

Blessed Trinity Parish

Roman Catholic Church

Greenfield, Massachusetts

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 22, 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

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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

O God, Who are rich in mercy and Who willed that Pope St. John Paul the Second should preside as Pope over Your universal Church, grant, we pray, that instructed by his teaching, we may open our hearts to the saving grace of Christ, the sole Redeemer of mankind. - *Amen*



PARISH OFFICE.

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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 & 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,

Our Gospel Acclamation at Mass today resounds joyfully and mightily: "Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life"! Each of us are called to be a bright witness of joy and hope, reflecting the truth of Christ and His Church, in the midst of darkness and discord. With the Word of Life, incarnate and proclaimed, we need not fear.

As last week the Sunday liturgy pre-empted the great St. Teresa of Ávila and her memorial, likewise today a great feast lays hidden but not obscured. Most assuredly the saint of today (October 22nd) rejoices in sharing and raising up the Lord's Day as he so powerfully reflected in his earthly tenure a life lived boldly in Christ. The great Pope St. John Paul II gave a living witness of abiding hope and enduring trust in the Divine Will. Through the years of his war-torn youth and adolescence, his heroic priesthood and episcopacy in a challenged society, and of course his decades of Petrine ministry at the helm of the universal Church, Pope St. John Paul the Great shined as a light in our world and a sign for our times. May we have the courage as he to live his chosen motto, embracing the Lord Jesus and His Blessed Mother: *Totus Tuus*, All Yours!

Our parish of Blessed Trinity continues to make strides in this fearless proclamation. The whole mission of our parish can be expressed in the promotion, strengthening, and enriching of a profound relationship between God and the human person. He comes to meet us and it is up to us to facilitate that encounter. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, with the efforts of each one of us, with courage and eagerness, we can build up an authentic communion of faith.

Each month there are discussions taking place on ways to embolden our parish life and witness in Christ. In our

bulletin last week, and reprinted this week, a description of our Parish Administration in its various pastoral, financial, and educational structures can be found.

With several commissions already established under our Pastoral Council and Finance Council, and others proposed, along with the various programs, series, and events they administer, your participation is most valuable. Your voice is most necessary. Every month these commission meetings discuss various priorities and ongoing efforts for which your thoughts and presence are most appreciated. Similarly, your nominations and recommendations have been received for our Pastoral Council and I look forward to its first meeting in a few weeks.

Thank you for your investment in our parish.
Thank you for your engagement of talents.
Thank you for your wisdom and counsel.
Thank you for being a light in this world!

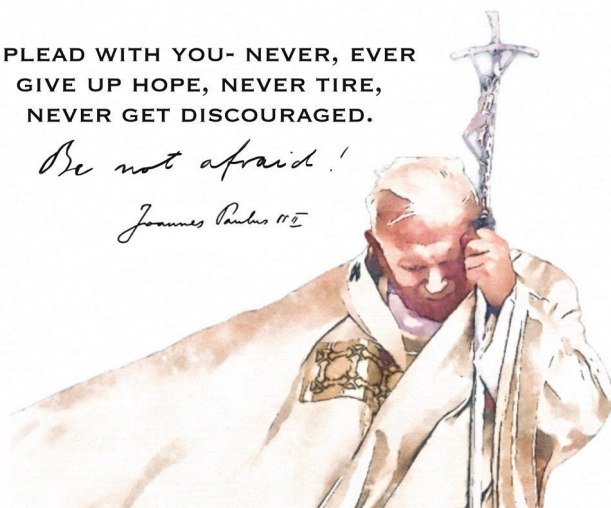
Most Holy Trinity, I adore You!

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

Fr. Pierz

I PLEAD WITH YOU- NEVER, EVER
GIVE UP HOPE, NEVER TIRE,
NEVER GET DISCOURAGED.

Be not afraid!
Joannes Paulus II



Welcome!

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.

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.

Lent is over. Why bring up meatless Fridays

now? Catholics used to eat fish on Fridays instead of meat, but Vatican II changed all that...*right?*

Actually, no it didn't! Contrary to common misconception, abstinence from meat on Fridays throughout the year has never been abolished from Roman law. It was not abolished by Vatican II. It was not abolished by Pope Paul VI or Pope St. John Paul II. It was not abolished by the 1983 Code of Canon Law. It remains the universal law of the Latin Church all year long.

52 weeks of the Year. Sadly, many Catholics don't realize that year-round tradition of Friday abstinence is still a thing. It is fitting that Catholics should abstain from meat on Fridays because doing so honors what was an integral part of Catholic culture and identity for nearly all of the past two millennia. It was done as a penance.

“The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent.” Can. 1250

Friday—a day of penance. Don't let it be just like any other day. Whether or not you choose to abstain from meat — you must do something. If not abstaining from meat (or forgot it was Friday), replace with a penance instead. Consider fasting. Or perhaps do without your evening beer or glass of wine. If you're a vegan, that still doesn't get you off the hook! Find something. It could be something positive: Pray the Liturgy of the Hours or the Rosary if you don't already do it every day, or do some extra spiritual reading.

Yes, it's still a thing. A wonderful thing! Embrace it. Make it a special part of your week. If you don't do this already, go back to this long held Catholic practice. This is an invitation to do so... and to dust off those seafood cookbooks!

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OUR MINISTRIES.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

Each week we will update how our growing Ministries are having a positive impact in our community while sharing our Catholic Faith by the caring of others.

Community Meals: We served 115 meals of Shepherd's Pie on September 28th.

Homebound & Nursing Homes: Currently we have 22 amazing volunteers visiting 49 homebound parishioners and 50 parishioners in nursing homes.

Food Pantry (August): Number of Pounds of Food - 9720 | Number of Meals Equivalent - 8100 | Number of Households - 920 | Number of Individuals - 2240 | Number of Volunteer Hours - 96

Interested in volunteering? Contact us at the Parish Office 413.773.3311 or blessedtrinitygreenfield.org.

ANNUAL FALL TAG: SALE NOV 3 & 4.

Blessed Trinity Rosary Society will be hosting their

Annual Fall Tag & Rummage & Book & Raffle & Bake Sale!



DONATIONS NEEDED: Looking for donations of clean, collectable items in good condition and gently used. (NO electrical, magazines, toys, or unclean books will be accepted). *Baked goods will be accepted*

Wed. Nov. 1 and Thu. Nov. 2 from 1-5 pm.

Donation Drop Off Times at Father Casey Hall:

Mon Oct 30 11am-5pm | Tues Oct 31 11am-6pm

Wed Nov 1st 10am-5pm

NO ITEMS ACCEPTED AFTER November 1st!

TAG SALE HOURS: NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE!

Fri. Nov. 3rd, 9am-2pm

Sat. Nov. 4th, 8am-1pm (12pm-1pm Brown Bag Sale)

Please call Marcy at 413.772.6983 if you have questions.

OUR PASTORAL COMMISSION MEETINGS.

Parishioners Welcome! We encourage ALL to come to our discussions with your ideas or concerns. Attend one time or several times—no commitment required. You don't need to be a member.
Agendas to be posted prior to meetings as available.

OCT 23RD—ST. DISMAS JAIL MINISTRY: Meets 4th Monday @ 6:00 pm in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

OCT 26 & NOV 9TH— Community Meals: Served 2nd & 5th Thurs. from 5:00-6 pm. Take out only at our Holy Trinity Church.

NOV 1ST—WORSHIP: *All matters pertaining to Liturgy and worship.* Meets 1st Wednesday @ 4:30pm in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

NOV 2ND — BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE: *Preservation and improvements of our parish buildings & grounds.* Meets 1st Thursday @ 6:00 pm in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

NOV 9TH — FAITH FORMATION: *Catholic education programs and events for Youth and Adults.* Meets 2nd Thursday @ 6:00 pm in our Pastoral Center Conf. Rm.

NOV 13TH — PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS, POOR, & HUNGRY: *Serving people and families experiencing hardship.* Meets 2nd Monday @ 6:00 pm in our Pastoral Center Conf. Rm.

NOV 20TH— PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: Meets 3rd Monday @ 7:00 pm. *Do you know of a parishioner who would like a visit or to receive the sacraments?* Contact comfort@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org or call 413.773-3311.

OUR AFFILIATED PARISH GROUPS.

NOV 6TH — Blessed Trinity Rosary Society: Meets 1st Mon. @ 6:30 pm at Father Casey Hall.

NOV 16TH — Knights of Columbus: Meets 3rd Thurs. @ 7:00 pm. in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.



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OUR PARISH.

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PARISH ADMINISTRATION **Councils & Commissions**



Pastoral Council



To investigate all those things which pertain to pastoral works, to ponder them and to propose practical conclusions about them (Cf. Can. 511). An advisory body composed of Pastoral Commission Chairs, At-Large Members, and Ex-Officio Members (such as deacons and pastoral staff), the Pastoral Council is facilitated by a Chair with Vice Chair and Secretary to assist in its monthly meetings and is presided over by the Pastor. The Pastoral Council ceases when the pastorate/administration is vacant.

Pastoral Commissions

To consider, propose, and engage particular and focused pastoral initiatives for the benefit of the parish in coordination with the Pastoral Council. Each commission is facilitated by a chair who welcomes and encourages discussion and recommendation on all matters of pastoral importance related to the commission's focus.

Worship Commission

First Wednesday 4:30 PM

All matters pertaining to Liturgy and Worship. Coordinates Sacristans, Environmental Sacristans, Lectors, Altar Society / Altar Corps, Ushers, etc. Enriches the beauty of the worship experience at Blessed Trinity Parish and especially encounters with the Eucharistic Lord.

Faith Formation Commission

Second Thursday 6:00 PM

Develops and administers programs for the formation of faith in the parish, particularly ongoing adult education and sacramental preparation. Includes OCIA, Baptism Preparation, Adult Confirmation, Marriage Preparation, Bible Studies, Lectures, and educational series.

Pastoral Ministry to the Sick & Homebound *Third Monday 7:00 PM*

Extends the engagement of the parish and its relationships, especially in care for those who are sick or homebound. Offers the living presence of Christ and His Church in closeness, prayer, and sacrament. Includes Hospital Ministry, Nursing Home Ministry, Homebound Ministry, and Card Ministry (note-writing and cards exchanged).

Pastoral Ministry to the Homeless, Poor, & Hungry *Second Monday 6:00 PM*

Seeks ways to assist those who suffer from the challenges of homelessness, poverty, or hunger. Engages corporal works of mercy in a concerted and organized way to most effectively make use of and coordinate resources available in the parish with local support and social services. Includes Food Pantry Program, Community Meals Program, Christmas giving programs, and more.

St. Dismas Jail Ministry

Fourth Monday 6:00 PM



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Proposed Pastoral Commissions ...

Hospitality Commission ?

Spiritual Life Commission ?

Family & Human Life Commission ?

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Finance Council

To provide counsel and expertise to assist the pastor in the administration of the goods of the parish. An advisory body composed of commission chairs, appointed members, and Ex-Officio members, the Finance Council is facilitated by a Chair with Vice Chair and Secretary to assist in its monthly meetings and is presided over by the Pastor. The Finance Council ceases when the pastorate/administration is vacant.

Buildings & Maintenance Commission

First Thursday

6:00 PM

Considers the ongoing facilities and properties needs and opportunities for the parish. Proposes plans and actions for the proper care and long-term maintenance of our physical assets. Includes recommendations for Casey Fund capital projects.

Cemetery Commission

TBD

Assists the pastor and cemetery administrator in the care and development of the parish cemetery. Includes consideration for the care of the grounds, outsourced services, and rate recommendations for plots, burials, etc.

Stewardship/Development Commission

TBD

Works to foster stewardship and development throughout the parish, encouraging increased giving, estate planning, capital campaigns, and other means to further the mission of the parish, the upbuilding of the Church, and the evangelization of peoples.

Religious Education Board

To provide counsel and recommendation to the pastor and Director of Religious Education for the development and administration of the Religious Education program. Considers and proposes ways for effective catechetical instruction and the increase of outreach and involvement of parents and families.

Affiliated Parish Groups

Blessed Trinity Rosary Sodality

First Monday

6:30 PM

Knights of Columbus

Third Thursday

6:00 PM

Boy Scouts

Each Tuesday

6:45 PM

Pope St. John Paul the Great Youth Group

Third Sunday

6:30 PM



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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, October 21 — FATHER O'CONNOR

4:00 BSC MATTHEW KOSTANSKI — by Britny, George, & Children

SUNDAY, October 22 — DEACON NOLAN

8:00 HTC AL DUBOIS — by the Family

9:30 HTC STACIA & LOUIS DEMEO — by Daughter, Lisa

11:00 BSC BARBARA MOST — by Jackie Jurewicz

MONDAY, October 23 — FATHER AUFIERO

8:30 BSC SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST
THERESA J. GOCHINSKI — by Denise Rueb

TUESDAY, October 24 — MONSIGNOR YARDEAU

8:30 BSC SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP
BARBARA MOST — by Jackie Jurewicz

WEDNESDAY, October 25 — DEACON BETE

12:05 HTC STEVEN MAJOR — by the Family

6:00 PAC ALAN PURDY — by Doug & Joanne Brown

THURSDAY, October 26 — BISHOP BYRNE

8:30 HTC BETE & APPLE FAMILIES — by the family

FRIDAY, October 27 — POPE FRANCIS

8:30 HTC MARIA ZRAUNIG (4TH ANNIVERSARY) — Mr. & Mrs. Michael Zraunig & Family

SATURDAY, October 28 — VOCATIONS

4:00 BSC SAINTS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES
STANLEY, SOPHIE, & WALTER KARPINSKI — by the Family

SUNDAY, October 29 — FATHER O'MANNION

8:00 HTC SPECIAL INTENTION FOR SUSAN GORMAN — by Mary Fleury

9:30 HTC REV. PETER SULLIVAN — by Jane McDonough

11:00 BSC LORETTA BARASSO — by the Family

ALL SOULS NOVENA

Please return your **All Souls envelopes** via the offering basket or to the office **prior to Nov. 1st** so that they may be placed on our altars and be included in our All Souls Novena Prayers.



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 22, 2023

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

Jean Falla & Carol Yargeau Swistak

OCT. 22ND - NOV. 4TH



BSC SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning for The Cunningham Family — by the Tuteurice Family

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES will burn in memory/honor of:

1. Special Intention — by Anonymous

2. Special Intention — by Anonymous

3. (Available)

4. Patricia Duffey Earley — by Robert Earley

HTC 7-DAY CANDLE: Children in Heaven — by Mary Frances

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

THOSE WHO ARE CALLED TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD
MUST GLOW WITH THE BRIGHTNESS THAT COMES
FROM THE GOOD EXAMPLE OF A PRAISEWORTHY AND
BLAMELESS LIFE.

St. John of Capistrano

Updated as of 10/06/23 for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Our Diocese is at 87.5 % of the \$3,000,000 goal.

Blessed Trinity Parish numbers are:

Donors: 207

Cash Gifts: \$43,594

Pledges: \$33,980

Total to Date: \$79,543

ANNUAL
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APPEAL 

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BLESSED TRINITY PRE-SCHOOL UPDATES.

Join Catherine Cuff, Director of Educational Outreach, for an open meeting **November 5th at 10 am** in our **Pastoral Center during CCD**. All parishioners and families interested in our Pre-School program are welcome and encouraged to attend. Catherine will have an **update on our Pre-School development**, and would like to hear families' priorities, and name suggestions for our Pre-School. There will be a tech option available for those unable to attend in person. Please email Outreach@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org.

GREENFIELD RAG SHAG & TRICK OR TREATING

Blessed Trinity Parish is participating in Greenfield Recreation's **Downtown Trick-or-Treating**. Volunteers are needed to hand out treat bags at our **Holy Trinity Church October 31st**. Meet at **3:30pm**. **Volunteers welcome to fill treat bags as well.** Call the Parish Office 413-773-331 for more information.

ROSARY CHALLENGE IN OCTOBER.

You are invited to pray the Rosary with fellow Blessed Trinity Parish parishioners **each Sunday in October** outside of our **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 **7:00 pm**. Let's join together this October as we dedicate this month to the Most Holy Rosary. **All are welcome.**



WEEKEND OF OCT 15, 2023

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

Weekly Collection: \$6394
Fuel/Energy Collection: \$160
Maintenance Collection: \$110
Online Giving: \$1850

"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



Saturday Oct 21

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Sunday Oct 22

8:00 am Mass (HTC) Confession: 30-minutes beforehand
9:30 am Mass (HTC) Confession: 30-mins 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 23

8:30 am Mass (BSC)
6:00 pm Roses for Mary Prayer Group (PAC each Mon.)
6:00 pm *Saint Dismas* Jail Ministry - Pastoral Center Conference Room
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Tuesday Oct 24

8:30 am Mass (BSC)
6:00 pm OCIA - Pastoral Ctr. Conference Room
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Wednesday Oct 25

11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)
12:05 pm Mass (HTC)
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 26

8:30 am Mass (HTC)
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Friday Oct 27

8:30 am Mass (HTC)
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Saturday Oct 28

2:30 pm—3:30 pm Confession (BSC)
4:00 pm Mass (BSC)
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Sunday Oct 29

8:00 am Mass (HTC) Confession: 30-minutes beforehand
9:30 am Mass (HTC) Confession: 30-mins 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)



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OUR YOUTH.

CCD

CORNER

We welcome and encourage family participation in all aspects of our Religious Education program. Our parish provides ample opportunity to enrich your faith. Please read our bulletin for upcoming events. It is a wonderful resource for all things Blessed Trinity Parish!



OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM KEEPS GROWING!

We've had a tremendous response this Fall and registration is still open. You can print out the form on our website, blessedtrinitygreenfield.org and submit it to the office. Printed forms are also available in the parish office.

Questions? Please reach out to ReligiousEd@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org



OCTOBER RELIGIOUS ED. SCHEDULE: MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Oct 22 All Classes- Confirmation class attends Bread of Life on 10/22 in lieu of class

Oct 29* **A Walk through the Mass (class) w/ Fr. Pierz in Blessed Sacrament Church. *No coffee hour-Parents attend class with their children.**

All parishioners are welcome to join the Religious Education Program as Father Pierz takes us through the parts of the Mass and teaches the children the theological significances of the liturgy.
During the regular CCD time of 9:45-10:45 at our Blessed Sacrament Church.



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OUR REGION.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LIFE:

A REFLECTION ON RESPECT LIFE MONTH

by Rachel Deffenbaugh

In honor of Respect Life Month, our attention turns toward the significance of the lives of unborn children and the pregnancy help mission to support women and their families.

The term "pro-life" is often used with varying interpretations, and frequently debated on social media. At the core of these discussions lies a fundamental question: what makes life significant? Historically, even what constitutes as alive has been central to pro-abortion arguments, with phrases like "blob of tissue" and "no proof of life" used to describe unborn children. However, advances in science have debunked these claims, confirming that "human life begins at conception—fertilization." Today, the primary contention is not whether an unborn baby is alive but rather whether their life holds equal *significance* as that of the mother.

As we observe these discussions on social media, it becomes evident that the concept of significance is subjective and varies from one person to another. Pro-abortion activists do not attribute the same significance to *all* lives. Their stance is measured subjectively, encasing the entire movement in fluid ambiguity. It's not enough to uphold a viewpoint dependent on emotion (like anger or fear) or personal experience.

In contrast, those of us in pregnancy help assign meaning and purpose to unborn babies based on the belief that all people are made in God's image and that children are a blessing. Furthermore, those of us in pregnancy help assign the lives of *women* with meaning and purpose, refraining from judging their past or present circumstances, guided by the same values. The pro-life stance is measured by scientific consistency and biblical truth.

Shifting the Narrative

While pro-abortion activists increasingly target pregnancy centers to undermine the valuable work done for women, pregnancy help continues to emphasize the significance of life.

In addition to the biblical truth that assigns human life with meaning and purpose, another component that demonstrates the significance of life is reflected in the lives touched and transformed at every pregnancy help organization around the globe. Their mounting impact shows that life—when provided with support and care—has the potential to create a positive impact on our global community. This is why (together) we promote the significance of life because we have witnessed firsthand the power that love and unity can yield.

Instead of the pro-abortion narrative that says women are incapable, the pregnancy help movement communicates the significance of life by coming alongside each woman **to**

emphasize both the profound significance of her unborn child's life and her own.

Constructing a Foundation of Truth—Together

Those of us in the pregnancy help movement play a pivotal role in building a bridge to the redemptive and healing power of Jesus Christ. Each action we take—whether a phone call, a pregnancy test and consultation, a gospel-centered conversation, or a warm smile—contributes to this bridge. Pregnancy help is the bedrock of her support, offering compassion, care, and assistance symbolized by each piece of the bridge.

In the face of attacks from Big Abortion and its supporters, unity within pregnancy help is more critical than ever. The centers that tirelessly support and educate women and families understand the profound significance of life, and their entire existence revolves around upholding its value. Together, we are the builders of this vital movement.

As we recognize Respect Life Month, let us carry the torch of compassion, understanding, and unwavering commitment to the significance of every life. In a world filled with debates and differing perspectives, one truth remains constant: the value of each unborn child and the vital importance of supporting women and their families. **We are the defenders of this cause, advocates of hope, and builders of bridges that lead to Jesus Christ.** Our mission extends far beyond this month; it's a lifelong dedication to ensuring that every life is treated as significant. (heartbeatinternational.org)

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"WX AHO FRLFES!

HTXA DESX OVX SHHLB OH QVLEBO!"

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CLUE: O equals T

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Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

**A CHURCH VOLUNTEER WHO LEADS THE COLLECTION
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"HEAD HUSHER"!



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