

Blessed Trinity Parish

Roman Catholic Church

Greenfield, Massachusetts

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God — January 1, 2023



Schedule of Masses

Lord's Day Vigil— Saturday 4 pm
Lord's Day—Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, & 11 am
Weekday - 8 am & 9 am

First Saturday - 8 am
Weekday Holy Day Vigil - 6 pm
Holy Day - 9 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 | Daily - 9 am
Holy Day Vigil: 6 pm | Holy Day: 9 am

Calvary Cemetery

Wisdom Way | First Burial recorded 1792

Holy Trinity Church

135 Main Street

Mass: Sunday - 8 am & 9:30 am | Daily - 8 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!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her. *Amen.*



PARISH OFFICE.

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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

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: Upcoming schedule to come.

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

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Thoughts from the Pastor's Desk ...

Dear Friends of Blessed Trinity,

“Strengthened by the presence of Christ (cf. Mt. 28:20), the Church journeys through time towards the consummation of the ages and goes to meet the Lord who comes. But on this journey, she proceeds along the path already trodden by the Virgin Mary, who ‘advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and loyally persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross’” (*Redemptoris Mater*, 2).

As we begin this new calendar year, these words of Pope St. John Paul the Great in his encyclical on the Mother of the Redeemer beautifully reflect the mystery we celebrate today. Indeed we gather on this octave day of Christmas to give praise to God in the honor and dignity of Mary, the Mother of God.

We have encountered the great mystery of our redemption as born at Christmas, and with divine vigor and strength, we face the new beginnings of each year, each day, each moment in Christ. With powerful intervention and ready intercession, we are furthermore joined by the one from whom Jesus received His share in our humanity: Mary, our mother and His.

We cross the threshold of this new year as we have many times before. For some it is but the first. For others it may be the last. Yet nevertheless we continue the journey of life in faith. We do so individually yet with one another. As members of the mystical Body of Christ, that is the Church, we are not alone. Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life, has come to meet us. Mary has shown us the Christ. She has shown us the Way.

In Him, with her, we embark anew. Come, let us go forth!

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

Fr. Pierz



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

8:00 am (HTC) and 9:00 am (BSC)

ADORATION

Always present, 24/7 in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel

CONFESSION:

Saturday, 2:30-3:30 pm, before weekend Mass (BSC), and by appointment.

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.

ANOIDTING 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.

OUR FAITH.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.



Although New Year's Day is not celebrated by the Church, this day has been observed as a holy day of obligation since early times due to the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Each family and country has different traditional foods to eat on New Year's Day, with lentils being the main

superstition: ill luck befalling those who do not eat lentils at the beginning of the year.

New Year's is a day of traditional hospitality, visiting and good cheer, mostly with a secular view, but there is no reason that this day, too, could not be sanctified in Christ.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND.

A pilgrimage to many holy sites in the Holy Land is planned for May 7-18, 2023.

We will fly round trip from Boston. An optional bus to and from Logan will be arranged. Msgr., Ronald Yargeau and Deacon George Nolan will be our Spiritual Directors.

The cost is \$4,449 which includes airfare, comfortable hotels, many meals, buses in Israel between the holy sites and local tour guides.

For more information contact Trip Coordinator Helen Shea Murphy at 413.824.8733 or helensheamurphy@verizon.net.

Visit www.pilgramages.com/helensheamurphy.net



Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Adoration 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 26:4

COME PRAY WITH US.

Most Holy Rosary—before Daily Mass at 7:35 am (HTC) Join us in asking our Blessed Mother to help, comfort, protect, and heal.

Adorations & Benediction—after the Wednesday 8 am & 9 am Daily Masses

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.



CATHOLICS COME HOME.

Whether you are Catholic, on a journey into the Catholic Church, or returning, you are welcome.

Faith should touch every corner of our lives. We know it can be intimidating to walk through those doors, but we've been expecting you.

Welcome home.

To learn more about our Catholic Church and to help you understand more clearly the Church and her teachings you can find helpful resources at www.catholicscomehome.org

NEW PARISHIONERS. Welcome! We are eager to meet you and we invite you to register at the Parish Office.

We look forward to getting to know you in prayer and service and we hope that you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, and your talents.

OUR FAITH.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, our Lady's greatest title. This feast is the octave of Christmas. In the modern Roman Calendar only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the Solemnity of Circumcision of Our Lord. This day has been observed as a holy day of obligation since early times.

"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the

"Seat of Wisdom." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 721

A plenary indulgence may be gained by reciting or singing the hymn [*Veni Creator Spiritus*](#) on the first day of the year. This hymn is traditionally sung for beginnings of things, calling on the Holy Spirit before endeavoring something new.

Traditions. Each family and country has different traditional foods to eat on New Year's. New Year's is celebrated as a day of hospitality among many people, especially the French.

A popular long held tradition is to consume lentils on January 1st to avoid any bad luck in the coming year. The most popular lentil is the black-eyed pea. Whether it's in a soup, a curry or a side dish, lentils are good for you.

In England, New Year's day is a feast to honor Godparents and repay them for the responsibility they have assumed toward our children. Godparents give Godcakes to their Godchildren along with blessings for the coming year. What a wonderful way to celebrate and thank them for being a such special part of our children's lives.

What is a Godcake? Think crispy puffed pastry filled with sweet mincemeat, with the fruity, spicy flavors of Christmas. These delicious treats originated in Coventry and boast a prestigious 700 year old history! (CatholicCulture.org)



THANKS TO YOU. Blessed Trinity Rosary Society would like to thank everyone who supported their efforts in 2022! Through your generosity, they were able to make monetary donations to the following local charities in our community:

Community Meals | Food Pantry | Alternatives Pregnancy | "Keep Christ in Christmas" (the Crèche on Greenfield Common) | Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal | Warm the Children | The Salvation Army | Sisters of Saint Joseph | All Souls Church "Stone Soup Café" | Montague Catholic Ministries | Pope St John Paul the Great Youth Group for Teens.

It is our mission to be an active part in our local community!

If you would like to make a difference with this fun & active group, please contact Marci at 413.772.6983.



OUR PARISH.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 31—FR. LISOWSKI

4:00 BSC CYNTHIA SOCHOCKI – by Family

SUNDAY, January 1

8:00 HTC PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

9:00 HTC PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:00 BSC PARISH & PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, January 2

8:00 HTC HEALTH & BLESSINGS FOR CARL
LANNAVILLE – by Mary Fleury

9:00 BSC RUTH COSTELLO (ANNIV.) – by Family

TUESDAY, January 3

8:00 HTC GARY STOOKSBERRY – by Linda Martin

9:00 BSC IN THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS
ANSWERED – by Christina Martel

WEDNESDAY, January 4

8:00 HTC JOHN E. KILEY FAMILY – by Estate

9:00 BSC ARLENE BECKLO – by Chris and Maureen
Donelan

THURSDAY, January 5

8:00 HTC LAZARUS NWORAH – by Fr. Val

9:00 BSC JOSEPH BROZO, JR. – by Wife and Family

FIRST FRIDAY, January 6

8:00 HTC SHARON CONWAY – by friends Betty,
Birute, and Georgia

9:00 BSC PAUL HARBAUGH – by Jeanne

FIRST SATURDAY, January 7

8:00 BSC JOYCE TILTON – by Laurie

4:00 BSC ARLENE BECKLO – by Betty Fritz

SUNDAY, January 8

8:00 HTC JOHN QUINLAN – by Caroline Gargone

9:30 HTC EDWARD, ARLENE, ARTHUR &
ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PETRIN
FAMILY – by Deacon Joe & Marie Bete

11:00 BSC JOHN SABIN – by Wife and Family

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.

JANUARY 1, 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

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



1. For a Special intention-from
Anonymous

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

1. Special Intentions - from Claire Heath
2. Mary & Stephen McCarthy—from Julie McCarthy
3. For a Special intention-from Anonymous
4. Patricia Duffey Earley-from Robert Earley

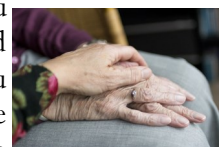
GREETERS/USHERS NEEDED. Help make our
parishioners and guests feel welcome! Just a once a
month commitment could help. Call the Parish Office
at 773.3311 for more information.

PRAYER CHAINS.

Our Parish Prayer Chains are availa-
ble to anyone. Please contact us with
your petition: Andrea Lapointe at
413.774.5356 or Marie Boynton at 413.775.3633 /
memeboynton@comcast.net.



HOMEBOUND MINISTRY. If you
know of anyone who is a homebound
and unable to attend Mass, or if you
know of any parishioner who is in the
hospital or nursing home, please
email/call us at 773-3311 or 774-2884. We want to reach out
to all of our parishioners, especially in their time of need.



CANTORS.

Saturday Dec 31 4:00 pm— Jackie Jurewicz

Sunday Jan 1 11:00 am — Sandra Pavoni

Saturday Jan. 7 4:00 pm— Betsy Grybko

Sunday Jan 8 11:00 am — Brenda Hill

OUR PARISH.

YOUNG & CATHOLIC OF FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Young and Catholic is a grassroots initiative of our Diocese of Springfield. Their mission is to provide resources and materials that meet young adults where they are at and then to lead them to Christ. With YC boards in every region (including Franklin County), board members work together to put on events and gatherings.



For more information & calendar of events visit
Youngandcatholic.org

THE FOOD PANTRY. Serves our community and is open to anyone in need. (Saturday 9 am– noon | Tuesday Noon-3 pm | Thursday 3 pm-6 pm). One of our many ministries helping the Franklin County Community.



If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office at 413.773.3311 | 413.774.2884

(Volunteers Jan Pulchalski & Karen Knox)

BLANKET & WARM CLOTHES DRIVE. To benefit area homeless shelters is being conducted by the Knights of Columbus through March. If you would like to donate, please leave the blankets and clothing in the containers by the doors of the Church or call Lou Grader at 413.774.2848.



WEEKENDS OF DECEMBER 18TH.

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

Weekly Parish Collection:	\$ 7,399
Fuel Collection:	\$ 417
Maintenance Collection:	\$ 195

"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!

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



Coming up at Blessed Trinity Parish

Daily Mass 8 am HTC & 9am BSC

Daily Holy Rosary 7:35 am HTC, 8:30 am BSC

Confession: Sat. 2:30-3:30 pm BSC
or by appointment

Monday Jan. 2

6:00 pm Roses for Mary Prayer Group (Adoration Chapel each Mon.)

Tuesday Jan. 3

Wednesday Jan. 4

After Daily Mass—Adoration & Benediction after BSC & HTC Daily Masses (each Wed.)

7 pm - Holy Hour for the Sick and Dying (Adoration Chapel each Wed.)

Thursday Jan. 5

Friday Jan. 6

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

Saturday Jan. 7-

4 pm—Mass (BSC)

Sunday Jan. 8

8 am Mass (HTC)

9:30 am Mass (HTC)

9:45 am –10:45 am Religious Education Classes resume. Pastoral Center. Coffee and conversation available for parents.

11 am Mass (BSC)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF. We are looking for individuals to join our parish office team., as volunteer receptionists and paid administrative assistants.

If you or someone you know has office experience that might be a good fit, please contact 773.3111 for more information.

OUR YOUTH.

YOUNG & CATHOLIC.

The recent Y&C Christmas Bowling Party complete with an Ugly Sweater contest.



Father Val posted on his Facebook page:

"Tonight, I enjoyed the company of the Young Catholic Adults of Franklin County. We played 'Bowling' in our 'Ugly Christmas Sweaters' 🤪 and had really good conversations. It was amazing! "

Clearly winners all around!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES.

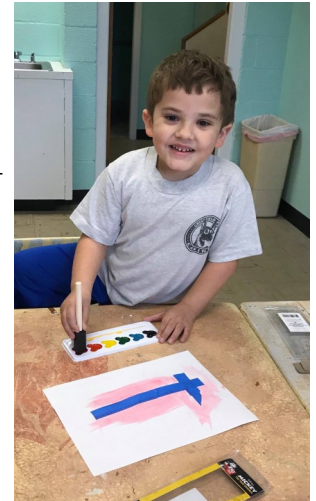
Classes are back after the Christmas Season break.

We meet each Sunday from 9:45 am to 10:45 am at the Pastoral Center.

Parents are invited to coffee and conversation with other parents in the Pastoral Center with fellowship & encouragement.

For more information please contact:

Karen Yestramski-Provost, Interim Coordinator
ReligiousEd@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org



"Children are the world's most valuable resource and it's best hope for the future." - **PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY**

OUR HERITAGE.

Our Catholic churches have a long and rich heritage in Greenfield and Franklin County! Each week we will share a little history and photos for you to enjoy! If you have any photo's, history, special events or other items and information to share, please contact bulletin@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org or call the Parish Office.

We'd love to hear from you!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The Mother Church of Franklin County established in 1868.

Rev. Michael J. Carroll (from 1900-1919) traveled throughout our area in a horse drawn carriage visiting parishioners as well as the sick and dying.



Reminding us of St. Francis of Assisi Patron Saint of animals, Father cared for his horses as they aged and were no longer able to make the treks.

He provided them a space for in the barn to live out their retirement long after they could pull his carriage. The old stable was located behind the church rectory.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

Established in 1960. Dedicated in 1970.

This majestic organ was purchased in May of 1985 from the Cranwell Renewal Center of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. This purchase led to the 1985-1986 renovation of the church and sanctuary.

How blessed our parish is to have such beautiful music provided each week by our talented Music Ministry!



SPOTLIGHT: FATHER VALENTINE NWORAH

Reverend Father Onyekachukwu Valentine Nworah was born on September 18 in the southeastern part of Nigeria. He is from a family of six children; 4 boys and 2 girls. With the exception of his father who transitioned into eternal delight in January 2020, about 6 months before his priestly ordination, his mother and other siblings are still with us. He's fluent in Igbo, French and English Languages. He has a common knowledge of some other languages including Spanish.

He has a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Joseph Mukasa Philosophical Institute in Yaounde, Cameroon; a Certificate in Religious Studies from Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan; and a Masters Degree in Divinity from St John's Seminary, Brighton class of 2020 and was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest on August, 15 2020 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) for the Diocese of Springfield.



He was Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Westfield before coming to serve Blessed Trinity Parish in Greenfield, Ma as Parochial Vicar. While in our parish, Fr Val also served as the chaplain of the Franklin County Young Adults and Knights of Columbus #133.

On November 8th, 2022 it was announced that Fr Val was to be reassigned as Parochial Vicar to St Brigid's Parish and Associate Director of the Newman Catholic Center, both in Amherst, starting January 1, 2023. He will also continue to serve as the Chaplain of the Newman Catholic Club at Smith College in Northampton. Fr Val can be reached through his email v.nworah@diospringfield.org or new mailing address 122 N. Pleasant St, Amherst, Ma 01004. Please keep Fr Val in your prayers.

As we have come to know Father Val, it is clear that he loves our Lord, our youth, our parish, singing, traveling, "football" (aka soccer!), a pick-up game of volleyball and even animals. He has been extremely active in our youth programs and served as the chaplain of the Franklin County Young Adults. Thank you for all that you have done for our parish. You have inspired and energized all of us - especially our youth - and we are grateful for your time spent in Greenfield.

We wish you well in your new endeavor & will be missed!

SAVE THE DATE. On **Sunday , January 15th** the Blessed Trinity Rosary Sodality will host a reception for Father Valentine from **2-4 pm** in the Father Casey Hall.

Come and wish him well at his new assignment at the Newman Center in Amherst. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome to come.



OUR DIOCESE.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church.



Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

Upcoming in person events:

Feb 3-5, 2023 in Huntington, NY
Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA
Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

JUST FOR ENGAGED COUPLES. Did you get engaged over the holidays?

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend retreat away with other engaged couples with plenty of time alone together to plan for a sacramental marriage. It is designed to give couples planning marriage the opportunity to dialogue honestly and intensively about their prospective lives together.

They will explore their strengths and weaknesses, desires, ambitions, goals, their attitudes about money, sex, children, family, their role in the church and society--in a face to face way.



For more information about just what happens on a weekend please visit engagedencounter.com

OUR REGION.

DISCOVERY CENTER ART EXHIBIT. Jan. 28, 2023

Photo Beat, Past and Present: Moving Forward in Time, Capturing of the moment.



Joe R. Parzych has been a freelance photojournalist for the past 24 years for local newspapers, national magazines, & trade journals. Joe's unique

photographic storytelling provides an Autistic perspective to everyday objects that people overlook. Joe started as an apprentice to his grandfather, Joseph A. Parzych of Gill, MA, & his passion for local history and community has fueled his work in journalism.

Open Tue 10 am-4pm | Wed.-Sun. 10 am-5 pm | Closed Mondays, but open Monday holidays.

Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

DISCOVERY CENTER JANUARY 1.

Get the 2023 New Year started off on the right foot! Enjoy a leisurely staff-guided three-mile stroll on the Canalside Rail Trail.

This family-friendly hike follows a gentle, level route. Be prepared for cold weather: dress in layers and wear comfortable winter walking boots.



Dogs are welcome on leash.

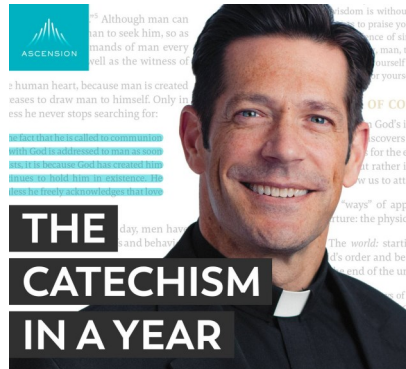
Meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Great Hall.
Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA
ph. 413-863-3221

Hike begins at 1:15 p.m.

"Many eyes go through the meadow, but few see the flowers in it." — RALPH WALDO EMERSON

AND MORE.

FROM ASCENSION PRESS.



WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Have you signed up
for *The Cate-*
chism in a Year
with Fr. Mike
Schmitz yet?

In response to countless requests,
Ascension is launching

The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)
on January 1, 2023!

With this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- See how Church teaching is rooted in Sacred Scripture
- Absorb over 2,000 years of Sacred Tradition
- Encounter God's plan of sheer goodness
- **Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded.**

If you have ever wanted to **understand what it means to be Catholic** and allow those truths to shape your life—this podcast is for you!

A wonderful way to start 2023 with this incredible journey!

Visit [The Catechism in a Year – Ascension \(ascensionpress.com\)](https://ascensionpress.com) to sign up for this free podcast.

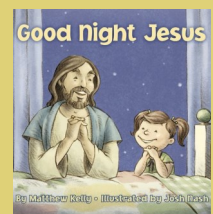
BOOK CORNER.

Book choices to start the New Year off right!

HOLY MOMENTS by Matthew Kelly (NEW!) It's time to let Holy Moments show you what is possible and to explore your soul-potential **\$24.95**

DREAMS FOR YOUR GRANDCHILD by Allen Hunt Learn how you can strengthen your relationships with your grandchildren and introduce them to a vibrant faith life—no matter their age **\$24.95**

GOOD NIGHT JESUS by Matthew Kelly Children will learn how to build a powerful habit of evening prayer that will help them form a lifelong relationship with Jesus. **\$9.95**



Available at Amazon.com or DynamicCatholic.com

FRAUD ALERT—BE VIGILANT

We again have reports of an attempt to trick parishioners into sending money via gift cards under the guise of responding to fake requests from their parish priest. People will pose as the parish priest and trick folks into sending them funds usually electronically.

The scammers ask parishioners to buy and then send them the gift card number and pin, which is all that is needed to cash them in—leaving the unsuspecting parishioner out of luck. Most times its unrecoverable.

We as a parish NEVER solicit funds via text messages or email that involve gift card numbers. If you receive any type of suspicious communication, please report it to the local police and the parish office.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS WEBSITE.

To be informed on the latest local and worldwide news on the Catholic Church visit iObserve.org.

Calendar of events across the Diocese | Episodes of Real to Reel | News and Information website