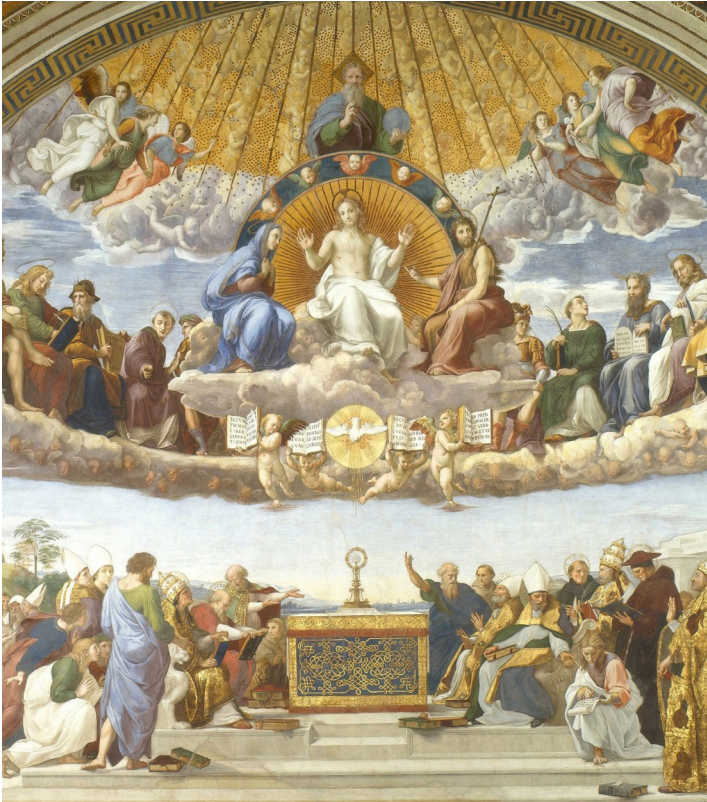


# *Blessed Trinity Parish*

## *Roman Catholic Church*

*Greenfield, Massachusetts*

*Pentecost Sunday - May 28, 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!

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY – THE MONTH OF OUR LADY**

Almighty ever-living God, who willed the Paschal Mystery to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days, grant that from out of the scattered nations the confusion of many tongues may be gathered by heavenly grace into one great confession of your name. —*Amen*



### **PARISH OFFICE.**

14 Beacon Street. Greenfield, MA 01301

**HOURS:** Monday-Friday: 9 am - 3 pm

413.773.3311 | 413.774.2884  
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pastor@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org | x103

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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,

*Come Holy Spirit! Fill the Hearts of Your Faithful  
and kindle in them the Fire of Your Love!*

Today we celebrate the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the flame of divine love that sparked the birth of the Church! After fifty days since the Resurrection of the Lord, the fulfillment of His Promise is the gift of the Holy Spirit. "I am with you always, even unto the end of days".



Pentecost, which in Greek means "the fiftieth day", is the point on which we mark our new beginning as the People of God. Once wanderers and scattered, we are now united by the Spirit of unity and communion in Christ. We have gained a share in His very Spirit and are invited everyday to make ourselves evermore the living witnesses of the Person of Christ, Body and Soul.

As the season of rejoicing in the Resurrection and Ascension of Lord draws to a close, we must inaugurate a new season of evangelization and witness. For fifty days, you and I have been encouraged by the mystery of Christ's victory over death. Now, we must share that news.

I write to you in much earnestness now. Please receive this not as a written homily, one among many, but a call to action. May this realization of our share in the Spirit of God be a charge we do not take lightly. We, the individual members of the Body of Christ. We, the people living in these our times and upon these streets of Greenfield. We, each and every one.

Please receive this invitation to proclaim Christ crucified, Christ risen, as a personal charge. We, the Church and the world, need you to bear authentic and joyful witness to Christ. Please, let His Spirit animate your life, your words, your witness.

Pray with me: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Let us be the faithful. Let us be kindled.

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

**Fr. Pierz**



## Happy Memorial Day!

**LET US ASK GOD TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED IN THE  
SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY.**

Memorial Day recognizes the sacrifice of those who died on the battlefield. It mourns the loss of these men and women, as well as the sad reality of violence and war. Here is a short prayer that asks God to "**banish violence**" and to remember those who have fallen.

*God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride.  
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,  
that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.  
Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom  
and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord..—Amen*

—from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*



# 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.

### PRAYER CHAINS.

Please contact us with your petition.

Our Parish Prayer Chains are available to all.

Andrea Lapointe / Parish Office at 773.3311

Marie Boynton 775.3633 | [memeboynton@comcast.net](mailto:memeboynton@comcast.net)



### WHY IS THE HOLY SPIRIT REPRESENTED BY A DOVE? Doves are found throughout the Bible, from



Noah's Ark to the baptism of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is specifically mentioned as coming in the form of a dove. By the time of the New Testament, doves were already very much associated with God and specifically his Spirit. Early Christians readily accepted this imagery and soon after began depicting the Holy Spirit almost exclusively as a dove.

The dove, with its pure white feathers, calls to mind the purity of God, and its swift flight in the air reminds us of the many movements of the Holy Spirit in our soul. It is a beautiful image, one that has lasted throughout the centuries.

([Aleteia.com](http://Aleteia.com))

*Dove of Holy Spirit and Virgin, Civic Art Gallery of Recanati, Marche, Italy*



# OUR FAITH.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY.

This weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.



### *Timing and Origins.*

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and Resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his Ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter. The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word "pentecoste," meaning 50th. There is a parallel Jewish holiday, Shavu'ot, which falls 50 days after Passover.

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach

the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

***Celebrating Many Firsts.*** Pentecost is considered **the birthday of the Church** - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new, first-time believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

### ***Vestments and Customs Around the World.***

Typically, priests will wear red vestments on Pentecost, symbolic of the burning fire of God's love and the tongues of fire that descended on the apostles.

However, in some parts of the world, Pentecost is also referred to as "WhitSunday", or White Sunday, referring to the white vestments that are typically worn in Britain and Ireland. The white is symbolic of the dove of the Holy Spirit, and typical of the vestments that catechumens desiring baptism wear on that day.

An Italian Pentecost tradition is to scatter rose leaves from the ceiling of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues, and so in some places in Italy, Pentecost is sometimes called Pascha Rosatum (Easter roses).

In France, it is tradition to blow trumpets during Mass to recall the sound of the driving wind of the Holy Spirit.

In Asia, it is typical to have an extra service, called genuflection, during which long poems and prayers are recited. In Russia, Mass goers often carry flowers or green branches during Pentecost services.

***Novena.*** The timing of these feasts is also where Catholics get the concept of the Novena - nine days of prayer - because in Acts 1, Mary and the Apostles prayed together "continuously" for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost. Traditionally, **the Church prays the Novena** to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost. (CatholicNewsAgency.com)

# OUR PARISH.



## Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 27 — MONSIGNOR YARDEAU

4:00 BSC RICK DUFRANE — by Doug & Joanne Brown

SUNDAY, May 28 — VOCATIONS

8:00 HTC GUY & ALICE BEAUDET — by the Family  
9:30 HTC DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — by KoC Council #133  
11:00 BSC THADDEUS & STEPHIE KROL — by the Family

MONDAY, May 29 — FATHER O'CONNOR

8:30 BSC FOR ALL THOSE BURIED IN CALVARY CEMETERY

TUESDAY, May 30 — DEACON DECARLO

8:30 BSC DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCCARTHY FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, May 31 — OUR RETIRED CLERGY

12:05 HTC JANET SIVIK 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY — by Barbara Clapp  
6:00 PAC DENNIS ROUX — by Jane Fay

THURSDAY, June 1 — BISHOP MCDONNELL, FATHER AUFIERO, FATHER PIERZ

8:30 HTC RAYMOND PYDYCH — by his wife & children

FIRST FRIDAY, June 2 — FATHER PIERZ

8:30 HTC MEMBERS OF THE GROGAN & MEYER FAMILIES LIVING & DECEASED — by Jim & Joanne

FIRST SATURDAY, June 3 — FATHER DIMASCOLA

8:00 BSC GIFT OF FAITH LENNIE TILTON — by Laurie  
4:00 BSC DECEASED MEMBERS OF 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



## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2023

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

FRANCIS YESTRAMSKI

## MAY 21—JUNE 3

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

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

1. Jim Hannigan — from Alec & Mary Anne Duda
2. Deceased members of the Foley Family
3. Marion Haufler — Virginia Vielmetti
4. Patricia Duffey Earley — from Robert Earley

**HTC 7-DAY CANDLE:** Raymond Pydych — from his wife and children.

*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*



## WEEKEND OF MAY 14, 2023

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

Weekly Collection: \$5743

Fuel/Energy Collection: \$355

Maintenance Collection: \$320

*"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!



Come,  
Holy  
Spirit,  
fill our  
hearts!

## COME AND CELEBRATE

Ritual Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday June 3rd

1pm at our Holy Trinity Church

# 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.

## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEALS:**

Thursday from 5-6pm on

June 8—Kathy Tomaus

June 22—Norma Patten

*Take out only at our Holy Trinity Church*

*For more info, contact Kathy Melnik at 773.3311*



## **FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY THE LORD WOULD BE FULFILLED."

May 31st

## **AND THE WINNERS ARE...**

The Rosary Society's Tag Sale Raffle Winners:

|                   |                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Kathy Higbee      | \$25 Kohl's/ \$25 Stop & Shop |
| Elaine Dean       | \$50 Terrezza's Restaurant    |
| Mike Conway       | \$25 Applebee's Restaurant    |
| Marilyn Hannan    | \$50 Foster's Grocery Store   |
| Ron Pederzini     | \$25 Stop & Shop              |
| Haylee Letourneau | \$25 Applebee's Rest.         |
| Tracy Saharcski   | \$75 Champney's Restaurant    |
| Deb Loomis        | \$25 Mill River Farm Stand    |
| Amy Kostanski     | \$25 Denny's Pantry           |
| Tess Leete        | Lottery Ticket bouquet        |
| Karen Savage      | \$100 Blue Heron Restaurant   |
| Paula Brzezinski  | \$25 Big Y                    |
| Bette Webber      | \$25 Bittersweet Bakery       |
| Audrey LaBonte    | Large Lottery tickets wreath  |

*Thank you for your support!*

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



During the Month of May, please join us to pray a daily Rosary at 7pm in honor of our Mother Mary in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel

### **Monday May 29**

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

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

7:00 pm Daily Rosary IHO our Mother Mary (PAC)

### **Tuesday May 30**

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

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

7:00 pm Daily Rosary IHO our Mother Mary (PAC)

### **Wednesday May 31**

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.)

7:00 pm Daily Rosary IHO our Mother Mary (PAC)

### **Thursday June 1**

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

### **Friday June 2**

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

### **Saturday June 3**

8:00 am First Saturday Mass (BSC)

2:30 pm—3:30 pm Confession (BSC)

1:00 pm Parish Confirmation (HTC)

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

### **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.)

## **SUNDAY JUNE 4TH**

### **FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Blessed Trinity Parish is celebrating 155 years since the laying of the cornerstone of our Holy Trinity Church.





# OUR YOUTH.

## BREAD OF LIFE YOUTH PROGRAM.

"We've been running the Bread of Life meal since 2005" according to Deacon John Leary when asked to explain this program recently. This program is run by our Blessed Trinity Parish youth and is based on the **Take and Eat program** ([takeandeat.org](http://takeandeat.org)) that was founded in 2003 by Rev. Mr. Francis Ryan, Ed.D and his wife Kathleen. It's a Non-Profit organization to recruit, train and empowers volunteers in various faith-based community organizations to prepare and deliver, free of charge, hot meals to the home-bound elderly on weekends and 3-day holidays. The government funded Meals-on-Wheels Program only provides meals to seniors from Monday through Friday. On weekends and holidays these elders in need for the most part, have no access to a nutritious meal and in many instances have no contact with another human being.



The Take and Eat program works from three basic assumptions:

1. That most churches and congregations have a functioning kitchen that is probably underutilized.
2. That there are elder citizens who receive Meals-on-Wheels in the Church's immediate area.
3. That the members of the faith community want to "put shoes on the Scripture Message" and seize the opportunity to help those in need.

"We can remember our first meal. We had more volunteers than we had meal recipients! We grew the local meal to include 3 additional organizations—The Knights of Columbus, Saint James and Saint Andrew Episcopal Church, and Second Congregational Church—so that the elderly and shut ins received a meal every weekend. Over the years we transitioned to asking our confirmation classes and parents to be responsible for the meals and it's called **"Bread of Life"**. At the height of the success of the meal we were responsible for preparing, cooking and delivering over 150 meals each week to home-bound elders and shut-ins. However, because of the COVID-19 crisis we transitioned away from a home delivered meal to a grocery giveaway program located at Beacon Field. That grocery giveaway program then transitioned into what is our **Parish Food Pantry** today. We've had so many wonderful volunteers over the years step-up and help "put shoes on the Gospel." We couldn't have done it without all of them." - Deacon John & Donna Leary

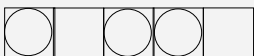
**Take and Eat, Inc.** is a Non-Profit 501(c)3 Corporation and a Member Services Agency of the Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Springfield, MA. It is also funded in part by the following organizations: Amica Foundation, Sacred Heart Friends of St. Vincent de Paul - Pittsfield, MA, Valley Gives and various other individual donors. All donations are tax deductible.

## Blessed Trinity Jumble

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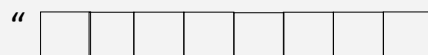
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Aflame with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles began to preach to peoples of all languages, gifted with...



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## Blessed Trinity Jumble

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle:

PRAY—

NINE—

DEVOTED



St. Mary and the Apostles prayed in anticipation for nine days between the Ascension of the Lord and the Descent of the Holy Spirit, and so offered the first .....

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# OUR REGION.

21ST ANNUAL DIOCESAN WIDE



## EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY PROCESSION

**Sunday, June 4, 2023**  
2:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. *rain or shine*

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Church**  
99 King Street, Northampton, MA

- TALK & CONFESSIONS
- ROSARY PROCESSION  
(transportation available for those unable to walk)
- CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
- ADORATION & BENEDICTION
- RECEPTION  
(at tent on church grounds)



**Our Lady of Kibeho**  
Pray for us!

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Rev. Valentine Nworah**  
"Our Lady of Kibeho:  
The Queen of Seven Sorrows"  
An urgent message for our time!



**Father Onyekachukwu Valentine Nworah** (Fr. Val) was born in the Eastern part of Nigeria to a family with six children. He received a Diploma in Mass Communication in Nigeria; a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from St. Joseph Mukasa Institute of Philosophy, Yaounde-Cameroon; a Certification in Religious Studies from Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan; and a Master's Degree in Divinity from St. John's Seminary, Brighton-Massachusetts. On August 15, 2020, he was ordained a Catholic Priest for the Diocese of Springfield. He currently serves as the Chaplain and Parochial Vicar at the Newman Center and St. Brigid's Parish both in Amherst, MA and as Chaplain for the Newman Catholic Club at Smith College in Northampton, MA.

More information call: George or Brenda D'Astous at 413-221-4372  
[www.eucharisticprocessionnorthampton.com](http://www.eucharisticprocessionnorthampton.com)

## CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP

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



# TOTUS TUUS



Vermont's Largest Catholic Summer Program!

**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)

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## MAY 29TH—FEAST DAY OF MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



*When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.*

The Gospel According to St. John 19:26-27



# OUR HERITAGE.

## STAINED GLASS: PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother and the timing is right as we explore the final window in the Chapel depicting three more Madonnas.



As you step into the chapel you'll see a set of three windows on your right. The window panel closest to the door is our focus today where you'll find the three Madonnas.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe.** Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego at dawn Dec. 9, 1531, on Tepeyac Hill, in what is now northern Mexico City. She appeared to him twice more. The last time, on Dec. 12, the Virgin bundled flowers into his cloak, known as a 'tilma'. Although it was winter and nothing should have been in bloom, he found an abundance of flowers of a type he had never seen before. When Juan Diego presented the tilma of exotic flowers to Zumárraga (the first Bishop of Mexico), the flowers fell out and he recognized them as Castilian roses, which are not found in Mexico.

What was even more significant, however, was that **the cloak had been miraculously imprinted with a colorful image of the Virgin herself.** This cloak is enshrined in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

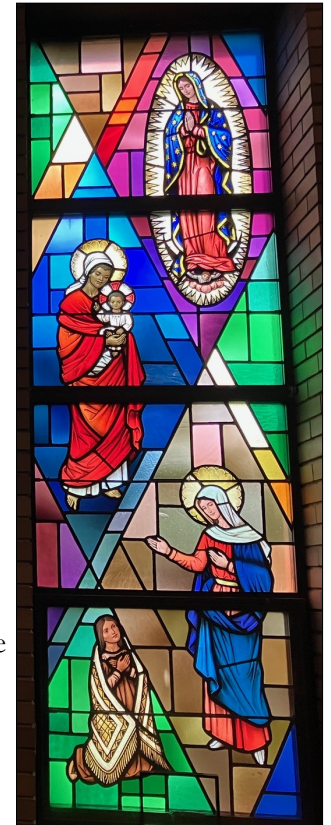


**Our Lady of Africa.** Also known as the Black Madonna, Our Lady of Africa is a Catholic title for the Blessed Virgin Mary depicted as a Black woman. One famous statue is located at Notre-Dame d'Afrique in Algiers, Algeria. Found in hundreds of Catholic churches across Europe and Latin America, the Black Madonna has dark skin, and remains one of the most mysterious religious icons. She has a complex history and many possible meanings. She is not clothed in a blue robe, but rather in red signifying **love, passion, and devotion**—all traits connected with motherhood and exemplified by Mary's presence at the Crucifixion. Mary is willing to **sacrifice her life** for her son. This act of devotion makes her a perfect role model for mothers everywhere.



**Our Lady with St. Kateri Tekakwitha.** (Lily of the Mohawks) Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is the **patron saint of ecology, Indigenous Peoples, and care for creation.** She often went to the woods alone to speak to God and listen to Him in her heart and in the voice of nature. St. Kateri is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. Born in 1656, in a Mohawk village she contracted smallpox as a child which scarred her skin, resulting in a source of humiliation for her and was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Her Algonquin mother, a prayerful Catholic shared stories of faith to her in her early childhood. These remained impressed on her mind and heart and were to shape the direction to her life's destiny. Tragically her entire family died during the outbreak and she was raised by her uncle, the chief of a Mohawk village. When she was 18, a Jesuit missionary came to the village and she was fascinated by the stories he told about Jesus. She yearned to learn more. At the age of 19 she converted to Catholicism. Although unable to read and write, Kateri led a life of prayer and penitential practices. She taught the young and helped those in the village who were poor or sick. People referred to her as the **"Holy Woman."** Kateri spoke words of kindness to everyone she encountered. However, because of her devotion, she was seen as an outcast in her village. She was given extra work, at times denied food, suffered bullying and neighbors started rumors of sorcery. She was threatened by some with torture or death if she did not renounce her religion. With increasing hostility and her deep desire to be free to devote her life

completely to Jesus, in 1677, Kateri left her village and traveled more than 200 miles through woods and rivers to the Catholic mission of St. Francis Xavier near Montreal. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. Sadly, in 1680 just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at the age of 24. (*Online sources include: NCRonline.org, Kateri.org, Vaticannews.va*)



**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.*



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## SUMMER BOOK READS.

### Blessed Are the Bored in Spirit—A Young Catholic's Search for Meaning by Mark Hart

Too many young Catholics experience their faith as Mark Hart did: They rarely miss Mass even if they don't understand it; they have a Bible even if they never read it; they go to confession even if they aren't particularly repentant. Is that your experience of Catholicism? Is yours a faith of Thou Shalt Nots? If so, forget about a dreary life of mindless obedience to rules you don't understand. It's time to enter into the transforming light of your Creator who invites you to live from the still center of his undying love.

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## THE HOLY SEE FLAG.

You may have noticed recently that this flag was installed throughout Blessed Trinity Parish, but what is its Significance?

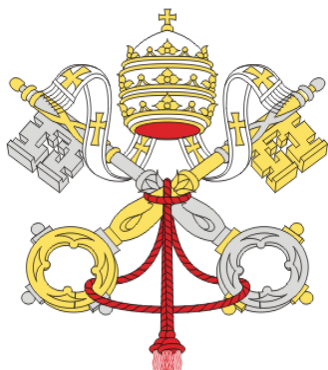
The Holy See flag has been in formal existence since the founding of the Vatican City state in 1929, although elements of it existed before this.

The **Holy See** is the entity that governs both the actual territory of **Vatican** City and the entirety of Roman Catholicism around the world. This flag, also known as the Vatican flag) has existed in several forms throughout the history of the Catholic church. **In 1849**

Pope Pius IX ordered the yellow and white to be oriented vertically and the Vatican coat of arms was added. The Vatican has been an independent state since 1929, when the current flag was adopted.

**Colors.** The Holy See flag is a vertical bicolor of “gold” and “silver” bands. The gold (yellow) symbolizes **Heavenly power** while the silver (white) **represents Earthly power**. Centered in the white band is the Papal Coat of Arms.

**The Papal Coat of Arms.** The two keys on the Papal Coat of Arms – one golden (Heavenly power) and one silver (Earthly power) - represent the keys that Jesus gave to Saint Peter, a disciple of Jesus and who became the first Pope. **The red string** that connects these two keys is a symbol of interconnection between these two powers.



In western paintings and sculptures, Peter is always depicted with the keys. According to the Gospel of Matthew 16:19, Jesus said to St. Peter, **“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.”** Above the keys is the Papal Tiara which has been worn by Popes from the 8th Century up until Pope Paul VI in 1963.

The flag is displayed in many Catholic Churches around the world. Often when walking through Rome you can recognize an embassy to the Vatican with the Vatican flag on display. The Vatican flag was even taken to the moon on Apollo 11. That flag is now on display in the Vatican Museum alongside some moon rocks. (Online sources: [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va), [VaticanTips.com](http://VaticanTips.com), [CatholicCompany.com](http://CatholicCompany.com))