

# *Blessed Trinity Parish*

## *Roman Catholic Church*

*Greenfield, Massachusetts*

*The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - June 4, 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 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

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](http://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 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART**

O God, whose providence never fails in its design, keep from us, we humbly beseech you, all that might harm us and grant all that works for our good. —*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:** 2nd, 4th & 5th Thursdays—to volunteer call Kathy Melnik 413.773.3311

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## *Thoughts from the Pastor's Desk ...*

Dear friends of Blessed Trinity,

As we peruse the pages of the bulletin each week, I draw your attention to the top of the first inside page. There you will find the Collect of the liturgical day we are celebrating that Sunday, whether it be a Sunday of Easter, Lent, Christmas, or Ordinary Time, or as today, a solemnity, like that of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

The Collect is the prayer that gathers our intentions together as the People of God united in Christ the High Priest offering the sacrifice of the Mass. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (which governs the liturgical structure of the Eucharistic celebration) states:

Next the priest invites the people to pray. All, together with the priest, observe a brief silence so that they may be conscious of the fact that they are in God's presence and may formulate their petitions mentally. Then the priest says the prayer which is customarily known as the *collect* and through which the character of the celebration is expressed. In accordance with the ancient tradition of the Church, the collect prayer is usually addressed to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and is concluded with a trinitarian ending (GIRM 54).

We, though many, are gathered in one voice to give praise and worship to Almighty God. We raise our intentions in this weekly act of sacrifice for the sanctification of our loved ones, our city and hills, our families, and ourselves. From the diversity of our experiences and backgrounds, even the happenings of the past week, we come together in this moment to be one in Christ, one in spirit, one in prayer. God invites us to be one in Him.

This does not mean uniformity or unilateralism, but authentic unity in the acknowledgement and adoration of the one God. We are hearers of His Word, proclaimers of His Truth. We are gifted in His Spirit and made holy in His sight. The Collect we hear today reminds and challenges us as such:

*God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Celebrating today the great solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity may we recognize our call to unity as the People of God and our duty to foster that unity in word and action. God the Father gathers us together as one through Christ, the Incarnate Word, and breathes within us His very Spirit. In Word and Spirit, may we proclaim who He is and who we are, sons and daughters of God, to the glory of His Name!

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

**Fr. Pierz**

This weekend we rejoice in the profound gift of the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred upon our children, these young men and women of God. Thank you most joyfully to our Bishop of Springfield, Bishop Byrne, for his presence, prayer, and priestly power in calling upon the Holy Spirit and gathering us as one. As these daughters and sons of ours have confirmed in their own name the promises their parents once made on their behalf at Baptism, may they be wholeheartedly united to Christ and His Church as we proclaim together the marvel of His truth in this our day and age. Congratulations!

**CALLING ALL GARDENERS.** Do you have a green thumb and an abundance of blooms to share? Blessed Trinity Parish is looking for **fresh flower donations** this season to enhance the beauty of all three of our altars.

If you have a yard with flowering bushes (spring lilacs, crab apple, quince, etc.) roses, daisies, peonies, hydrangeas, greenery, phlox, sedum, irises, autumn maple or oak branches, ivy or other annuals & perennials, we would love to add you on our seasonal calendar! Please contact Kathy Melnik or Karen Lepore at the Parish Office at 773.3311 for more information. *Thank you in advance!*



*"Where  
flowers  
bloom so  
does hope."  
—LADY BIRD JOHNSON*

# 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

M & 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.

### NEW PARISHIONERS.

*Welcome!*

We are eager to meet you & invite you  
to register at the Parish Office.

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

### 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 Eucharist?

Contact [comfort@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org](mailto:comfort@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org)  
or call 413-773-3311

### WE ARE CATHOLIC. WELCOME HOME.

*CatholicsComeHome.org*

There's an old saying that goes, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug. It's your Heavenly Father reaching His arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, to draw you home.

**We hope you accept this as your invitation** to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. We want you back. We've missed you, and our Church is not the same without you.

Regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to Mass, you can always come home and return to the practice of the sacraments and the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church He founded.



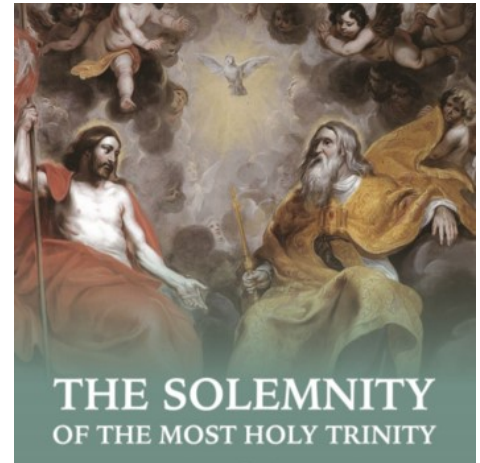


# OUR FAITH.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY.

Today we celebrate one of the most fundamental beliefs of Christianity: the Most Holy Trinity – three distinct, coequal Persons in one God. For the Church, the Trinity is considered a mystery. There are aspects of the Trinity that we will never fully grasp while we are this side of Heaven. But it is something we hold as revealed truth. We may never comprehend its totality, but we experience its presence and accept its reality.

There are references to the Holy Trinity in the Old Testament, but their meaning was mostly hidden. When Jesus became man through the Incarnation, He revealed the three Persons of the Trinity more fully. The Baptism of Jesus is one such “Trinitarian moment” when all three Persons are explicitly mentioned in the Bible – Jesus is being Baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, the Father’s voice is heard from Heaven saying “This is my Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased,” (Matthew 3:13-17) and the Holy Spirit is descending upon Jesus in the form of a dove.



The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity has been an official and universal celebration in the Catholic Church since the 1300’s. It is even celebrated by many Protestant denominations as it is a fundamental belief shared by all Christians. During today’s Mass, special prayers honor each of the Persons of the Trinity, but every Mass contains multiple references to the Trinity and prayers showing our devotion. This is evident in the most simple of prayers – the Sign of the Cross. We make this action upon entering and leaving the Church, and at the beginning and end of Mass, and even sometimes during the Mass. The words that accompany the action express our belief in the Holy Trinity – “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” Even when done silently, the action itself becomes a prayer!

The next time that you attend Mass, make a point to notice how many times we make the Sign of the Cross. Think about the words. Listen, too, for other prayers throughout the Mass that honor the Holy Trinity. Of course, the Creed (Profession of Faith) is probably the most obvious, but you will find others that express our belief in the Holy Trinity - three Divine Persons in one God. *by Rev. Stephen Schultz, Pastor, Our Lady of Fatima, [www.fatimachurchbq.org](http://www.fatimachurchbq.org)*

Have you ever thought about making a difference in the lives of those that Jesus specifically calls us to visit? Interaction with men and women of all ages and backgrounds can be a life changing experience. You don't need special training, or advanced education, in most instances **all you need is a loving and open heart.**

We are looking to change the way in which we minister to those very special individuals currently in residence at the Franklin County House of Correction - please consider the following.

We would very much appreciate your input as we journey with the men and women who are under the Sheriff's care, providing for them love and support in an attempt to meet their spiritual, physical, and emotional needs while in residence and most importantly when they are released.

Pope Francis calls each and every one of us to walk with and encounter our brothers and sisters most especially during the Synodal Process taking place around the world in our Church.

**Our Mission:** *"The Church exists to evangelize. We can never be centered on ourselves. Our mission is to witness the love of God in the midst of the whole human family. This Synodal Process has a deep missionary dimension to it. It is intended to enable the Church to better witness to the Gospel, especially with those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographical, and existential peripheries of our world. In this way, synodality is a path by which the Church can more fruitfully fulfil her mission of evangelization in the world, as a leaven at the service of the coming of God's kingdom."*

You are most welcome to attend our first meeting as a group to be held on **Saturday June 10th 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM.** I will have materials for you as regards volunteers at the jail, along with a brief history of the practices involved.

Your input is going to be critical as we form what the future will hold for these very dear children of God. *Thank you & God Bless!*

# OUR PARISH.



## Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, June 3 — FATHER DIMASCOLA

4:00 BSC DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — by KoC Council #133

SUNDAY, June 4 — FATHER LUNNEY, DEACON RABBITT

8:00 HTC RICK DUFRANE — by Doug & Joanne Brown

9:30 HTC CAITLIN GRAY—by Mary Reilly Parsons

11:00 BSC THERESA GOCHINSKI—by Denise Rueb

MONDAY, June 5 — FATHER AUFIERO

8:30 BSC SPECIAL INTENTIONS— by Louise, Annette, & Mary

TUESDAY, June 6 —POPE FRANCIS

8:30 BSC BERNADETTE ROCHA 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY — by The Lively Family

WEDNESDAY, June 7 —DEACON BUCCI

12:05 HTC ANNE ROSA — by Betty Webber

6:00 PAC JACOB GARMALO -7<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY — by the Family

THURSDAY, June 8 —FATHER ROUX

8:30 HTC ROGER LEBLANC — by Barbara & Family

FRIDAY, June 9 —DEACON LEARY

8:30 HTC KRISTY PATTERSON — by Aunt Tess

SATURDAY, June 10 —FATHER ROACH

4:00 BSC JANET ZILCH — by Mike Zilch

SUNDAY, June 11 — VOCATIONS, SEMINARIANS & DEACON CANDIDATES

8:00 HTC LESTER FLEURY — by the Fleury Family

9:30 HTC KRISTY PATTERSON & GUY STEVENS — by Betty Webber

11:00 BSC PARISH & PARISHIONERS

## NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**JUNE 4, 2023**

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

**MARY KILLAY**

## JUNE 4-17

**BSC SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning in memory/honor of William Haufler - from Virginia Vielmetti

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

1. **Health & Blessings for Clarence Crafts** —Claire Heath

2. **Mr & Mrs. Jacob Vielmetti**— by Virginia Vielmetti

3. **Kathleen Haufler**—Virginia Vielmetti

4. **Patricia Duffey Earley**— from Robert Earley

**HTC 7-DAY CANDLE:** (Available by calling 41-773-3311)

*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*



## **PENTECOST FLOWERS**

Our Pentecost flowers were donated in Memory of Guy & Alice Beaudet by Family.  
*Thank you for this beautiful show of remembrance.*

## **WEEKEND OF MAY 21, 2023**

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

Weekly Collection: \$5397

Fuel/Energy Collection: \$118

Maintenance Collection: \$421

*"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!**

## **LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—SUNDAY JUNE 25TH.**



Council #133 would like to invite Blessed Trinity Parish and the surrounding churches on a bus trip with Father Tim Campoli to St. Mary's Church and Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage Center in New Haven, Ct. On this trip you will tour the KoC Pilgrimage Center, celebrate Mass with Father Tim at St. Mary's Church, and experience a prayer service at Blessed Father McGivney's Tomb.

There are 56 tickets sold first come first serve. Cost of ticket includes lunch, \$40 per person.

Grand Knight Dan Arsenaault at our Holy Trinity Church or DGK Jay Dillon at our Blessed Sacrament Church for more information.

# OUR PARISH.

## **NOVENA FOR OUR FATHERS**



A Novena for our Fathers,  
living and deceased,  
are now available.

Cards and envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. Please print the name of your loved ones on the envelope and place it in the collection basket before Father's Day so that they may be included in the Novena prayers. To be printed in the bulletin, please return before June 12th.

## **THIS WEEK AT BLESSED TRINITY PARISH**

### **Saturday June 3**

2:30 pm—3:30 pm Confession (BSC)

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!



### **Sunday June 4**

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.)

### **Monday June 5**

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

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

### **Tuesday June 6**

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

6:45-8:15 pm Boys Scouts Pastoral Ctr. (each Tues.)

### **Wednesday June 7**

11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)

12:05 am Mass (HTC)

5-5:45 pm Confession (PAC)

6:00 pm Mass (PAC)

7 pm Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying-(PAC ea. Wed.)

### **Thursday June 8**

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

5:00 pm Community Meal (HTC)

### **Friday June 9**

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

### **Saturday June 10**

11:00 am Jail Ministry Informational Meeting

2:30 pm—3:30 pm Confession (BSC)

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

### **Sunday June 11**

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.)

## **UPCOMING WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING**

June 14th in our Parish Center Conference Room

Following our 6:00 pm Mass

*All are welcome!*

## **THIS SATURDAY OUR PARISH CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION !**

Congratulations to:

*Eliza "Mary Magdalene" Christi*

*Meghan Collins*

*Veronica "Pier Georgio-Teresa" Cottrill*

*Harper "Margaret Margaret" Cutting*

*Kaitlyn "Seraphina" Lively*

*Anya "Mary Magdalene - Philip Neri" Livingstone*

*Anthony "Michael" McNamara*

*Wednesday "Rosalia" Passiglia*

*Amelia "Dymphna - Teresa" Pierce*

*Sophia "Kateri Tekakwitha" Rotkiewicz*

*Lauren "Monica"*

*Semaski*

*Tyler "Joseph" Zdanowicz*



**CONFIRMATION Q & A WITH FATHER PIERZ**

## **PRAYER CHAINS.**

Please contact us with your petition.

Our Parish Prayer Chains are for all.

Marie Boynton - 775.3633

memeboynton@comcast.net

Andrea Lapointe/Parish Office at 773.3311



## **ARE YOU CALLED TO ENCOURAGE CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN FRANKLIN COUNTY?**

We will have a meeting to discuss exciting new opportunities and changes coming to our area.

**June 22nd 6:30 pm**

**in our Father Casey Hall**



# OUR YOUTH.

## KID FRIENDLY THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER—CATHOLIC EDITION

- Make and decorate your own summer calendars, and fill them in with activities and events they want to do
- Play flashlight tag
- Chalk simple Sudoku puzzles to solve on your driveway or sidewalk
- Memorize a Scripture verse every week
- Write letters to your elected officials about an issue that is important to you
- Find 10 different types of bugs
- Celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 16) with devotions, and Sacred Heart cupcakes
- Come to our Marian Day Deanery Celebration on Sunday August 13th, 1 pm—3 pm
- Celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (August 15) by going to Mass and eating herbs
- Keep a bird watching list
- Make a family prayer table or decorate the one you have with special objects
- Make a backyard weather station & keep a weather diary
- Write letters to Pope Francis
- Make your own book of prayers
- Make puppets and put on a show depicting the life of a saint
- Make a bird feeder
- Visit an animal shelter
- Go hiking with Father Pierz  
*TeachingCatholicKids.com*



OUR PARISH 2022/2023 CCD TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.

*Join us Fall 2023 by calling 413-773-3311 and getting registered now.*

### Blessed Trinity **CRYPTOQUIP**

OJNLC AN ARB PFARBL,  
ARB HNS, FSE ARB RNJC HYXLXA;  
AN ONE TRN XH, TRN TFH,  
FSE TRN XH AN VNIB.

(ONHYBJ FWWJFIFAXNS

PNL ALXSXAC HDSEFC)

Clue: R equals H

### Blessed Trinity **Jumble**

**Answer to Last Week's Puzzle:**

**DOWN—SWIFT—GUIDE— BREATH**



Aflame with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles began to preach to peoples of all languages, gifted with...

**“TONGUES as of FIRE”**



# OUR REGION.

## CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP

Registration is now open for camp at  
St. Michael's School, Brattleboro, VT.



**High School**

**June 18th to 22nd, 6:30-8:30PM**

**Grades 1 through 8**

**June 19th to 23rd, 9AM-3PM**

Registration forms are found on the Saint Michael  
Parish, Brattleboro website: [stmichaelvt.com](http://stmichaelvt.com)

Contact Tina Crocker at  
413-896-8676 or at  
[jtcrocker@crocker.com](mailto:jtcrocker@crocker.com)

Our donations as of 5/17/23 for the Annual Catholic Appeal:

As a Diocese, we are at 69% of the \$3,000,000.00 goal.

### BLESSED TRINITY PARISH NUMBERS ARE:

**ANNUAL  
CATHOLIC  
APPEAL**



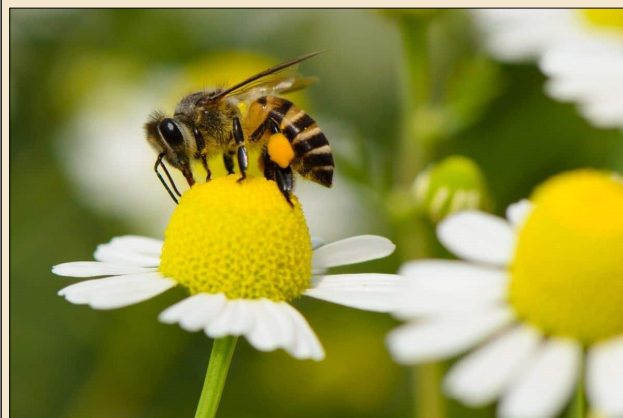
Donors: 158  
Cash Gifts: \$34,775  
Pledges: \$33,320  
Total to Date: \$68,095

*Please consider making your  
donation today.*

Contact: 413-452-0670 or email [aca@diospringfield.org](mailto:aca@diospringfield.org)

## DID YOU KNOW?

June is National Pollinators Month and it encourages the planting of pollinator gardens of native, non-invasive pollen and nectar-producing plants. When these gardens bloom, they attract bees, birds, bats, and other natural pollinators.



Do you have a spot that could benefit from a pollinator garden? Well, get planting! Find out which are the best plants for your zone. Visit [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org) to find out more.

Try these tips to get started on the right path to a pollinator garden:

- Choose bright flowers – The colors and scent attract pollinators to your garden.
- Plant for every season – While this means primarily to choose a variety of plants so you're attracting pollinators all year long, it also has another purpose. In the winter, these plants may be dormant, but they will provide a variety of seeds for pollinators to eat, bringing them back year after year.
- Welcome insects – Most of them are pollinators, too. Good bugs have the benefit of helping to keep pests at bay.
- Invite birds to your garden – Add birdhouses, provide seed or flowers they enjoy, supply a water source. *NationalDayCalendar.com*

# OUR HERITAGE.



## STAINED GLASS: BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH TRANSEPTS AND NAVE

As we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend for 12 of our young parishioners at Blessed Trinity Parish, our next window ties in nicely. Of the two windows in the choir section, we will be looking at the window on the right.

***“Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit”. Acts 8:17***

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** seals the baptized person with the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthens his/her service to the Body of Christ. **This Sacrament is one of seven** and can be found in Bible passages Acts 8:14 –17, 9:17 , 19:6, and Hebrews 6:2, which speak of a laying on of hands for the purpose of bestowing the Holy Spirit.

“When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only

been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.” (Act 8:14-17)

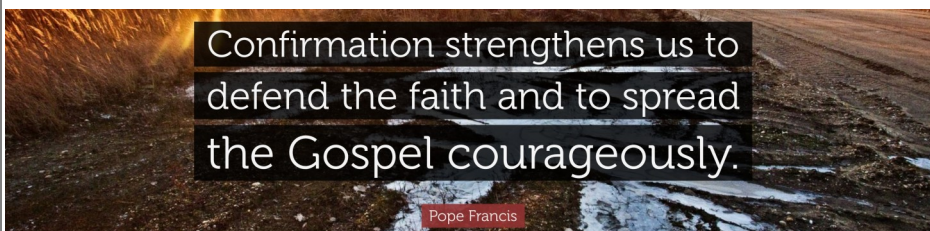
So, while Christians are baptized “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19), as Jesus directs, they receive the Holy Spirit in a different sacrament that confirms and strengthens their lives as believers.

During Confirmation, the bishop extends his hands over those to be confirmed and calls upon God: **“Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.”** Then each person to be confirmed is anointed with chrism (oil) on the forehead as the bishop says, **“Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”**

The Holy Spirit bestows **seven gifts—Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Fortitude, Counsel, Piety, and Fear of the Lord**—to assist us in our mission and witness. The impact of these gifts accompanies us in the various stages of our spiritual development.

It’s interesting to note at the top of the window, beneath the dove—representing the Holy Spirit—there are **seven “droplets”** within the white colored glass raining down over Peter (right) and John (left) and the three kneeling Samaritans. It could represent the **seven gifts or the seven sacraments or both**.

According to Catholic tradition, St. Peter was the oldest among the Apostles; while St. John was the youngest Apostle. At the time of the crucifixion, it is believed that Peter was about the same age as Jesus (30-33), while John was an older teenage, approximately 18. As we look at the window, Peter is on the right with receding hairline and mature face while the youthful looking John is on the left.



*Online resources include [Diosan.org](http://Diosan.org), [aboutcatholics.org](http://aboutcatholics.org), [catholic.com](http://catholic.com), [Usccb.org](http://Usccb.org)*

**Blessed Trinity Parish** is blessed to have beautiful stained glass windows in our churches. As we learn about these windows, we invite you to take a few moments to walk around and experience their beauty up close. *Many thanks to our parishioner Sandra Pavoni, Historical Researcher who is sharing her passion and knowledge as we explore our windows in the coming months.*



# AND MORE.

## ON THE COVER.

On the cover you may recognize the painting, *Adoration of the Holy Sacrament* or “La Disputa” by famed Italian artist, Raphael. Completed in 1510, and found in the papal halls of the Vatican, Raphael has created a scene spanning both heaven and earth. At the heights, the Holy Trinity centers the Heavenly throne. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, the Church of Heaven, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John the Baptist at the right and left of Christ. Various biblical figures, such as St. Paul, Adam, St. Peter, King David, and Moses accompany the angels and saints bearing homage to God.



In our midst, the Church on Earth adores the Blessed Sacrament, as a monstrance stands on the altar. The great poets, teachers, and Doctors of the Church, like St. Augustine, St. Ignatius of Antioch, St. Thomas Aquinas, and more contemplate the mysteries of faith and reason. In the pursuit of truth, out of the midst of chaos, a direct line is drawn and centered between the Holy Trinity and the Blessed Sacrament. It is the incarnate and living Word of God, the Holy Eucharist, that bridges the realm of Heaven and the realm of Earth.

In the background on the left, a church is being constructed, representing the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church, the Bride of Christ, our

mother and home. In a sense, this is representative of our own new parish, coming together right here in Greenfield.

**“The Disputation of the Holy Sacrament** represents Christianity's victory over the multiple philosophical tendencies (with the foremost Plato and Aristotle) shown in the School of Athens fresco painted on the opposite wall. Unlike the philosophers of the *School of Athens*, who are gathered together in a vaulted temple, the theologians of the Disputation make up the Church's architecture. They form one body, united in an ethereal apse flanking the Trinity and the Blessed Sacrament, which when consecrated becomes the body of Christ.”



For a more detailed description of this beautiful painting, please visit [RaphaelPaintings.org](http://RaphaelPaintings.org).