

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

Church

221 Federal Street
Greenfield, MA 01301
blessedsacramentgreenfieldma.org

Rectory

182 High Street
Greenfield, MA 01301
(413) 773-3311

Deacons

Deacon John Leary (413) 219-2734 (C) deaconjohnleary@gmail.com	Deacon George Nolan (413) 523-3394 gnolan5366@gmail.com
--	---

Director of Religious Education

Laurie Tilton
774-2918
ltilton2@gmail.com

Organist

Choir Director
Stephen Glover
772-0532

Alternatives Pregnancy Ctr.

Pregnancy Tests, Counseling, Support
Post Abortion Support
(413) 774-6010

Calvary Cemetery

Wisdom Way
Greenfield
773-3311

Hispanic Ministry

Sr. Caritina Olmos, M.P.S.
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 9TH (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
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH (Deacon Tudryn)
 9:00 Loretta Barrasso – by Family
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH – The Most Holy Name of Mary
 (Deacon Culliton)
 9:00 Fr. Thomas Schmitt – by Maureen Filiault
WED., SEPT. 13TH – St. John Chrysostom (Deacon Ratté)
 9:00 Richard Letourneau (21st Anniversary) – by Family
THURS., SEPT. 14TH – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 9:00 Mary Alice Grover – by Family (Fr. Reardon)
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH – Our Lady of Sorrows (Fr. Cullen)
 9:00 Gladys Nosek – by Maureen Filiault
SAT., SEPT. 16TH – Pope St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian
 (Fr. Roach)
 4:00 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gilgut, Sr. – by niece,
 Barbara Brouillet
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 (Our Deacon Candidates)

8:00 George D. Nolan – by Nolan Family
 10:30 Martin Leo and Frances B. Coyne

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 16 and 17

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, September 16

4:00	Deacon John Leary	Joanne Yestramski
	Bill Randall	Winston LaBelle
	Hannah Lively	Jason Semaski
	Francis Campbell	Kerry Semaski
	Monica McCarthy	

Sunday, September 17

8:00	Deacon George Nolan	Kevin O’Neil
	Ginger Baird	Kevin O’Neil, Jr.
	Lionel Martin	
10:30	Joyce Thibodo	Suzanne Hunter
	Bob Page	Wayne Cottrill
	Judy Lapointe	Mary Jane Bardwell
	Bob O’Connor	

Poet’s Seat Nursing Home:

Sun., September 17 Bob O’Connor

Lectors/Cantors

Sat., Sept. 16	4:00	Dennis Roux / Jane Winchester
Sun., Sept. 17	8:00	Michael Motisi / Jackie Jurewicz
	10:30	Mary Anne Duda / Karlena Henry



Mass Servers

Saturday, September 16

4:00 Leo Martinez, Jason Semaski

Sunday, September 17

8:00 Alex Bacigalupo, James Staelens

10:30 Jacob Christi, Ezra Christi, Casey Christi

Requiescat In Pace

James F. Deveney
William T. Finn

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

Holy Hour for Vocations

Please come to a Holy Hour for Vocations on Sunday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. Join us to pray for good priests and to thank Him for the good priests we now have. Call 773-8890 with any questions.

Monthly Outdoor Rosary at Blessed Sacrament

As a way to celebrate the centennial of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, Claire Heath is leading a public rosary in front of our church once a month at 3:15 p.m., on the Saturday that is closest to the 13th of the month. The rosary this month will be on September 16th. Please join us.

Adorers Needed for Perpetual Adoration

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

Is God Calling You?

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 at g.dailey@diospringfield.org or (413) 452-0811. Visit www.myvocation.com.

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.

Campus Prayer Walk

The Newman Catholic Center will hold a Campus Prayer Walk on the UMass Amherst campus on September 17th from 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. The walk is an opportunity for people to come together to walk the campus while praying for the needs and petitions of the students, professors, staff and community. The walk will start at the Newman Catholic Center chapel at 472 North Pleasant Street, Amherst.

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.

World Youth Day 2019 Panama Diocesan Pilgrimage

The next international World Youth Day Celebration will take place in Panama City, Panama on January 22-27, 2019. Our diocese is planning a pilgrimage for those 18-35 years old (and those who are 16-17 years old with a parent). An information night will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Bishop Marshall Center, Springfield. Please RSVP for the Information Night to g.czerwinski@diospringfield.org.

62nd Annual Scouting Retreat

The Diocese of Springfield is offering its Annual Scout Retreat September 22-24, 2017 at Camp Holy Cross in Goshen. The retreat offers many benefits to scouts and their leaders. As the scouts enjoy nature all around them, they enrich their faith with a variety of activities building fond memories while fostering new friendships. For more information, contact Pam Kosnicki, Catholic Scouting Chairperson, at (413) 283-3242. To learn more, visit <http://diospringfield.org/catholic-scouting/> and follow #WMSCOUTRETREAT.

Annual Scout Awards Mass

Mark your calendar to join us for our Annual Catholic Scouting Awards Mass with Bishop Rozanski on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel. This special celebration highlights the accomplishments of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and their leaders, who will receive various Catholic Religious Recognitions and Emblems for their participation in the Religious Recognition Program. These Religious Recognition Programs support and compliment the on-going catechetical efforts of our parishes and schools. Participation in these programs allows young people another opportunity to explore and become more involved in their Catholic faith.

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

Catholic Cruise Tropical Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 7 night tropical Caribbean cruise with Fr. John Harper, Dec. 31-Jan. 7, 2018 on Holland America’s Eurodam out of Ft. Lauderdale (Port Everglades)), Florida Ports of Call: Key West, Florida, Grand Turk Island, Turks & Caicos, Amber Cove (Puerto Plata), Dominican Republic, Half Moon Bay, Bahamas (Cruiseline Private Island). Prices begin at \$3,168 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$350 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

Fall Festival – Crafters and Vendors Wanted

Holy Cross Parish, 221 Plumtree Rd., Springfield is planning a Fall Festival being held on Sunday, October 22nd from 9am – 2pm, in the gym. Crafters and vendors of all kinds are wanted. Space is limited and will be rented on a first-come basis. Please call Jean at 788-7929 or Marie at 783-0341 for more information or to register.



A crowd estimated at 20,000 observed atmospheric phenomena similar to those of the previous apparitions: the sudden cooling of the air, a dimming of the sun to the point where the stars could be seen, and a rain resembling iridescent petals or snowflakes that disappeared before touching the ground.

This time, a luminous globe was noticed which moved slowly and majestically through the sky from east to west and, at the end of the apparition, in the opposite direction. The seers saw a light, and, immediately following this, they saw Our Lady over the holm oak.

www.americanneedsfatima.org

From the *Memoirs* of Sister Lucia

As the hour approached, I set out with Jacinta and Francisco, but owing to the crowds around us we could only advance with difficulty. The roads were packed with people, and everyone wanted to see us and speak to us. There was no human respect whatsoever. Simple folk, and even ladies and gentlemen, struggled to break through the crowd that pressed around us. No sooner had they reached us than they threw themselves on their knees before us, begging us to place their petitions before Our Lady. Others who could not get close to us shouted from a distance:

"For the love of God, ask Our Lady to cure my son who is a cripple!" Yet another cried out: "And to cure mine who is blind!... To cure mine who is deaf!... To bring back my husband, my son, who has gone to the war!... To convert a sinner!... To give me back my health as I have tuberculosis!" and so on.

All the afflictions of poor humanity were assembled there. Some climbed up to the tops of trees and walls to see us go by, and shouted down to us. Saying yes to some, giving a hand to others and helping them from the dusty ground, we managed to move forward, thanks to some gentlemen who went ahead and opened a passage for us through the multitude.

...If these people so humbled themselves before three poor children, just because they were mercifully granted the grace to speak to the Mother of God, what would they not do if they saw Our Lord Himself in person before them?

At last, we arrived at the Cova da Iria, and on reaching the holmoak we began to say the Rosary with the people. Shortly afterwards, we saw the flash of light, and then Our Lady appeared on the holmoak.

Our Lady: Continue to pray the Rosary to obtain the end of the war. In October, Our Lord will also come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and Saint Joseph with the Child Jesus, to bless the world. God is pleased with your sacrifices, but He does not want you to sleep with the ropes; wear them only during the day. (The children were wearing ropes around their waists as a sacrifice for sinners.)

Lucia: They have requested me to ask you for many things, for the cure of some sick persons, of a deaf-mute.

Our Lady: Yes, I will cure some, others not. In October, I will perform a miracle for all to believe. And rising, she disappeared in the same manner as before.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Fr. Lawrence Lew O.P.

[The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross] seems to have at its centre an instrument of torture and execution, and it may appear somewhat gruesome or shocking, or even repulsive, to celebrate the cross. And it would be so, were it not for *Who* the Victim of the Holy Cross is, and *what* He accomplished through it.

For God chose to mount the wood of the Cross as His means of showing the world the depths of His love for Mankind: a sacrificial love that is stronger than death, that conquers human violence, and that ends the reign of sin. The vertical and horizontal arms of the Cross thus remind us of God's love that reconciles Man with God, and unites us to one another, through Christ Who is our peace and reconciliation. At the same time, the Cross reminds us of the sufferings of humanity and of the wicked deeds we're capable of inflicting on one another; a reminder of the wickedness of sin that Christ overcame on the Cross, and also that God is with us in our pain and suffering. Hence, the Cross reveals on the one hand the goodness of God and, on the other hand, the evil of sin.

Thus, the Cross becomes the true Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. In Eden, Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the fruit of that tree, greedy for the devil's false promise of divinity, and so, by choosing to trust in another than God, their friendship with God was ruptured. But now, through Christ's obedience and perfect trust in God, that dynamic is overturned. For, on the Cross, Jesus restores mankind to friendship with God and becomes the health-giving fruit of the Tree of Life, so that, whoever looks at it shall live. But we're not invited to just look at the Cross but, moreover, to take up our Cross and to follow Christ: to follow Him by

learning to conquer sin in our hearts, to master our selfish desires, and above all, by learning to love.

Recently, there have been several high-profile court cases challenging employers who have sacked

Christians for wearing a cross to work. While I disagree with the judgment in favor of the employers, the judges are right to note that Christians are not required by their religion to wear a cross. Indeed, we're not to just look at a cross, or even just wear it – although both these practices are admirable and to be encouraged –, we're to carry our crosses, and even, to be crucified with Christ. That is to say, we're to learn to love as much as Christ does.

And we can do this if we receive the grace of

Christ and the power of His Spirit. Hence, we're invited in this Eucharist to eat of the fruit of the Cross, to partake in Christ's Body and Blood, so that we shall be transformed by grace into His likeness, learning the sacrificial way of true Love. So, each time we make the sign of the Cross, we remind ourselves that through carrying our crosses, and through Christ's Holy Cross – through Love – we are saved from death, evil and sin, and can partake in the divine life of the Holy Trinity.

Therefore, we don't glory in an instrument of torture today, nor are we morbidly fascinated by it. Rather, we rejoice in what Jesus has done for us through the Cross. For as we heard in the Entrance Antiphon taken from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians: "We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered".

Fr. Lawrence Lew O.P., a Friar Preacher (Dominican) of the Province of England

