

Blessed Sacrament Church

"I am the Living Bread come down from Heaven. If any man eats of this Bread, he shall live forever; and the Bread I will give, is My Flesh." John 6:51-52



"Whosoever shall eat this Bread, or drink this Chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord."

1 Corinthians 11:27

Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place in the side chapel twenty-four hours a day, every day. All are welcome to come and worship and adore our Eucharistic Lord.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" Matthew 26:40

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

LORD'S DAY: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

HOLIDAYS: Vigil: 6:00 p.m.
Holyday: 9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAYS: 9:00 a.m.

SATURDAYS: First Saturdays only: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment

BAPTISM: As part of the preparation process an interview with the Pastor and two instructional sessions are required. Please contact the rectory to schedule.

ENGAGED COUPLES: Arrangements for your marriage must be made at least nine months in advance of the marriage date.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you and ask that you register at the Rectory. We want to know and serve you! We hope that you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents.

Pastor

Rev. Timothy J. Campoli

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Post Abortion Support
(413) 774-6010

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773-3311

Hispanic Ministry

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413-777-5115

Natural Family Planning

Ed & Suzi Cottrill
413-772-6062

Sr. Rosa Torres, M.P.S.
413-459-7052



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND (Fr. Campoli)

4:00 Annie & Andrew Dedinas – by daughter, Birute Hanley

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD – 22ND Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 Ann LaFleur – by Family (Fr. Di Mascola)

10:30 In Thanksgiving for prayers answered –by Anonymous

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH (Bishop McDonnell)

9:00 Arthur E. Grover – by Family

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5TH – St. Teresa of Calcutta (Fr. O’Mannion)

9:00 Rev. Peter J. Sullivan III – by Jeanne Rice and
Mary Paquette

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH (Bishop Rozanski)

9:00 Janice Duffy – by Jane & Carl Fay

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH (Clergy who are sick)

9:00 Joyce Tilton (4th Anniversary) – by Laurie

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8TH – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Deacon Rabbitt)

9:00 Special intention for Shelly Tilton – by Laurie

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9TH – St. Peter Claver (Our Seminarians)

4:00 Paul & Rita Kuzdeba – by Family

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10TH – 23RD Sunday in Ord. Time (Vocations)

8:00 Walter Grealis – by Mary Ellen Grealis

10:30 Henry & Nellie Briggs – by daughter, Norma & Family

REMINDER: ♦ Please join with us in praying the **Rosary** before each daily Mass at 8:15 a.m., before the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

♦ **Confessions** after each weekend Mass.

♦ The **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will be recited Fridays at 3:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. All are invited to come and pray with us.

♦ Blessed Sacrament has a **Prayer Chain** which is available for anyone. Simply contact Marie Boynton at 413-772-5858 or memeboynton@comcast with your petition.

♦ **Sponsor Certificates** - Many parishes require certificates of sponsorship for Godparents and Confirmation Sponsors. These will be issued only to those who are confirmed adult Catholics, registered in the parish, regular participants at Mass, validly married in the Church (*if applicable*) and providing for the religious education of their own children (*if applicable*).

Liturgical Roles

Weekend of September 9 & 10

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, September 9

4:00	Deacon George Nolan	Joanne Yestramski
	Bill Randall	Winston LaBelle
	Hannah Lively	Jason Semaski
	Brian Luippold	Kerry Semaski
	Francis Campbell	

Sunday, September 10

8:00	Deacon George Nolan	Kevin O’Neil
	Jim Podlesney	Liza O’Neil
	Lynne Podlesney	
10:30	Deacon George Nolan	Bob O’Connor
	Joyce Thibodo	Suzanne Hunter
	Bob Page	Wayne Cottrill
	Judy Lapointe	Mary Jane Bardwell

Poet’s Seat Nursing Home:

Sunday, September 10 Deacon George and Lisa Nolan

Lectors / Cantors:

Sat., Sept. 9	4:00	Monica McCarthy / Betsy Grybko
Sun., Sept. 10	8:00	Jae Helenek / John Lively
	10:30	Wayne Cottrill / Sandra Pavoni



Mass Servers

Saturday, September 9

4:00 Piper Day, Penley Day

Sunday, September 10

8:00 Crimson Helenek, Jae Helenek

10:30 Lauren Ross, Lillian Ross, Angie Ortiz-Rodriguez

Requiescat In Pace

Fr. Regis Giroux
Delores Kestyn

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week in memory/honor:
In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered – from Anonymous
The **Adoration Chapel Candles** will burn this week in memory/honor of:

- 1.) **Anthony Unaitis** – from Susan Unaitis
- 2.) **Judy Lapointe** – Health and Blessings and Thank you – from Anonymous
- 3.) **Donna Leary** – Health and Blessings and Thank you – from Anonymous
- 4.) **For the conversion of sinners** – from Jackie Jurewicz

Children’s Hour of Adoration

The guided children’s hour of adoration is held on the first Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. Join us on September 7th. For more information, call Virginia Christi at 624-3467.

Adorers Needed for Perpetual Adoration

We are in need of adorers for Adoration for the following hours: Sundays at 2:00 p.m., Mondays at 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays at 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., and Thursdays at 3:00 a.m., Fridays at 11:00 p.m., and Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. If you can help with one of these hours please call Maureen Filiault at 863-4777.

Chapel Substitutes Needed

Our Adoration Chapel is in need of substitutes. Being a substitute is easy. When a volunteer is not available for their hour, they call their coordinator, who in turn calls someone from our substitute list. A substitute can specify the hours they are available, so you will not be called for an hour you cannot do. When you are called to cover an hour, if you are available, you say “yes”. If you are not available, you just say so. That’s it! This is a great way to help our Adoration Chapel to continue to run smoothly, especially if you are unable to take a regular, weekly hour. If you can help in this way, please call Maureen Filiault at 863-4777. Thank you and God bless you.



Knights of Columbus Council #133
Meetings 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Fr. Casey Hall, Holy Trinity Church

We are looking for new members.
If interested, please contact Jason Semaski (413-626-3378) or Jay Dillon (413-773-3678).

EWTN Family Celebration in Worcester, MA!

EWTN Global Catholic Network invites you to our Family Celebration at the DCU Convention Center in Worcester, MA on Saturday & Sunday, September 9 and 10 for an inspiring weekend for your entire family! The theme will be “Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima”. Be renewed in your faith with inspirational talks by your favorite EWTN hosts, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J, Marcus Grodi, Susan Conroy, Fr. Maurice Emelu and Donna Marie Cooper O’Boyle. Bishop Robert J. McManus of the Diocese of Worcester, MA, will serve as the celebrant and homilist at Sunday’s Holy Mass. Admission is free, no tickets required! For more info., log onto ewtn.com/familycelebration.

Is God Calling You?

As a parish family, and in your individual families, pray that God will bless us with an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. If you think you may have a call, contact Fr. Gary Dailey (413) 452-0811 or g.dailey@diospringfield.org. Visit www.myvocation.com.

Hurricane Harvey Donations

"This past weekend the people on the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast region suffered tremendous devastation as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Even as I write this, the impact is still being felt through record torrential rainfall. The cleanup from this storm will take years and will be a tremendous challenge for many of the residents. As always, **Catholic Charities USA** stands ready to assist those whose lives have been adversely impacted, both in the short term and over the many years it will certainly take to realize full recovery. The Catholic community of western Massachusetts has always responded to these tragic situations with great generosity, and I hope we can be counted upon once again. To lend your support we've put a direct link to **Catholic Charities USA**, Hurricane Harvey relief efforts on our diocesan website, www.diospringfield.org. This is the best, fastest and most direct way to get help to this region. You may also donate through area Catholic parishes or directly to our diocesan office, Diocese of Springfield/Hurricane Harvey PO Box 1730 Springfield, MA 01102-1730 - please make checks payable directly to **Catholic Charities USA** with *Hurricane Harvey* in the memo line. We will ensure all checks are forwarded to **Catholic Charities USA**. Most importantly, whether you are in a position to donate or not, please keep our brothers and sisters, those impacted by Hurricane Harvey, foremost in your thoughts and prayers."

Bishop Mitchell Rozanski

Holy Family K of C Golf Tournament

Looking for a wonderful day of golf followed by a delicious dinner and a raffle with many valuable prizes? Then the second annual Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council 15197 Charity Golf Tournament is for you. Tournament date is Sunday, September 17, 2017 at Hickory Ridge Golf Club in Amherst. Register to play and find full details on our website: www.15197golf.org or visit www.facebook.com/15197golf.

Dee Reilly Concert to Benefit Sisters of St. Joseph

Irish Country singer Dee Reilly will give a concert Sunday, Sept. 24, to benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield. The performance will be held at the Sons of Erin, 22 William Street in Westfield, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and will be available in advance at the Sisters of St. Joseph Congregational offices, 577 Carew St., Springfield during business hours and at the Sons of Erin. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be available for purchase and there will be a cash bar. For more info., contact Sr. Eleanor Harrington (413) 536-0853 or EHarrington@ssjspringfield.com

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

NCYC is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for over 20,000 Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. It consists of engaging keynotes and workshops, music, an interactive exhibit area, and so much more. It will be held on November 16-18, 2017 in Indianapolis, IN. The Office of Youth Ministry is currently making plans for a delegation from our diocese to attend. The estimated cost to attend (including airfare) is approximately \$1,000. View video at <http://diospringfield.org/youth-ministry-events/>. For more info., please contact Gina Czerwinski at 413-452-0677 or g.czerwinski@diospringfield.org.

News of Our Shut-Ins

If you know of anyone who is a shut-in and unable to attend Mass, or if you know of any parishioner who is in the hospital or nursing home, please notify the rectory at 773-3311.

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Catholic Church celebrates today the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

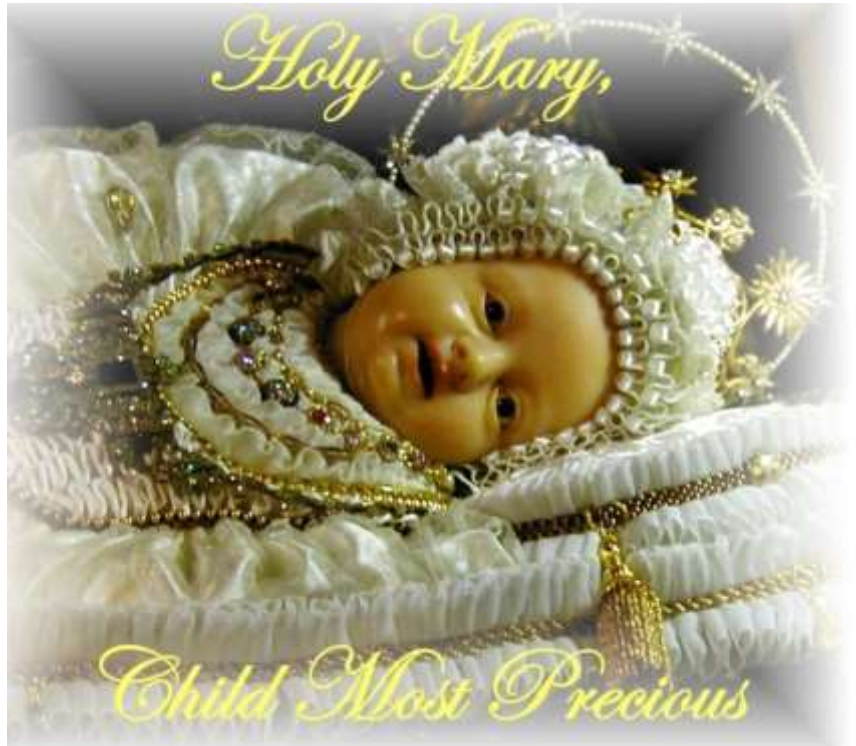
These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac."

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."



"And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' . . . And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be forever.'"

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said.

The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that "through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."