

Blessed Trinity Parish

Roman Catholic Church

Greenfield, Massachusetts

First Sunday of Lent - February 26, 2023



Schedule of Masses

Lord's Day Vigil— Saturday 4 pm

Lord's Day—Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, & 11 am

Lenten Weekday

M -T -Th - F - 8:30 am, & 12:05 pm

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 | Lent Weekday
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 | Lent Weekday
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!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – THE MONTH OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of Holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects—*Amen*



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Arrangements for use can be made through the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Deacon John Leary, Coordinator

Hours available and Coverage Requested

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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 Marcy Hoynoski 413.773.3311

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Thoughts from the Pastor's Desk ...

Dear friends of Blessed Trinity,

On this First Sunday of Lent we have begun in earnest our prayerful and penitential practices recovering in Christ that which was lost in sin. God made us for eternal relationship with Him, forming us out of the dust of the earth and inspiring the clay of our being with a living spirit. To breathe. To live. To be!

Sin turns us away from His life and inward upon ourselves. Our wants. Our desires. Our decay. Yet, the Lord is constantly seeking us out, inviting us to return unto Him. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned!

The trickery of sin makes us less than ourselves. Through the wiles of the serpent we become convinced of his lies. Let us not fall victim to his cunning. Let us not give up our dignity. Yes, the challenges are hard and the temptations are many, but we are assured of greater goodness, the life of God. Lent is a season we can each reclaim a profound intimacy with the Lord in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Rise, let us be on our way!

Most Holy Trinity, I adore You!

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

Fr. Pierz

Our Pastoral Commissions are working on various parish initiatives and activities. We've had some informative and encouraging meetings on which we hope to continue to build. Know that you are invited to the conversation and we look forward to evangelizing the whole of Greenfield! Join us!



From a commentary on the psalms by Saint Augustine, bishop

(Ps. 60, 2-3: CCL 39, 766)

In Christ we suffered temptation, and in him we overcame the devil

Hear, O God, my petition, listen to my prayer. Who is speaking? An individual, it seems. See if it is an individual: *I cried out to you from the ends of the earth while my heart was in anguish.* Now it is no longer one person; rather, it is one in the sense that Christ is one, and we are all his members. What single individual can cry from the ends of the earth? The one who cries from the ends of the earth is none other than the Son's inheritance. It was said to him: *Ask of me, and I shall give you the nations as your inheritance, and the ends of the earth as your possession.* This possession of Christ, this inheritance of Christ, this body of Christ, this one Church of Christ, this unity that we are, cries from the ends of the earth. What does it cry? What I said before: *Hear, O God, my petition, listen to my prayer; I cried out to you from the ends of the earth.* That is, I made this cry to you *from the ends of the earth*; that is, on all sides.

Why did I make this cry? *While my heart was in anguish.* The speaker shows that he is present among all the nations of the earth in a condition, not of exalted glory but of severe trial.

Our pilgrimage on earth cannot be exempt from trial. We progress by means of trial. No one knows himself except through trial, or receives a crown except after victory, or strives except against an enemy or temptations.

The one who cries from the ends of the earth is in anguish, but is not left on his own. Christ chose to foreshadow us, who are his body, by means of his body, in which he has died, risen and ascended into heaven, so that the members of his body may hope to follow where their head has gone before.

He made us one with him when he chose to be tempted by Satan. We have heard in the gospel how the Lord Jesus Christ was tempted by the devil in the wilderness. Certainly Christ was tempted by the devil. In Christ you were tempted, for Christ received his flesh from your nature, but by his own power gained salvation for you; he suffered death in your nature, but by his own power gained glory for you; therefore, he suffered temptation in your nature, but by his own power gained victory for you.

If in Christ we have been tempted, in him we overcome the devil. Do you think only of Christ's temptations and fail to think of his victory? See yourself as tempted in him, and see yourself as victorious in him. He could have kept the devil from himself; but if he were not tempted he could not teach you how to triumph over temptation.

OUR FAITH.

SAVE THE DATES—OPEN PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS.

We invite you to join several upcoming discussions for the growth and expansion of our parish ministries. Your thoughts and suggestions are earnestly invited!

Many of these efforts and initiatives, with more to come, have been born from our first conversations during our **Open Parish Meetings**. Thank you for keeping the conversation going and for the works we can all engage so to build up the Church of Christ here in Greenfield! Let's have an engaging discussion and please bring your creative ideas.

WORSHIP/LITURGY PASTORAL COMMISSION.

Wednesday, March 1 at 4:00PM in the Pastoral Center Bl. McGivney Conference Room

Thursday, March 9 at 1:00PM in the Pastoral Center Bl. McGivney Conference Room

Discussions to include volunteer opportunities for lectors, altar servers, ushers, sacristans, environmental sacristans, etc. as well as considerations for music, schedules, vocations, children's activities, and more.

FAITH FORMATION PASTORAL COMMISSION.

Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00PM in the Pastoral Center Bl. McGivney Conference Room

Thursday, March 9 at 9:30 AM in the Pastoral Center Bl. McGivney Conference Room

Discussions to include all ideas, events, and recommendations pertaining to adult faith formation classes, bible studies, sacramental preparation, Adult Confirmation, and more.

PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS, THE POOR, & THE HUNGRY:

Follow-Up Meeting TBD (Previous Meeting: February 16)

Discussions to include Food Pantry, Community Meals, Take & Eat, expanding our Homeless Ministry, and supporting the Poor.

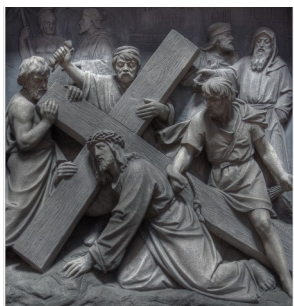


Diocese of Springfield **Lenten Regulations, 2023**



1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as days of fast, when only one full meal is allowed. On days of fast, two other meatless meals may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.
2. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
3. The obligation to abstain from meat begins at age fourteen (14) and does not cease.
4. The obligation to fast begins at age eighteen (18) and ceases at age fifty-nine (59).

Please note: Although the faithful may excuse themselves from fast and abstinence, for a just cause, there is an obligation to substitute another penance in its place. No Catholic should lightly excuse him/herself from these Lenten obligations



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church Mondays at 6:30 pm through the Lenten season. The Stations are representations of the path Jesus bore on his way to the crucifixion. They involve Jesus enduring suffering, insults, moments of support, and the intense sacrifice that Christians believe Jesus undertook for human salvation. The object of the Stations is to help the faithful make a pilgrimage (in spirit) to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. Most simply, they are usually performed during Lent, especially on Good Friday, and are about **remembering Christ's suffering for our sake**. Please join us for this long-held and meaningful tradition.

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 - LENT

MTThF 8:30 am (BSC) | M-F 12:05 pm (HTC) | Wed. 6 pm (PAC)

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT.

We pray for the graces of the Eucharistic Congress to spill over into every crevice of the Diocese. May an increased devotion to Christ in the Eucharist heal us and inspire true repentance..
We pray to the Lord.



Daily Mass Schedule (Lent)

Monday	8:30	12:05
Tuesday	8:30	12:05
Wednesday	12:05	6:00 PM
Thursday	8:30	12:05
Friday	8:30	12:05



8:30 AM Mass in Blessed Sacrament Church
12:05 PM Mass in Holy Trinity Church
6:00 PM Mass in Perpetual Adoration Chapel

COME PRAY WITH US.

Most Holy Rosary—11:30 am HTC before 12:05 pm Mass. Join us in asking our Blessed Mother to help, comfort, protect, and heal.

Adorations & Benediction—after the Wednesday Daily Masses (Adoration Chapel).

Roses for Mary Prayer Group—each Monday at 6:00 pm in the Adoration Chapel. All are welcome.

Holy Hour for the Sick and Dying—each Wednesday at 7 pm in the Adoration Chapel. If you know of someone in need of prayer, come and spend an hour for their intention.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy—Fridays at 3 pm in the Adoration Chapel—all are welcome.

With the Lenten Season here,
please take note of our updated Confession times.

Saturday, 2:30-3:30 pm (BSC)

Wednesday, 5:00-5:45 pm (PAC)

Before weekend Mass* (HTC/BSC)

* Every effort is made to arrive 30 min. before the 11 am Mass for Confession, however priest availability can be limited

By appointment. 773.3311

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**April 6—Holy Thursday | April 7—Good Friday  
April 8—Holy Saturday | April 9—Easter Sunday**

# OUR PARISH.



## Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 25—FATHER LISOWSKI

4:00 BSC GERTRUDE SCOTT— Nancy Willis and Frances Joy

SUNDAY, February 26—CLERGY WHO ARE SICK

8:00 HTC EDWARD HODGES — The Fleury Family

9:30 HTC SHARON CONWAY — her Friends, Betty, Birute, and Georgia

11:00 BSC HERBERT SEAMAN — 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY — the Filiault Family

MONDAY, February 27 — FATHER O'MANNION

8:30 BSC IN THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED — Christina Martel

12:05 HTC PAT SHEA—Jeanne Desautels

TUESDAY, February 28—DEACON PATTON

8:30 BSC ALICE SEAMAN — the Filiault Family

12:05 HTC VICKI BRUFFEE — Mary Reilly Parsons

WEDNESDAY, March 1—DEACON RABBITT

12:05 HTC JOHN E. KILEY FAMILY — the Estate

6:00 PAC STELLA LACHAPELLE —the Family

THURSDAY, March 3—FATHER CAMPOLI

8:30 BSC MATTHEW KOSTANSKI — his Parents

12:05 HTC PAT SHEA—Jeanne Desautels

**FIRST FRIDAY**, March 3—FATHER DIMASCOLA

8:30 BSC THEODORE AND AVERIS KNEE—Beth

12:05 HTC PHILIP BABITS — The Rosary Society

**FIRST SATURDAY**, March 4—FATHER ROACH

8:00 BSC PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

4:00 BSC ANNIE AND ANDREW DEDINAS — their daughter, Birute

SUNDAY, March 5—OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

8:00 HTC EDMUND DROWN — Deacon Joe and Marie Bete

9:30 HTC LUCAS DONAHUE — Mary Reilly Parsons

11:00 BSC CAROL DION — Christine Dubreuil

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT.**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

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

**VICTIMS OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE | VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY**



## **FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 11**

The **SANCTUARY CANDLES** will burn this week in memory/honor:

**For Health & Blessings for Rick Dufraine**  
from Betty Webber  
**For a Special Intention** from Anonymous

The **ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES** will burn in memory/honor of:

1. **Barbar, Sarah, Naomi, Cassi, Daphine & Family**— from June & Greg
2. **Sheliah Moran**— from Joyce Thibido
3. **For a Special Intention**—from Anonymous
4. **Patricia Duffey Earley**— from Robert Earley

## **FRIENDLY REMINDER.**

As we transition into our new Blessed Trinity Parish the bank has reminded us that **ALL CHECKS MUST BE MADE OUT TO BLESSED TRINITY PARISH.** They will not accept any other name going forward.

If your check is made out incorrectly, the bank refuses to make the deposit and returns the checks back to us. The parish office staff will then have to call you so that you can rewrite another check.

**THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING!**

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS —GOLF**

**TOURNAMENT.** Meeting to plan the annual golf tournament will be 6-8:30 pm on Monday, February 27 at the Pastoral Center. Any Catholic gentleman interested in becoming a Knight, please contact Dan Arsenault or Lou Grader through the Parish Office at 413.773.3311.



## **CANTORS.**

Saturday Feb. 25 4:00 pm— Betsy Grybko  
Sunday Feb. 26 11:00 am — Jackie Jurewicz  
Saturday Mar. 4 4:00 pm— Sandra Pavoni  
Sunday Mar. 5 11:00 am — Karlana Henry

# OUR PARISH.

**DID YOU KNOW?** In January 2023, Blessed Trinity Parish Food Pantry provided **10,732 meals**, to **820 families** for **1,920 individuals** with **86 hours** of volunteer time! *We are making a difference!*  
**Want to join our team?** We can use help from people with pickup trucks who can drive to the Food Bank to pick up food, stock shelves, or smile and greet people who walk through the door. Make a difference this Lenten season.. Please contact **773.3311** or [deacons@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org](mailto:deacons@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org).

## COMMUNITY MEALS MINISTRY.



*Are we making a difference?*  
**Yes!** This ministry typical serves 40-50 people with free delicious, take-out meals each session. The menu varies—the most recent included homemade turkey soup, 2 sandwich rolls (chicken & ham), fruit cocktail and a homemade dessert. Thank you

to those that volunteer their time and talents to this wonderful program!

**Additional volunteers are needed** to prepare and serve meals, as well as bakers to make desserts. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry with a few hours of your time, please call Marcy at 773.3311.

### Upcoming Community Meals.

**March 9** Kathy Tomaus

**March 23** Darlene Steiner | **March 30** Kathy Tomaus  
 Take-out only 5-6 pm at Holy Trinity Church on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Thursday of the month. People can come to the door and they are given a container with a complete meal.

**PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND.** We are looking for volunteers to join our growing ministry visiting Nursing Homes, Homebound, & the Hospital.

**Interested or have questions?** Details & trainings are available by contacting Patti Coffin or Ava Clark at 413. 773.3311.

*Pope Francis has asked us to be the Light of Christ to his people. This is one way we can be Christ's Disciples.*

**2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT.** If you would like a copy of your 2022 Contribution Statement for your tax preparation, please call the office at 773.3311. We will be happy to mail or email you a copy.

## WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 19, 2023

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

Weekly Parish Collection: \$ 7189

Fuel/Energy Collection: 181

Maintenance Collection: 141

*"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!**



## Coming up at Blessed Trinity Parish

### Lenten Daily Mass :

M-T-Th-F-: 8:30 am, & 12:05 pm | Wed.: 12:05 pm & 6 pm

**Daily Holy Rosary :** 11:30 am HTC

### Confession:

Saturday, 2:30-3:30 pm | 30 min. before Sunday Masses\* | Wednesday, 5-5:45pm | or by appointment.

*\* Every effort will be made to arrive 30 min. before the 11 am Mass for confession, however sometimes cannot due to previous Mass and drive time.*

### Monday Feb. 27

**8:30 am Mass (BSC)**

**11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)**

**12:05 am Mass (HTC)**

**6:00 pm KOC Golf Tourney Meeting-** Pastoral Center

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

### Tuesday Feb. 28

**8:30 am Mass (BSC)**

**11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)**

**12:05 am Mass (HTC)**

**6:30-9 pm Boys Scouts** Pastoral Center (every Tues.)

### Wednesday Mar. 1

**11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)**

**12:05 am Mass (HTC)**

**4 pm—Worship/Liturgy Pastoral Commission -** Pastoral Center Bl. McGivney Conference Room

**6 pm Mass (PAC)**

**7 pm Faith Formation Pastoral Commission—**Pastoral Center Bl. McGivney Conference Room

**7 pm - Holy Hour for the Sick and Dying—**(PAC each Wed.)

### Thursday March 2

**8:30 am Mass (BSC)**

**11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)**

**12:05 am Mass (HTC)**

### Friday March 3

**8:30 am Mass (BSC)**

**11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)**

**12:05 am Mass (HTC)**

**3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy** recited (Adoration Chapel each Fri.)

**Saturday March 4—All Day—Eucharistic Congress—**Springfield

**2:30 pm—3:30 pm—Confession (BSC)**

**4 pm—Mass (BSC)**

### Sunday March 5

**8 am— Mass (HTC)**

**9:30 am—Mass (HTC)**

**9:45 am—10:45 am Gr. 1-8 Religious Education Classes** Pastoral Center. Coffee & conversation for parents.

**11 am Mass (BSC)**

**6-7 pm Gr. 1-8 Religious Education Classes** Pastoral Center.



# OUR YOUTH.

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION .** Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic Parish of Greenfield, MA seeks a Director of Religious Education (DRE) to start in the spring/summer of 2023. The **Director of Religious Education** is a leadership role responsible for the development, organization, and administration of the Religious Education program for the school-aged children of Blessed Trinity Parish. This part-time position (24-28 hours per week; year-round) will report to the Pastor and collaborate with the Religious Education Board as we build the mission of Christ and His Church among our families and young. Candidates should submit a resume and cover letter that speaks to their interest and qualifications relative to the job description to [apply@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org](mailto:apply@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org). Thank you.

## **Blessed Trinity Parish - Greenfield, MA Job Description | Title: Director of Religious Education**

**Reports to:** Pastor | **Classification:** Part Time (24-28 hours per week; year-round)

**General Summary:** Reporting to the Pastor and collaborating with the Religious Education Board, the Director of Religious Education (DRE) is a leadership role responsible for the development, organization, and administration of the Religious Education program for the school-aged children of Blessed Trinity Parish.

**Primary Duties and Responsibilities:** • Collaborate with the Religious Education Board to establish the vision and mission for a student-centered Religious Education program ordered towards discipleship in Christ; • Establish and administer a robust, pedagogically sound curriculum for the Religious Education program that is vertically integrated across a student's career; • Foster clear communication within the Religious Education program to all constituents (catechism teachers, parents, students, etc.) and all parish stakeholders (Pastor, Religious Education Board, Pastoral Council, etc.); • Promote parental involvement and support parents as the primary teachers of each student; • Equip parents and families with the tools and resources necessary to support ongoing religious education of the parish children; • Lead efforts for the recruitment, training, onboarding, and retention of catechism teachers; • Lead and support the catechism teachers with resources and ongoing training; • Engage in classroom observation of the catechism teachers; • Establish and administer an evaluation process for catechism teachers focused on their growth and development; • Prepare schedules and communicate these schedules to appropriate individuals; • Establish and administer all necessary safety and discipline policies in conformity with Diocesan policies; • Maintain appropriate records for students and catechists; • Create handbooks and other necessary documentation of policy; • Proactively engage in evangelization and outreach to the larger parish community.

**Knowledge, Skills, & Abilities:** • Ability to administer duties with joy and love; • Strong desire to work with students; • Ability to instruct and train students and catechism teachers; • A demonstrated respect and appreciation for parishioners of all ages; • Ability to exercise tact, leadership, and independent judgment; • Willingness to innovate and adopt new practices and procedures; • Excellent oral and written communication skills; • Strong organizational skills; • Ability to work at a very high rate of accuracy; • Strong working knowledge of computer applications and the Internet; • Ability to quickly adapt to new technologies and system interfaces; • Energy, enthusiasm, initiative, friendliness; • Commitment to excellence.

**Qualifications:** • Must be living in full sacramental communion with the Catholic Church; • A bachelor's degree in religious education, theology, or related field is preferred but not required; • Previous experience teaching or serving as a DRE is preferred but not required.

**Disclaimer:** The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed and are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and/or skills required. Any public manifestation contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church are grounds for dismissal. Offer of employment is contingent upon successful completion of a background check.

**VAN DRIVERS NEEDED.** We are looking for volunteer van drivers to bring the kids to St Michael School in Brattleboro.

You may see the van parked out back of the church . Morning and Afternoon shifts are available. If you have extra time and are looking to help, we would love to have you join us. For more details, please contact Mark or Missy Penfield through the Parish Office at 413.773.3311 or email [Pfield4@comcast.net](mailto:Pfield4@comcast.net) . **Thank you!**





# OUR YOUTH.



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### THE SPEAKER LINEUP



JANUARY 10

#### **Rebuilding Youth Ministry in a post COVID reality**

Michael Marchand  
Director & Co-founder  
Project YM  
Chattanooga, TN



FEBRUARY 7

#### **Reaching the Modern Teen**

Tim Habeeb  
Northeast Regional Director  
Life Teen  
Boston, MA



MARCH 7

#### **Mission Field Prayer Life**

Fr. Stephen Rooney  
Associate Pastor  
Notre Dame Parish  
New Hyde Park, NY



APRIL 4

#### **Assisting Teens with Mental Health, Anxiety and Stress**

Dan Hegarty  
Licensed Social Worker  
East Longmeadow, MA



MAY 9

#### **AMA (Ask me Anything)**

Jim Flanagan  
Director of Youth Ministry  
Holy Name Parish  
West Roxbury, MA

**THERE IS STILL TIME.** Visit the Open House at Saint Michael's Catholic School,  
Brattleboro, VT on Monday March 6th & Tuesday, March 7th.

Visiting hour for families with coffee and pastries available in the morning. Students can shadow the entire day. Questions about St. Michael's Open House? Contact Lindsay O'Neil. **802.254.6320**



# OUR DIOCESE.



## Diocese of Springfield Office of the Bishop

February 3, 2023

Fr. Michael Pierz  
Blessed Trinity Parish  
14 Beacon St.  
Greenfield, MA 01301

Dear Father Michael & the Parishioners of Blessed Trinity Parish,

I am writing to you with some very uplifting news that the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal exceeded its \$3 million-dollar goal for the first time!

As the final contributions were calculated, we wrapped up the year at **\$3,002,312.53**, of which your combined parishes raised **\$90,160.86.00** exceeding your parish goal – congratulations!

My heartfelt thanks go out to all who helped make this achievement possible. Your parish rebate is **\$3790.22** and will be issued soon.

Your stewardship of the Annual Catholic Appeal enables us to reach out and minister to countless people throughout the four western counties of Massachusetts.

Thank you again for your efforts to fulfill the mission of our Catholic faith as we are truly ***Transformed in Christ!***

Praise be Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William D. Byrne".

Most Rev. William D. Byrne  
Bishop of Springfield

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MARCH 4TH, 2023  
At the MassMutual Center



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