Blessed Trinity Parish

Roman Catholic Church

Greenfield, Massachusetts

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 1, 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!

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

O God, who manifests Your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, Your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain Your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. - Amen





PARISH OFFICE.

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Hours: Monday-Friday: 9 am - 3 pm

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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

YOUNG & CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP OF FRANKLIN COUNTY: Stephanie Paige 413.773.3311

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BLESSED TRINITY ROSARY SODALITY: Marcy Hoynoski, President. 413.773.3311

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, LT. JOHN GALVIN COUNCIL NO. 133: Dan Arsenault, Grand Knight. 413.773.3311

Thoughts from the Pastor's Desk ...

Dear friends of Blessed Trinity,

"Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love,

any participation in the Spirit,

any compassion and mercy,

complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love,

united in heart, thinking one thing."

On this first day of October, we share in the prayer and words of St. Paul, proclaimed in today's second reading. This Apostle to the Gentiles invites us, the disciples of Greenfield, to be united in heart, thinking as God does, not as human beings do. With encouragement in Christ, with participation in the Spirit, we can be full of joy as we set ourselves to be unbroken from the heart and mind of God.

This month of October is full of the great witness of the saints, and especially under the patronage of our Blessed Mother and her title as Our Lady of the Rosary. If there is any human person who was ever closest in heart, mind, and will to the Divine Person who is Jesus, St. Mary ranks foremost. With her chain of prayer, the rosary disposes us to see the life and death of Jesus intimately through her eyes. A mother bearing a child, a parent mourning a son, a lady loving her Lord.

With Mary and all the saints, with each another, brothers and sisters in Christ, let us work together to bring all peoples, beginning right here in our own midst, to encounter the living God. May we join the ranks entering the Kingdom of Heaven, not by our own esteem or sense of privilege, but by joyful eagerness for the salvation of souls. Let us change our minds, move our hearts, and be united as one in Christ, thinking one thing. "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus"!

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

Fr. Pierz

OUR UPCOMING PASTORAL COMMISSION MEETINGS.

OCT 4TH - WORSHIP COMMISSION:

All matters pertaining to Liturgy and worship.

Meets 1st Wednesday @ 4:30pm in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

OCT 5TH - BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE:

Preservation and improvements of our parish buildings and grounds. Meets 1st Thursday @ 6:00 pm in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

OCT 9TH – PASTORAL COMMISSION TO THE HOMELESS, POOR, & HUNGRY:

Serving people and families experiencing hardship. Meets 2nd Monday @ 6:00 pm in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

OCT 12TH - FAITH FORMATION:

Catholic education programs and events for Youth and Adults. Meets 2nd Thursday @ 6:00 pm in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

OCT 12 & 26— Community Meals: Served 2nd, 4th and 5th Thurs. from 5:00-6 pm. Take out only at our Holy Trinity Church.

OUR AFFILIATED PARISH GROUPS.

OCT 2ND – Blessed Trinity Rosary Society: Meets 1st Mon. @ 6:30 pm at Father Casey Hall.

OCT 19TH – Knights of Columbus: Meets 3rd Thurs. @ 7:00 pm. in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

New Parishioners and guests.
Thank you for joining us today. We are so glad you are here!



We are eager to meet you & invite you to learn more about our parish and register at the Parish Office. We hope that

you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, and your talents. New to the Catholic faith? We look forward to getting to know you in prayer & service.



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.

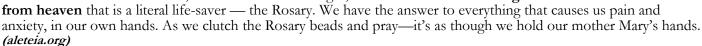
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Available during pastoral visit, Sacrament of Confession, or by appointment.

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.

OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY.

We can all use the graces that come from this traditional prayer to the Virgin Mary. Every **October**, we dedicate the month to the **Most Holy Rosary**. During this month, the liturgical feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary** is celebrated annually on **October 7th**. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. Pope Pius XI said: "The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin ... If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors."

As worries abound related to the changing times, political landscape, floods and destruction, fires in both forests and streets, and surreal social changes, we are blessed to have a gift



ROSARY CHALLENGE. Let's not let one day go by without a Rosary said for peace in our hearts, our homes, and our country to honor the Rosary and rely on it as a way to save the world and our own lives, too.

POWER IN NUMBERS. You are invited to pray the Rosary with fellow Blessed Trinity Parish parishioners **each Sunday in October** outside of **Holy Trinity Church on Main Street.** We will meet in front of the statue of Mary from **12-12:30pm.** For those of you who are unable to stand, please bring a chair if you like or you can join us by sitting in your cars.

In addition, during the month of October, you can also pray the Rosary daily at our **Perpetual Adoration Chapel** on Federal St.. each evening at **7 pm.** Let's join together this October as we dedicate this month to the Most Holy Rosary. *All are welcome*.





OUR DIOCESE.



Diocese of Springfield Office of the Bishop

September 18, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

On the weekend of October 7th and 8th, our diocese will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through websites, social networks, television, radio and print, the CCC helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all donations to the CCC collected will remain in the Diocese of Springfield to support local communications needs, such as our radio and television programming and diocesan publications.

Catholic Communication Campaign funds also support communications projects in developing areas of the world where the Church is growing but lacking in resources. The CCC supports scholarship programs and provides funds for training Catholic communicators from those developing areas of the world so that they have the tools necessary to spread the Gospel in the 21st century.

In addition to spreading the Gospel and training others to do so, the CCC also helps form young disciples, giving them the practical skills they need to navigate today's digital media environment. For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year.

With every good wish, I am,

Your friend in Christ,

Most Reverend William D. Byrne Bishop of Springfield

P.S. Please share this letter with your parishioners the weekend of September 30th and October 1st and take up the collection the following weekend. Monies collected should be sent to the Diocesan **Accounting Office**. Thank you.

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OUR PARISH.



SATURDAY, September 30 — FATHER AUFIERO

SAINT JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF

THE CHURCH

4:00 BSC THE PROVOST FAMILY – by the CCD

Students

SUNDAY, October 1 — VOCATIONS

8:00 HTC FOR ALL THOSE WHO WORK TO

PRESERVE LIFE

9:30 HTC Francis Yestramski – by Deacon Joe &

Marie Bete

11:00 BSC GRACE & BLESSINGS FOR ASHLEY

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MONDAY, October 2 – FATHER CAMPOLI

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

8:30 BSC JOHN FLEURY – by Mary Fleury

TUESDAY, October 3 — DEACON RABBITT

8:30 BSC JOHN PRESTON – by the Family

WEDNESDAY, October 4 — DEACON BUCCI SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

12:05 HTC Grace & Blessings for Alex Scrivener

- by Mom

6:00 PAC JOYCE TILTON – by Laurie Tilton

THURSDAY, October 5 — FATHER ROUX

SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, VIRGIN: BLESSED

FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST

8:30 HTC BARBARA & RICHARD CLAPP— by the

Estate

FRIDAY, October 6 — CLERGY IN PURGATORY

SAINT BRUNO, PRIEST; BLESSED MARIE ROSE

DUROCHER, VIRGIN

8:30 HTC MARY McGovern – by her Niece, Mary

Reilly Parsons

FIRST SATURDAY, October 7 — FATHER LUNNEY

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

8:00 BSC MATTHEW KOSTANSKI – by Britny,

George, and Children

4:00 BSC GRACE & BLESSINGS FOR FATHER MATT

HIMES – by Maureen Filiault

SUNDAY, October 8 — Vocations, Seminarians, &

DEACON CANDIDATES

8:00 HTC KATHLEEN BRISSETTE — by the Family

9:30 HTC VICTORIA KILGOUR – by Bill & Donna

Kilgour

11:00 BSC ESTELLE CLINTON HANSON – by the

Family

TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 1, 2023

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

All Our Beloved Dead

SEPT 24TH - OCT 7TH



BSC SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning for:

Bobby Sans - by Anonymous

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES will burn in memory/honor of:

1. Suzi Cottrill — by the Lively Family

2. Theresa Tuturice — by the Family

3. Special Intention — by Anonymous

4. Patricia Duffey Earley— from Robert Earley

HTC 7-DAY CANDLE: Maximillian A. — by the 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

BLESSED TRINITY PARISH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Adoration Chapel - Adoration Hours Available

Community Meals - Baked Goods | Meal Volunteers

Pastoral Ministry to the Sick & Homebound -

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion |

Visitors | Card Ministry

Blessed Solanus Casey Food Pantry - Stocking

| Pantry Hour Coverage | Greeting

St. Dismas Jail Ministry

Greeters & Ushers - all Masses

If interested please contact the Parish Office, 413-773-3311

INFERTILITY SUPPORT NIGHT

Please join Young And Catholic - October 14th 7:00pm in our Pastoral Center for a night of resources and support for couples bearing the cross of infertility.

Light refreshments provided.





OUR PARISH.

CALVARY CEMETERY CLEANUP

It's that time of year again.

October 1st is the date for removal of pots and flowers from the graves at Calvary Cemetery prior to fall cleanup. *Thank you!*



TAG SALE

SAVE THE DATE!

Blessed Trinity Rosary Society will be hosting the annual Fall Tag & Bake Sale
November 3rd & 4th.

Donation Drop Off times: Mon Oct 29th 11am-5pm Tues Oct 30th 11am -6pm & Wed Nov 1st 10am-5pm Please, no electronic appliances, toys, or magazines.

VISITING MISSION PRIEST:

On the weekend of October 7/8, Fr. Myron Effing, CJD, from Mary Mother of God Mission Society and the Vladivostok Mission will visit our parish to speak about the Roman Catholic Mission Churches in Eastern



Russia. A second offering will be taken for the missions.

In the early 1900's, the Russian Far East boasted a thriving Roman Catholic population. Many Russians, Poles, Lithuanians, and other groups inhabited the area and had built schools, hospitals, and beautiful churches. After the revolution of 1917, Russia became an emblem of the Communist era, a land without churches and without God. Under Stalin, all Catholic churches were confiscated and Dioceses closed. Most churches were desecrated or destroyed. Catholics were murdered by the hundreds of thousands and their bodies dumped into mass graves.

Our two American priests, Fr. Myron Effing, CJD, and Fr. Daniel Maurer, CJD, arrived in Vladivostok in 1992 to help re-establish the Church in this region and provide charitable assistance to the many poor. Now that the foundations have been laid, additional priests and sisters are joining the work, and parishes are growing and multiplying, very slowly, but surely.

For the latest news on activities of the mission and the Catholic Church in Russia please visit the website at www.vladmission.org.

THIS WEEK AT BLESSED TRINITY PARISH



Sunday Oct 1

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.)

12:00 pm Outdoor Rosary (HTC) 7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Monday Oct 2

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

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

6:30 pm Rosary Society Meeting (Fr. Casey Hall) **7:00 pm** Daily Rosary (PAC)

Tuesday Oct 3

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

6:00 pm OCIA - Pastoral Ctr.

7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Wednesday Oct 4

11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)

12:05 pm Mass (HTC)

4:30 pm Worship Commission Meeting (Past. Ctr.)

5-5:45 pm Confession (PAC)

6:00 pm Mass (PAC)

7:00 pm Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying-(PAC)

7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Thursday Oct 5

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

6:00 pm Buildings & Maint. Meeting (Past. Ctr. Conference Room)

7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Friday Oct 6

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Saturday Oct 7

8:00 am First Saturday Mass (BSC)

2:30 pm—3:30 pm Confession (BSC)

3:00 pm LaMarche / Zabawa Wedding (HTC)

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

5:30 pm KofC Harvest Supper (Fr. Casey Hall)

7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Sunday Oct 8

8:00 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.)

12:00 pm Outdoor Rosary (HTC)

7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)





OUR YOUTH.



Religious Education classes begin this Sunday, October 1st in the Pastoral Center!

NEW! This year <u>ALL classes</u> grades Kindergarten through Confirmation will take place from **9:45am-10:45am**.

Registration is still open! There are forms at the doors of both churches and on our website. The schedule for the year is also available online. For more information, please contact Virginia Christi at ReligiousEd@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org We look forward to a vibrant and fruitful religious education program this year!

PRESCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Please show me how to spend this day
Sharing your LOVE in every way
Help me to be kind to everyone
To play and laugh and have lots of fun
Shining your light and giving your grace
Sharing your JOY with a smile on my face!



Religious Education Classes start this weekend.

Please join us in the Pastoral Center on Sunday, with other parents for coffee & conversation from 9:45am-10:45am. The lucky winners of last week's *Meet & Greet* raffle basket were Jennifer and Jonathan Coffin!

BLESSED TRINITY PRE-SCHOOL UPDATES.

Catherine Cuff, our new Director of Educational Outreach, together with our Religious Education Board, is working diligently to start our new Pre-School ministry.

This program will be a safe learning environment offering early childhood education with a strong focus on our Catholic Faith to children before they begin Kindergarten.



While it is still in the preliminary stages of planning here are some of the updates:

- It will be the only Catholic Early Education/Primary School in Franklin County to-date.
- The cornerstone of the curriculum will focus on our Catholic Faith.
- Enrollment will be for 3-5 year-olds and divided into two classes—older and younger.
- The program can accommodate between 9-10 children in each class for a total enrollment of 18-20 children.
- They will meet at the Pastoral Center (where CCD meets on Sunday) effectively utilizing space that would normally go empty and unused during the week.
- The focus will be on our Catholic Community emphasizing Catholic Faith, honesty, integrity, helping serve others, responsibility, compassion, generosity, politeness, and kindness.
- The older children will focus on "school readiness" with routines like "circle time" so they are prepared for entering Kindergarten.
- The cost of the program will be competitive with other
 pre-schools in the area. Currently the majority of local pre-schools
 already have waitlists and are not accepting new students
 supporting the need for this project.
- This program will generate new income for the Parish...

Interested parents should call the Parish Office at 413.773.3311 to find out more. Stay tuned for further updates.





OUR YOUTH.



Welcome CCD Parents! We hope you enjoyed last week's Meet & Greet with our teachers and other parents as we kicked off the Religious Education classes for the new school year. While your children are enjoying their classes, we want to make this a time for you as parents, too!

Drop & Go? ... Instead, why not stay! Relax, enjoy a cup of coffee with a pastry. It's a time for you too. Meet other parents. Exchange ideas. It's a 45minute respite available to you to ask questions and be involved in this important and informative time in your children's lives.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS STILL NEEDED.

The families that drive St Michael's students from the Greenfield area to Brattleboro need volunteer drivers for the afternoon school pickup shifts (2:40pm leave for 3:15 arrival at the school).

If you would be willing to drive the van for a shift or two in the afternoons throughout the school year, or even occasionally to fill in for a driver who is unable to drive, please contact David Korpiewski at 413-695-2191. The van is a 12 passenger van and there are currently 11 students who need your help to make sure they can go up and back every day. The families ask that you please pray and consider helping if you can.

Blessed Trinity CRYPTOQUIP

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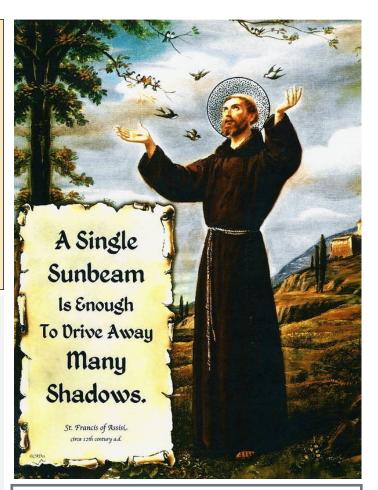
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POPE ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT YOUTH GROUP.

Serve. | Learn. | Pray. | Make Friends. | Faith Fellowship.

For more information and to be added to the email list for updates and events please contact

stipiivouthgroup@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you!







AND MORE.

The Blessing of Animals. October 4th is St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day, because of his great love for all of God's Creatures. A prayer can be offered with your pet in your backyard, garden, or inside your home. The following Pet Blessing can be used:

"Blessed are You, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask You to bless this pet. By the power of Your love, enable it to live according to Your plan. May we always praise You for all Your beauty in creation. Blessed are You, Lord our God, in all Your creatures! Amen."

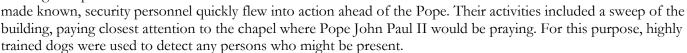
Go Deeper. Consider donating pet food or gently used blankets and towels to the local animal shelter around this time of the year. Contact the shelter to see what they are in most need of. The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi provides an opportunity to teach children about endangered or abused animals and what we can do to help. *(saintpats.org)*

Who can doubt the Real Presence?

By Anne Van Tilburg

On the evening of the last day of his October 1995 visit to the United States, Pope John Paul II was scheduled to greet the seminarians at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. It had been a very full day, beginning with Mass at the Oriole Park in Camden Yards, followed by a parade through the downtown streets, a visit to the Basilica of The Assumption, the first cathedral in the country, lunch at a local soup kitchen, run by the Catholic Charities, a prayer service at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in the north Baltimore area, and finally a quick stop at St. Mary's Seminary.

The schedule was tight so the plan was to simply greet the seminarians while they stood outside on the steps. But Pope John Paul II made his way through their ranks and into the building. His plan was first to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. When his wishes were



The dogs are trained to locate living people in collapsed buildings after earthquakes and other disasters. These intelligent and eager canines went through their rounds in the halls, offices, and classrooms quickly, and were then sent into the chapel. They went up and down the aisles and past the pews, and finally into the side chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. Upon reaching the tabernacle, the dogs sniffed and whined and pointed, refusing to leave; they were convinced that they discovered SOMEONE there and firmly remained, their attention riveted to the tabernacle, until called out by the handlers. We Catholics know they were right; they found a REAL LIVING PERSON in the tabernacle! *(Fidelity Magazine)*







AND MORE.

WEEKEND OF SEPT 24, 2023

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

Weekly Collection: \$4,426

Fuel/Energy Collection: \$20

Maintenance Collection: \$615

"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!

Every Monday: Prayer Cenacle for Reparation and the Conversion of the U.S.A. The Most Holy Name of Jesus. Come join Moderator Socorro "Suki" Wong each Monday morning to pray for our Nation, our State and our Families in these troubling times. Prayer Cenacle immediately following the 8 am Mass at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, Turners Falls. Coffee will be provided.



GREETINGS AND THANK YOU TO OUR ENVIRONMENTAL SACRISTANS!







A BIG THANKS! Pictured are only three of our Environmental Sacristans and Volunteers. We have a small team of dedicated parishioners using their talents and time to beautify our Sacred Spaces each week for all. *Thank you!*

NATIONAL PIEROGI DAY. Saturday, October 7th—Our Lady of Częstochowa Church, 84 K Street in Turners Falls is celebrating with delicious Pierogis hot off the grill made by the **Saint Hyacinth Pierogi-Makers** that will be sold, along with **Frozen Pierogi To-Go** packages, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. There will also be a **Bake Sale** featuring Polish and other fresh homemade baked goods.

