors for the Couple to Couple League," he recalled. "To do so, we had to sign a statement that said we promised to have no cooperation with artificial birth control whatsoever. I said to myself, 'I can't sign this!' So I called them up and explained that I was going to be a pharmacist and I'd have to dispense it."

Thanks to the strong convictions of the Couple to Couple League, however, Martian wasn't let off the hook.

"They wouldn't budge or bend the rules for me, and it rubbed me the wrong way," he said. "The president even called me and asked me to train, but said they couldn't let me teach if I was going to be dispensing birth control. At the time, I thought they were going too far, but now when I look back, I am very grateful for what they did."

With the help of God's providential wisdom and grace, another path was laid out for Martian after he encountered this roadblock.

"On my lunch break, I would usually call Tammy and then listen to Catholic radio, but one day, I just turned the radio on without calling her first," he said. "Then I was so surprised to hear Tammy call in to the *Doctor Is In* [on EWTN Radio] and say that her husband was going to be a pharmacist and ask what he should do about birth control. The host just simply said, 'I don't know what he should do, but if you just pray, God will find a job for him.' I was mad at him for saying that. It just seemed too simple, like he didn't understand."

Nevertheless, his faith-filled response prompted Martian to call the National Bioethics Center; and, amazingly, he was connected directly to Father Tad Pacholczyk, one of the world's foremost Catholic bioethicists.

"I don't even think he normally takes calls, but he took the time to talk to me for 30 minutes," Martian said. "He totally knocked me off my feet, and I knew my life was never going to be the same. Afterwards, I really started praying about it and told God I would trust in him."

Soon after that, he found himself at a career fair in Fargo, North Dakota, trying to dodge a wholesale distributor who was approaching him. Our pharmacy does just fine without it," he said. "We are satisfied with how our business is doing. We have remodeled twice and extended our space. We are adding in other Catholic employees and are planning on expanding our services to serve our community."



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"I didn't feel like talking to him, but, thankfully, he pursued me and asked me if I was interested in opening up my own pharmacy," he explained. "I told him, 'I suppose so' since I didn't know what else to do because I didn't want to dispense birth control. He said, 'I have a client in Bismarck, North Dakota, who believes the same thing.' I was totally amazed. I had never even realized that there was a pro-life pharmacy next to my hometown. The way God provided me the information was incredible!"

One open door led to another, and Martian eventually found himself working at Mayo Pharmacy.

"At first, he didn't have a job for me, but then one just happened to open up," he said of Daniel Mayo, the pro-life pharmacist and namesake of Mayo Pharmacy. "Since 1993, the owner had held a personal conviction not to carry birth control. I began to share his convictions more and more. I cannot dispense it in good conscience, knowing how it has facilitated the use of women and of people using each other sexually. It destroys relationships and has been such a terrible thing for our culture on a moral level."

Today, Martian has found that holding to these strong convictions is actually not hindering his business financially or socially at all.

In fact, those who know Martian can vouch for what a tremendous blessing his pharmacy is in the local community and beyond.

"Of all the businesses in Bismarck, I just can't say enough about Mayo Pharmacy," said longtime customer Mike Conlin. "It epitomizes what our Catholic faith is all about. Kevin has attracted employees who believe in what he believes in and who express their Christian love on a daily basis. His statement is pro-life, pro-woman and pro-family, and he lives up to it. The type of operation he runs is very much needed in our community. It is helping keep Christianity alive around here."

According to Father Wayne Sattler, pastor of St. Anne Catholic Church in Bismarck, the pharmacy is about far more than dispensing pharmaceuticals.

"I have come to know Kevin as both my pharmacist and brother in Christ," Father Sattler said. "When you enter Mayo Pharmacy, it is apparent that it is clearly not a drug store. It is a committed effort to assist the well-being of the human person: body, mind and soul. Although one would typically first come there with concern to their body and having their prescription filled, what they will first encounter is actually the pharmacy's concern for their soul by the presence of a full religious bookstore in their foyer."

By working as a team, they further the cause of life in an extraordinary way.

"This care for their soul and mind is then carried forth through the hearts of the staff Kevin has attracted to this mission," Father Sattler observed. "I say 'mission' with emphasis, for the fact that Mayo Pharmacy does not fill prescriptions for birth control is simply consistent with their commitment to the true well-being of the whole person. It takes courage to do what is truly best for the human person. Kevin and his staff stand as an inspiration to what the world around us can and should look like when our commitment to Christ and his gospel of life is consistent and seamless."

In an article titled "[Contraception: Fatal to the Faith](#)," renowned theologian and Servant of God Father John Hardon stated, "The grave sinfulness of contraception is taught infallibly by the Church's ordinary universal teaching authority."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs that contraception is "[intrinsically evil](#)."

When asked how he would encourage other pharmacists who are considering taking a fully pro-life approach, Martian had some helpful advice to share:

"I would tell them to contact the National Catholic Bioethics Center and visit their website at [NCBCenter.org](http://NCBCenter.org). I would also say to truly pray about it and trust that God will take care of them. It will be a challenge, but depending on their scenario, they may be surprised how well their employer will accommodate their convictions. Just like that Catholic radio host said to my wife, if you pray about it, God will provide. Don't put him in a box."

**For more information** go to [Mayo Pharmacy: A Catholic Pharmacy Passionate About Life | National Catholic Register \(ncregister.com\)](#). To find a pro-life pharmacist in your area, visit the website for [Pharmacists for Life](#) at [www. Pfli.org](http://www.Pfli.org)

