Blessed Trinity Parish

Roman Catholic Church

Greenfield, Massachusetts

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 17, 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 S have 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Look upon us, O God, Creator and Ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of Your mercy, grant that we may serve You with all our heart. - Amen



PARISH OFFICE.

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Hours: Monday-Friday: 9 am - 3 pm

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Deacon Paul F. DeCarlo | Deacon John Leary
Deacon George Nolan | Deacon Channing L. Bete (ret.)

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Monique Richardson | Jane Fay | Amanda Edson

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Betty Fritz, Administrator

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(Deadline: Wed.5pm -10 days prior- for following weekend.)

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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

POPE ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT YOUTH GROUP: Ed & Suzi Cottrill 413.773.3311

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,

The Gospel today serves as a reminder for our diligence in scriptural study and engaging the mercy of God in faith and action. Every day we are invited to ponder and contemplate the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven and to perceive the promptings of the Holy Spirit in the discernment of His divine will. It is our duty and task to conform our will to His.

A cursory hearing and/or superficial reading of the text of the Gospel proclaimed today would perhaps encourage us to be forgiving and merciful as the master shows himself to be. Such an encouragement would be a worthwhile exercise and noble assumption, but it doesn't penetrate the full breadth of mercy that is being offered.

Once again, we are given an example where the poverty of our language does not give justice to the full expression of God's goodness and the Gospel proclaimed in Christ.

While the contemporary English translation of Matthew's account states that the first debtor brought before the king "owed him a huge amount", the original language of the Gospel clarifies his debt was "μυρίων ταλάντων" ("myriad talents"), roughly calculated to 10,000 talents. A talent (if you recall from another familiar Gospel account where 1, 2, and 5 talents were entrusted to servants who diligently traded them or foolishly buried them) is a measure of weight for gold and silver. Valued in modern currency, 1 talent is worth about \$30,000. So, imagine what 10,000 talents are worth!

With hard work and good fortune, you and I may be able to earn \$30,000 in a year, but like the debtor in the Gospel, it would be impossible to pay off a debt of 10,000 years labor! The forgiveness of the master is greater than just a huge amount ... it's life-giving!

You and I have been given a great gift from the Divine Master Himself. He restores us to a great reward and an abundance of life. The mercy of God raises us up to a grace greater than we could ever deserve. While we may busy ourselves with passing things and earthly-mindedness, Jesus invites us always to raise our minds, to pursue God's will, to foster virtue, and to ponder Heavenly graces. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us "Grace is favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God" (CCC 1996).

Each weekend, we come to receive grace upon grace in the mystery of the sacraments and the Word of God. Each day we are called to engage those gifts for the sanctification of our families, our neighborhood, and our region for the salvation of souls.

Let us draw all peoples to a contemplation of God's mercy!

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

Fr. Pierz

Be not afraid to engage people we may not often agree with but for whom we can serve as a witness to Catholic life. Especially in this season of a new school year, political action, and work after vacation, let us find ways to meet people where they are and bring them to a deeper encounter with Christ and His Church!

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.

EUCHARIST:

LORD'S DAY MASS Saturday 4:00 pm (BSC) | Sunday 8:00 am (HTC), 9:30 am (HTC), 11:00 am (BSC)

WEEKDAY MASSM & 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.

WHY WE BURN CANDLES. In the Catholic Church, light has always had a special significance because it represents Christ. We know that Jesus called Himself the Light of the world. With this in mind, we understand why, during the Sacrament of Baptism, the priest presents a candle, which was lit from the Paschal candle, and tells the newly baptized to "receive the light of Christ". And at Easter, the Paschal candle is lit as a sign of the risen light of Christ. It cannot be put out, and shines into the world as a symbol of hope and love.

Vigil lights are another type of candles burned, and these are typically accompanied by prayers

"I am the Light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have light and life." (John 8:12)

of attention or waiting. Lighting a candle for someone is a way to both extend your prayers and show solidarity with the person for whom the prayer is being offered. The faithful also light candles as a sign of gratitude to God for answered prayer.

When you light a candle for someone who needs it, whether that person is a family member, a relative, a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker, a leader or someone we met on the streets, it is a physical act of that constant prayer before God and an acknowledgment of the Light of Christ who reigns in all situations. (Aleteia.org)

If you know a person or situation that needs prayer, please consider burning a candle. Several dates are now available in our chapel and churches. Your candle offering is tax-deductible and is an almsgiving for





our pastoral works and ministries. Please contact the Parish Office at 773.3311.

OUR MINISTRIES.

OUR UPCOMING PASTORAL COMMISSION MEETINGS.

SEPT 18TH— PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: Do you know of a parishioner entering a nursing home, recently or with an upcoming hospital stay, who would like a visit or to receive the sacraments? Contact comfort@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org or call 413-773-3311. Meets 3rd Monday @ 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting:** 7:00 pm on Mon., September 18 in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

SEPT 25TH – *St. Dismas* Jail Ministry: Serving people and families affected by incarceration. Meets: 4th Mon. @ 6:00 pm Next Meeting: 6:00 pm on Mon., September 25 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 . **Next Meeting:** 6:00 pm on Thurs., October 12 in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

OUR AFFILIATED PARISH GROUPS.

SEPT 17TH - Pope St. John Paul the Great Youth Group: Meets: 3rd Sun. @ 6:30 pm

Next Meeting: 6:30 pm on Sun., September 17 in our Father Casey Hall.

SEPT 21ST – Knights of Columbus: Meets: 3rd Thurs. @ 7:00 pm.

Next Meeting: 6:30 pm on Thur., September 21 in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

Installation of Council Officers and photograph followed by monthly meeting.

SEPT 28TH & OCT 12—Community Meals Served: 2nd, 4th and 5th Thurs. from 5:00-6 pm.

Next Meal: 5-6 pm on Thurs., September 28th. Take out only at our Holy Trinity Church.

OCT 2ND — Blessed Trinity Rosary Society: Meets: 1st Mon. @ 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting: 6:30 pm on Mon., October 2nd at Father Casey Hall

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: Our team served 89 meals of Hot Dogs, Fresh Peaches, Tossed Salad, & Potato Salad on August 24th.

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? Please contact us at the Parish Office 413.773.3311 or blessedtrinitygreenfield.org.





OUR PARISH.



SATURDAY, September 16 — FATHER AKSAMIT

SAINTS CORNELIUS, POPE, & CYPRIAN,

BISHOP & MARTYRS

4:00 BSC DEACON GEORGE & LISA NOLAN

by the CCD Students

SUNDAY, September 17— FATHER DIMASCOLA

8:00 HTC TOM KOPLAR – by Mary Fleury

9:30 HTC THE DEMERS FAMILY – by the CCD

Students

11:00 BSC MARTIN LEO & FRANCES B COYNE

MONDAY, September 18 - BISHOP McDonnell

8:30 BSC ROBERT WOLANSKE – by his Sister &

Children

TUESDAY, September 19—DEACON PATTEN

SAINT JANUARIUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

8:30 BSC WINSTON LABELLE – by Betty Fritz

WEDNESDAY, September 20—Pope Francis

SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PRIEST, & PAUL

CHONG HA-SANG, & COMPANIONS, MARTYR

12:05 HTC ANNIE & ANDREW DEDINAS – by Birute

Dedinas

6:00 PAC Louis ZAK – by Jane Fay

THURSDAY, September 21—FATHER O'CONNOR

SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

8:30 HTC GRACE & BLESSINGS FOR FATHER MATT

HIMES—by Maureen Filiault

FRIDAY, September 22—DEACON BETE

8:30 HTC GRACE AND BLESSINGS FOR BRADLEY

FILIAULT—by his Mom

SATURDAY, September 23—FATHER LISOWSKI

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

4:00 BSC JOHN NOGA — by the

Noga/Smith Family

SUNDAY, September 24—Monsignor Yargeau

8:00 HTC THE PETERS FAMILY — by the CCD

Students

9:30 HTC Special Intention for Rebecca Nicely

by Mary Fleury

11:00 BSC FLORENCE R McGowan – by the Nolan

Family

TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 17, 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 10TH - SEPT 23RD



BSC SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning for **Mary Glover** - from the Glover Family

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES will burn in memory/honor of:

1. Special Intention— by Anonymous

2. Special Intentions — by Claire Heath

3. Jack Dutcher — by Alec & Mary Anne Duda

4. Patricia Duffey Earley— from Robert Earley

HTC 7-DAY CANDLE: 56th Wedding

Anniversary Blessings — Stephen & Kathy Melnik

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

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

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

Weekly Collection: \$4835

Fuel/Energy Collection: \$233

Maintenance Collection: \$185

"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!

DONATIONS REQUESTED.

Our *St. Dismas* Jail Ministry provides Bibles, spiritual reading, and a *Magnificat Daily Devotional* for each inmate.



Contributions can be made out to:

Blessed Trinity Parish and labeled Jail Ministry.

Thank you!





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!



THANK YOU! Our Open Parish Meetings were well attended and we appreciate all who took time to meet and discuss our parish one-year later. Your voices have been heard! Let's continue the conversation in our Pastoral Commission meetings as we incorporate all the comments and ideas in the coming months.

Thank you for supporting our parish and helping to shape our Catholic Community in Greenfield!

You are a child of God, you are wonderfully made, dearly loved, and precious in his sight. - Psalm 139

Ruthannae Díana Ruby Diana



Baptized and welcomed into the Faith and our parish family, Sunday September 10th

PRAYER CHAINS. Please contact us with your petition. Our Parish Prayer Chains are available to all. Andrea Lapointe: 774-5356 Marie Boynton: 775.3633 memeboynton@comcast.net



THIS WEEK AT **BLESSED TRINITY PARISH**



Saturday Sept 16

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

Sunday Sept 17

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.)

6:30 pm St. John Paul II Youth Group - Father Casey Hall

Monday Sept 18

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

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

6:00 pm Pastoral Ministry to the Homeless, Poor, & Hungry - Pastoral Ctr. Conference Room

Tuesday Sept 19

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

6:00 pm OCIA - Pastoral Ctr.

Wednesday Sept 20

11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)

12:05 am 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 Finance Council - Past. Ctr. Conf. Room

Thursday Sept 21

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday Sept 22

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

Saturday Sept 23

2:30 pm—3:30 pm Confession (BSC)

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

Sunday Sept 24

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.)

SAVE THE DATE!

Blessed Trinity Rosary Society will be having it's annual Fall Tag & Bake Sale

November 3rd & 4th.

Times for donation drop off to follow.







OUR YOUTH.

WE'VE BEEN BUSY! While you were on summer vacation, our **Religious Education Board** has been busy preparing for our youth Religious Education program. We have had meetings on a new Catholic preschool and potential Catholic School to serve those in Franklin County. Additionally, we are so happy to welcome our new **Director of Religious Education** and **Director of Educational Outreach.** If you have not met them yet, please introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome!

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: VIRGINIA CHRISTI



Virginia Christi lives in Colrain and is a lifelong Catholic who is passionate about her Catholic Faith! She and her husband, Che, have been part of our parish for 23 years. They have 6 children (ages 7-23).

She has been part of our Religious Education program as a teacher and sub, ran a monthly Children's Adoration hour, ran the parish's annual Epiphany Party, and has volunteered in various areas of youth activities.

Virginia looks forward to working with the Religious Education Board and Catherine Cuff as they build our Faith Formation program and creating new relationships with all of our youth and their parents!

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH: CATHERINE CUFF

Catherine Cuff is a Greenfield resident and has been a member of Blessed Trinity Parish for the past decade.

She and her husband Christopher have two daughters, Emily, 3 years, and Anna, 1 year. She was an elementary public school teacher in 3rd-5th grades in Greenfield and Deerfield.

Catherine is thrilled to be the new Director of Educational Outreach for our parish! She looks forward to supporting Virginia with the religious education program as well as helping to create a Catholic preschool here in Franklin County.

CCD Registration is now open!

You can print out the form on our website, <u>blessedtrinitygreenfield.org</u> and submit it to the office. Printed forms are also available in the parish office. Questions? Please reach out at <u>Religioused@blessedtrinitygreenfiled.org</u> or approach Virginia or Catherine anytime you see them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION KICK-OFF!

We hope you had a wonderful summer vacation.

Please join us

Sept. 24 at 10am for our Kick-Off.

Religious Education Class Schedule: Kindergarten - Confirmation Classes will be held Sundays from 9:45-10:45 am in our Pastoral Center. Coffee & conversation for parents during classes.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 KICK OFF — Parents and students will meet the teachers and receive their information and schedule.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - FIRST CLASS.

Classes are 9:45-10:45 in our Pastoral Center

POPE ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT YOUTH GROUP.

Meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month @ 6:30 pm

Next Meeting: This weekend at 6:30 pm on Sunday, September 17 in our Father Casey Hall.

We look forward to seeing you!







OUR YOUTH.

REVITALIZING OUR YOUTH IN THE MASS

Blessed Trinity Parish is bringing our youth back into the service of the Mass.

Maidens of Our Lady of the Eucharist Altar Society: Members participate in the Mass through bringing up the Gifts, as Lectors, and by creating a Marian



Sanctuary Flower Garden to beautify our sanctuaries. They wear pins in accordance to the liturgical year as they preform their duties.

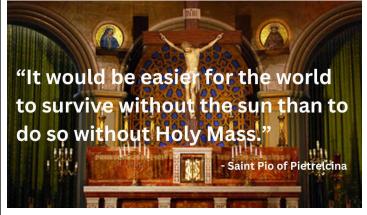


Altar Corps: Members prepare the altar before Mass and serve in the sanctuary alongside our clergy helping with the functions of Mass.

The Altar Society and Altar Corps are designed to facilitate discernment of vocations to religious life and priesthood. Both groups are open to our youth who have made their First Communion

and welcome all who are interested. There will be informational and training meetings in September.

If interested in joining or volunteering, call or email the parish office!



AN INVITATION TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

The Blessed Trinity Parish OCIA program begins September 19th and will run weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6pm till 7:30pm at the Pastoral Center Hall at 14 Beacon Street in Greenfield.

The program will be open to those within Greenfield, surrounding communities, and other parishes.



Please contact the parish

office at 413-773-3311 or by email at office@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org.

Registration forms are available at our parish office and our website.



SAVE THE DATE! CYR Franklin County Youth Ministry Walk to Confirmation event will take place on

Sunday, October 14th from 10am - 2pm. Holy Family Parish in South Deerfield

Free of charge. | Registration required.

Join high school aged teens from the Franklin County area Catholic Youth Groups as they gather for a day of talks, activities, lunch, time for prayer, and a short hike to the summit of Mt. Sugarloaf. Attending high school youth ages 14-18 are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather.

Parents must complete registration to attend and fill out a Youth Activity Participation and Liability Waiver Form. More information and form is available at

https://diospringfield.org/Ministries/office-of-youth-ministr. Email the signed form to your confirmation teacher or bring it with you at drop off.





OUR REGION.



- ⇒ Is Vatican II good or is it bad?
- ⇒ Are we required to follow it or reject it?
- ⇒ Is it dividing our Catholic Community?
- ⇒ Is all of this confusion part of the Devil's plan?

Please join **Father Charles DiMascola**, local priest for over 40 years, as he shares the importance of **Vatican II** and how it is **the most misinterpreted council** of the Catholic Church. Learn how it's still relevant today, how you may have misinterpreted its purpose and how it can reaffirm the teaching role of the Church in today's world.

Whether you are a Cradle Catholic or a recent RCIA Catechumen, you will learn what was really behind the change and how it's been sorely misinterpreted.

Sunday, September 24 at 2pm

Holy Family Roman Catholic Parish Hall 29 Sugarloaf St, South Deerfield, MA

LIONEL M. MARTIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Our Knights of Columbus Council #133 Lionel M. Martin Memorial Scholarship is open.

This scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors who are active in our parish and in their faith.

Applications are available in the Parish Office.

HEADED TO THE BIG E ON A SUNDAY?

Celebrate Mass on Sept. 17* | Sept. 24 | Oct. 1

Note: Sept. 17 - 8am - Mass celebrated by Bishop William Byrne* Storrowton Village Meetinghouse

Sept. 17* | Sept. 24 | Oct. 1

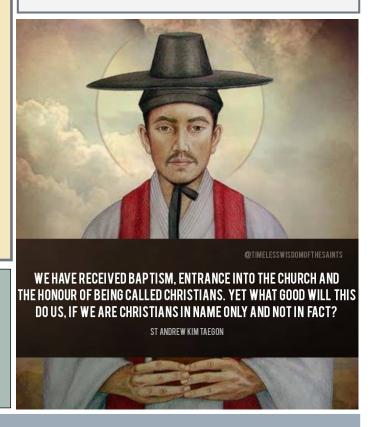
8am - Storrowton Village Meetinghouse

10am - The Big Top Circus Tent



The Big E runs September 17th-October 1st.

The best fair in the east with amazing entertainment, food rides, games and entertainment.



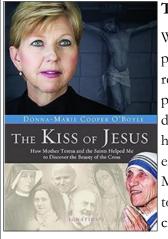




AND MORE.

BOOK CORNER. EWTN's Donna-Marie

Cooper O'Boyle is a Catholic author, a radio and television host, and an inspirational speaker known and admired from coast to coast. Below are two must-read books!



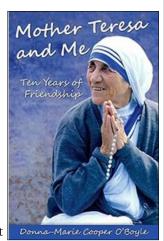
The Kiss of Jesus. \$19.95

With all of Donna-Marie's public exposure, she has revealed very little about her personal history until she discovered that by sharing her struggles gives encouragement to others. Many saintly souls helped her to see the beauty of the crosses in her life, and to rely on the presence and the

providence of God. Many became her friends and mentors. One of these was Blessed Mother Teresa, who was her confidant and spiritual mother for ten years.

Mother Teresa and Me: Ten Years of Friendship \$13.75

Donna-Marie was raising a family over 20 years ago when she unexpectedly met Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Over the next 10 years, not only did the correspondence she began with the saintly nun grow into friendship, but Cooper O'Boyle's life was



changed. Although to claim friendship with Mother Teresa could be seen as boasting, Cooper O'Boyle manages to relate her story in a spirit of humility, keeping the focus on Mother Teresa's words and wisdom. (National Catholic Register)

BISHOP'S MASS FOR MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2023? Did you have a special anniversary in the past few years?



If so, Bishop Byrne would like you to join him for a special Mass honoring and celebrating these milestones. For those **celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50 or more years** of marriage, please contact your pastor and/or parish office to sign up for the invite list!

The Mass will take place Sunday, October 15 at 2:00pm in the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel, 260 State Street, Springfield.

Special invitations will be mailed to each couple so please be sure to provide your names, mailing address and anniversary date!

Blessed Trinity Jumble

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

MASS - PRAY - AS - ONE - BELIEVE

With the equipment of faith, hope, & love, we are called together to be the Church. What is the first instruction for such a gift?

Some "Assembly" Required.



