

Blessed Trinity Parish

Roman Catholic Church

Greenfield, Massachusetts

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 15, 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

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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!

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

May Your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us
and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. - *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

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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413.774.6010 *Pregnancy Tests, Counseling, Support, Post Abortion Support*

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Thoughts from the Pastor's Desk ...

Dear friends of Blessed Trinity,

*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.*

Since today happens to be Sunday, liturgically we celebrate the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, but when October 15th falls on a day other than Sunday, we would be reveling in the Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, also known as, St. Teresa of Ávila. Her quote above speaks to the great trust we are each invited to live and share in God alone.

With spiritual tranquility, founded on abiding trust, you and I can accomplish great things. Rather it is not you and I who achieve the greatness but God at work in us. *Whoever has God lacks nothing.*

This month, dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary and enriched by many saints, invites us to ponder the great work of God active in our midst. St. Mary draws our hearts and minds to the contemplation of the life of Christ in joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mystery. St. Teresa reminds us to raise our thoughts and affects to *God who never changes*. The saints, and Jesus Himself, teach us that life in God is an invitation open to all. You and I are invited to the great wedding feast of the Lord: Let us respond with willingness and attention!

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

PS. This week I will be at the diocesan convocation with brother priests from across our diocese and Bishop Byrne. Please pray for us as we work together with Christ the High Priest for the proclamation of His Gospel and salvation of souls.

IT IS NOT HARD TO OBEY
WHEN WE LOVE THE ONE WHOM WE OBEY

-Saint Ignatius

OUR UPCOMING PASTORAL COMMISSION MEETINGS.

OCT 16TH— PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: Meets 3rd Monday @ 7:00 pm. *Do you know of a parishioner who would like a visit or to receive the sacraments?* Contact comfort@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org or call 413-773-3311.

OCT 23RD— ST. DISMAS JAIL MINISTRY: Meets 4th Monday @ 6:00 pm in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

NOV 1ST— WORSHIP COMMISSION: *All matters pertaining to Liturgy and worship.* Meets 1st Wednesday @ 4:30 pm in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

NOV 2ND — BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE COMMISSION: *Preservation and improvements of our parish buildings & grounds.* Meets 1st Thursday @ 6:00 pm in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

NOV 9TH — FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION: *Catholic education programs and events for Youth and Adults.* Meets 2nd Thursday @ 6:00 pm in our Pastoral Center Conf. Rm.

NOV 13TH — PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS, POOR, & HUNGRY: *Serving people and families experiencing hardship.* Meets 2nd Monday @ 6:00 pm in our Pastoral Center Conf. Rm.

As the priests of our diocese prepare for their convocation, we ask that you offer this prayer in spiritual unison with these dedicated men who have given their lives in service to the Church.

CONVOCATION PRAYER FOR PRIEST

Heavenly Father,

You are the source of all wisdom and understanding.

Be with our bishop, our parish priests and all the priests

of the Diocese of Springfield

as together they seek to deepen their knowledge and love of you,

their fraternity with one another,

and their dedication to the ministry You have entrusted to them.

Guide our priests during their convocation so that,

as instruments of your divine grace,

they may be configured more deeply

to the image of Jesus Christ, our High Priest,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

God, forever and ever. Amen

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.

OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY.

We can all use the graces that come from this traditional prayer to the Virgin Mary. Every **October**, we dedicate the month to the **Most Holy Rosary**.

As worries abound related to the changing times, political landscape, floods and destruction, fires in both forests and streets, and surreal social changes, **we are blessed to have a gift from heaven** that is a literal life-saver — the Rosary. We have the answer to everything that causes us pain and anxiety, in our own hands. As we clutch the Rosary beads and pray—it's as though we hold our mother Mary's hands. (*aleteia.org*)

ROSARY CHALLENGE. Let's not let one day go by without a Rosary said for peace in our hearts, our homes, and our country to honor the Rosary and rely on it as a way to save the world and our own lives, too.

You are invited to **pray the Rosary** with fellow Blessed Trinity Parish parishioners **each Sunday in October** outside of our **Holy Trinity Church on Main Street**. We will meet in front of the statue of Mary from **12-12:30pm**. *For those of you who are unable to stand, please bring a chair if you like or you can join us by sitting in your cars.*

In addition, **during the month of October**, you can also pray the Rosary daily at our **Perpetual Adoration Chapel** on Federal St., each evening at **7:00 pm**. Let's join together this October as we dedicate this month to the Most Holy Rosary.

All are welcome. We doubled our group last week outside on a beautiful October afternoon. Please join us this Sunday!



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OUR PARISH.

Welcome!

*New Parishioners & Guests.
Thank you for joining us today.
We are so glad you are here!*

We are eager to meet you & invite you to learn more about our parish and register at the Parish Office. We hope that you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, and your talents. New to the Catholic faith? We look forward to getting to know you in prayer & service.



ANNUAL FALL TAG: SALE NOV 3 & 4.

Blessed Trinity Rosary Society
will be hosting the

**Annual Fall Tag & Rummage
& Book & Raffle & Bake Sale!**



DONATIONS NEEDED: Looking for donations of clean, collectable items in good condition and gently used. (NO electrical appliances, magazines, toys, or unclean books will be accepted). *Baked goods will be accepted Wed. 11/1 and Thu. 1/2 from 1-5 pm.*

Donation Drop Off Times at Father Casey Hall:

Mon Oct 30th 11am-5pm

Tues Oct 31st 11am-6pm

Wed Nov 1st 10am-5pm

NO ITEMS ACCEPTED AFTER November 1st!

TAG SALE HOURS: NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE!

Fri. Nov 3rd 9am-2pm

Sat. Nov 4th 8am-1pm (12pm-1pm Brown Bag Sale)

Please call Marcy at 413.772.6983 if you have questions.

WEEKEND OF OCT 1, 2023

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

Weekly Collection: \$5110

Fuel/Energy Collection: \$185

Maintenance Collection: \$55

Online Giving: \$755

*"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!

*I need nothing but God, and to lose myself
in the heart of God.*

Margaret Mary Alacoque - QUOTESTATS.COM

DONATIONS REQUESTED.

Our *St. Dismas* Jail Ministry provides Bibles, spiritual reading, and a *Magnificat Daily Devotional* for each inmate.



Contributions can be made out to:

Blessed Trinity Parish and labeled *Jail Ministry.*

Thank you!



PRAYER CHAINS. Please contact us with your petition. Our Parish Prayer Chains are available to all.
Andrea Lapointe: 774-5356

Marie Boynton: 775.3633 memeboynton@comcast.net

OCTOBER: FOOD PANTRY NEEDS.

Next time you are in the grocery store this month, why not pick up some extra items for our Food Pantry. **Individual pre-packaged snack items** are in high demand now that kids are back in school. Items such as granola bars, cookies, chips, trail mix, pop tarts, crackers, gold fish, pretzels, and popcorn are all welcome. Please drop them off at the parish office or bring to Mass and leave inside the door. *Thank you!*



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OUR PARISH.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, October 14 — FATHER ROACH

4:00 BSC SAINT CALLISTUS I, POPE & MARTYR; BVM
RICK DUFRANE — by Greg & Deb Isles

SUNDAY, October 15 — FATHER LISOWSKI

8:00 HTC SHARON KINGSLEY — by her Husband, Carl

9:30 HTC HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY — by Laurie Tilton

11:00 BSC MARGARET & SIMON FOLEY — by the Family

MONDAY, October 16 — CLERGY IN PURGATORY

8:30 BSC SAINT HEDWIG, RELIGIOUS; SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN
FRANCIS J. YESTRAMSKI "SEMPER FI" — by Gerald J. Baranoski

TUESDAY, October 17 — DEACON LEARY

8:30 BSC SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP & MARTYR
MARTIN LEO & FRANCES B. COYNE

WEDNESDAY, October 18 — DEACON PATTEN

12:05 HTC SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST
SPECIAL INTENTION FOR BRIAN RILEY — by Mary Fleury
6:00 PAC VIRGINIA PAGE — by the Family

THURSDAY, October 19 — FATHER AKSAMIT

8:30 HTC SAINTS JOHN DE BREBEUF & ISSAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYR
SUSAN MARIE VITALE — by Mom

FRIDAY, October 20 — CLERGY WHO ARE SICK

8:30 HTC SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS
KATHLEEN WILES & RUTH GRIGAT — by the Family

SATURDAY, October 21 — FATHER O'CONNOR

4:00 BSC MATTHEW KOSTANSKI — by Britny, George, & Children

SUNDAY, October 22 — DEACON NOLAN

8:00 HTC AL DUBOIS — by the Family
9:30 HTC STACIA & LOUIS DEMEO — by his Daughter, Lisa
11:00 BSC BARBARA MOST — by Jackie Jurewicz

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEALS:

4th Thursday from 5-6pm on
October 26

Take out only at our Holy Trinity Church
For more info, contact Kathy Melnik at 773.3311

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 15, 2023

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

Sophie H. Fritz

OCT 8 - OCT 21



BSC SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning for:
Bobby Sans - by Anonymous

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES will burn in
memory/honor of:

1. Souls in Purgatory — by Mary Frances
2. Health & Blessings for Father Matthew Roehrig — by Claire Heath
3. Special Intention — by Anonymous
4. Patricia Duffey Earley — from Robert Earley

HTC 7-DAY CANDLE: The Rinaldi Family —
by the Tuturice Family

*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*

INFERTILITY SUPPORT NIGHT

Please join Young And Catholic - Saturday October 14th
7:00pm in our Pastoral Center for a night of resources and
support for couples bearing the cross of infertility.

Light refreshments provided.

BLESSED TRINITY PARISH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Adoration Chapel - Adoration Hours Available
Community Meals - Baked Goods | Meal Volunteers
Pastoral Ministry to the Sick & Homebound -
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion |
Visitors | Card Ministry
Blessed Solanus Casey Food Pantry - Stocking
| Pantry Hour Coverage | Greeting
St. Dismas Jail Ministry
Greeters & Ushers - all Masses
If interested please contact the Parish Office, 413-773-3311



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OUR PARISH.

LOCAL: GRAB & GO-ROAST PORK DINNER: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 – OUR LADY OF PEACE.

No need to cook! Curbside service 3-5 pm in front of church on 7th St., Turners Falls. **Reservations Required.** Full dinner menu includes Roast Pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, winter squash, applesauce, rolls, and spice cake. \$15/ meal. **Call 863.5397 to make reservations by Mon., October 16.**

Updated as of 10/06/23 for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Our Diocese is at 84.5 % of the \$3,000,000 goal.

Blessed Trinity Parish numbers are:

Donors: 207
Cash Gifts: \$43,594
Pledges: \$33,980
Total to Date: \$79,543

ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
APPEAL 

Please consider making your donation today.

Contact: 413-452-0670 or
email aca@diospringfield.org



**“Could You Not keep
Watch for One Hour?”**

Blessed Trinity Parish Perpetual Adoration Chapel is in real need of more adorers.

Since 1994, parishioners from Franklin County and beyond have sat in sacred silence, in adoration of Jesus Christ. They willingly share their deepest joys and sorrows, offer prayers, and seek divine revelation with Him. The chapel is one of only a few in the Western MA region that is open 24 hours, 7 days a week with one or two scheduled adorers present. The chapel is open & accessible to anyone.

If your schedule is tight, many adorers share their hour every other week. Another option is to become a substitute to fill in for someone when they cannot fulfill their own hour. (The original plan was scheduling two adorers at a time, especially at night, for health/safety reasons.)

If you are interested in spending one hour with our Lord, by yourself or with a loved one, spouse, son/daughter, or close friend, please contact the Parish Office at 413.773.3311 to schedule your time of weekly adoration.

THIS WEEK AT BLESSED TRINITY PARISH



Saturday Oct 14

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)
7:00 pm Infertility Support Night - Pastoral Center
Sunday Oct 15

8:00 am Mass (HTC) Confession: 30-mins beforehand
9:30 am Mass (HTC) Confession: 30-mins beforehand
11:00 am Mass (BSC) Confession: 30 minutes beforehand (Note: Priest availability can be limited with 9:30 am Mass at HTC.)
12:00 pm Outdoor Rosary (HTC)
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Monday Oct 16

8:30 am Mass (BSC)
6:00 pm Roses for Mary Prayer Group -PAC each Mon.
7:00 pm Past. Ministry to the Sick & Homebound - Pastoral Center Conference Room
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Tuesday Oct 17

8:30 am Mass (BSC)
6:00 pm OCIA - Pastoral Ctr.
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Wednesday Oct 18

11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)
12:05 pm Mass (HTC)
5-5:45 pm Confession (PAC)
6:00 pm Mass (PAC)
7:00 pm Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying-(PAC)
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Thursday Oct 19

8:30 am Mass (HTC)
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus - Past. Ctr. Conference Room
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Friday Oct 20

8:30 am Mass (HTC)
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Saturday Oct 21

2:30 pm—3:30 pm Confession (BSC)
4:00 pm Mass (BSC)
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)

Sunday Oct 22

8:00 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.)
12:00 pm Outdoor Rosary (HTC)
7:00 pm Daily Rosary (PAC)



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OUR YOUTH.

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OCTOBER RELIGIOUS ED. SCHEDULE:

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

- Oct 14 (Sat.)** *Walk to Confirmation* – So. Deerfield
- Oct 15** All Classes - Confirmation class attends
Bread of Life in lieu of class
- Oct 22** All Classes
- Oct 29*** **A Walk through the Mass (class) w/
Fr. Pierz in our Blessed Sacrament
Church. *No coffee hour-Parents
attend class with their children.**

Religious Education classes held in the Pastoral Center.

All classes grades Kindergarten through Confirmation
will take place from 9:45-10:45 am.

Parent Conversation & Coffee Hour

Please join us each week while your students are enjoying
their Religious Ed. class.

Sundays 9:45-10:45am* Pastoral Center

Meet other parents. | Ask questions | Talk. Laugh. Learn.

Coffee & Tea | Pastries

***No Coffee Hour Oct. 29th-Parents to attend Family
Faith class with their children.**

What is Bread of Life? *By Deacon John Leary*

“We started this ministry in 2005 after hearing of a similar program called *Take and Eat* started in the Berkshire’s. Essentially it’s Meals on Wheels on the weekend. Many know about the Federal Government’s Meals on Wheels program, assuring a hot meal everyday during the week.

But what about the weekend? More importantly, what about that knock on the door, especially during 3 day holiday weekends?

We contacted the local Meals on Wheels program back in 2005 and asked them to add a postcard to their meal delivery describing our meal on the weekend. Our first meal was for 14 recipients and we had over 20 volunteers!!

Shortly after the start of our program we contacted other local churches to see if they’d be interested in taking a weekend during the month. I was privileged to preach at the Second Congregational Church and Saint James Church. The local Knights of Columbus picked up the other weekend of the month and we were off and running.

By the time COVID hit, we had delivered well over 100,000 meals. During COVID we transformed the program into a drive-up grocery giveaway every weekend, and since the end of the pandemic, we now have a beautiful Pantry that is actively and joyfully giving away over 10,000 pounds of food each month.

We restarted the Bread of Life meal back in 2022, and now deliver homemade hot meals to elders and shut ins in Franklin County.

We have always fit this important Corporal work of Mercy into the class schedule so that instead of class on the 3rd Sundays of the month, you help with Bread of Life. This is an excellent program for our Confirmation classes and their parents to help prepare, cook, and deliver meals once a month.”



**Bread of
Life** meets
the **third
Sunday**
each
month.

Meets this
month on
Oct. 22nd.



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OUR YOUTH.

The Faith of 3 Children—the Fatima Miracle.

On May 13, 1917, three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco, witnessed a beautiful lady who asked them to come back to the same little valley on the 13th of the month for the next six months.

The story begins in the village of Fátima, Portugal, on May 13, 1917.

On that day, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three peasant children while tending their family's sheep: Francisco (9), Jacinta (7), and Lucia (10). When "a Lady all in white, more brilliant than the sun... indescribably beautiful," standing above a bush, appeared to the youngsters.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, appeared six times to three shepherd children from May through October 1917, on the 13th day of each month. News of these apparitions began to spread throughout the region. The children recounted that The Lady told them that God had sent her with a message for every man, woman, and child living in the century. She promised that God would grant peace to the entire world if Her requests for prayer, reparation, and consecration were heard and obeyed. While many people believed the children, many others discounted their story, and ridiculed them. When it became known the Lady would visit the children for the last time on October 13, 1917, and had promised a sign that would convince the world she had appeared, thousands of pilgrims – believers and nonbelievers made plans to attend.

In spite of several days of torrential rains nearly 70,000 people journeyed through the rain and mud to witness the predicted apparition. Many who came were unbelievers whose sole intent was to discredit their stories. Suddenly the "clouds separated... and the sun appeared between them in the clear blue, like a disk of white fire." The people could look at the sun without blinking and while they gazed upward, the huge ball began to "dance". The huge fireball whirled rapidly with dizzy and sickening speed, flinging out all sorts of brilliant colors that reflected on the faces of the crowds. The fiery ball continued to spiral in this manner three times, then seemed to tremble and shudder, and plunge in a mighty zigzag course toward the earth. The crowd was terrified, fearing this was the end of the world.

However, the sun reversed course and, retracing its zigzagging course, returned to its normal place in the heavens. All of this transpired in approximately ten minutes. After realizing they were not doomed, the crowd began ecstatically laughing, crying, shouting, and weeping. Many discovered their previously drenched clothing to be perfectly dry. This became to be known as "The Miracle of the Sun."

The Secret - 3 Parts. The heart of Our Lady's message to the children and the world became known as the "Secret" that consists of three parts:

Part 1. The first part of the "Secret" was a frightening vision of hell, "where the souls of poor sinners go," and contained an urgent plea from Our Lady for acts of prayer and sacrifice to save souls, with particular emphasis on praying of the Rosary and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Part 2. The second part of the "Secret" specifically predicted the outbreak of World War II and contained the damage that Russia would do to humanity by abandoning the Christian faith and embracing Communists' totalitarianism.

Part 3. Part three wasn't revealed until 2000 and it was in the possession of the Holy See since 1957. Before it was revealed, speculation was that this portion of the Secret concerned chaos in the Catholic Church, predicting widespread loss of faith beginning in the 1970's. When it was revealed in 2000, it contained a vision of great suffering endured by the faithful in the last century of the second millennium (from 1900- 2000). Sister Lucia confirmed that in the vision "the Bishop clothed in white," who prays for all the faithful, is the Pope. As he makes his way with great difficulty towards the Cross amid the corpses of those who were martyred (bishops, priests, men, and women religious and many lay people), he too falls to the ground, apparently dead, under a hail of gunfire. It is possible that the vision predicted the 1981 attack on Pope John Paul II's life. (The Pope has always credited the Virgin for his survival.) Or it may be a portrayal of the Church's continued struggle against anti-Christian movements.

In all Her appearances at Fátima, the Blessed Mother repeatedly emphasized the necessity of praying the Rosary daily, of wearing the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel, and of performing acts of reparation and sacrifice. She also asked that the Faithful practice a new devotion of reparation on the first Saturday of five consecutive months. (stcdio.org, Aleteia.org)



Jacinto & Francisco and Lucia in 1917



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OUR REGION.



PRESENTATION & WORKSHOP

SAT, OCTOBER 28

9A-12:30P

**DONNA-MARIE
COOPER O'BOYLE**

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SAMASAWR HJXAWEA:

"CAPO CLHCAS"

Clue: C equals H

Did you know?

In 1917 over the course of six visits in Fátima, by the Blessed Virgin Mary, three shepherd children-Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta - were taught five prayers by Mary and an angel. She appeared to them on the 13th of each month starting in May with the final apparition taking place in October.

In this series of apparitions, Mary identified herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary." She urged the three children to **pray the Rosary** every day for peace in the world (World War I was raging at the time) and to make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners.

As we observe October as the **Month of the Most Holy Rosary** let us remember those prayers taught to the children at Fátima. Here are two that are simple in structure and profound in depth.

Decade Prayer. Our Lady asked that the following prayer be inserted after each decade of the Rosary:

**O my Jesus, forgive us our sins;
save us from the fires of hell;
lead all souls into Heaven, especially those
who are in most need of thy mercy.**

Sacrifice Prayer. Our Lady taught the children a prayer to be said when they would have something to offer up to God... such as some suffering, or an act contrary to what they wanted to do but which was necessary in order to please God.

**O my Jesus, it is for love of You,
in reparation for the offenses committed
against the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
and for the conversion of poor sinners.**

(Goodcatholic.com)

Blessed Trinity **Jumble**

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

SENT - OUT - ASSIST - BIBLE - PROCLAIM

Jesus makes us capable to spread the Gospel and share in the work of our salvation. What would a movie title be for such a task?

"MISSION POSSIBLE"



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AND MORE.

7 Reasons You Need to Pray a Daily Rosary.

1. The devil is real and relentless. He wants nothing more than to see us fall back into sin and break our relationship with God. We have a powerful advocate, one that Satan fears above all others: Mary. She has dominion over Satan and he flees when she stands beside her faithful servants. Mary will be with you and she will protect you from the lies of Satan.

2. To slow down and find calm. Feeling burnt out, worn out, and stretched too thin? You need your Rosary now more than ever. Yes, our lives are busy and we rarely have a minute to spare.

Yet we manage to find time to scroll and post and stare at our glowing screens- activities that often leave us feeling more lost and tired. Put down the phone and shut off the television. Grab your Rosary and find TRUE rest in a few quiet moments with Our Blessed Mother. Only have time to pray one decade? That is enough. She is there, willing to use that little bit of time and bless you because of it.

3. To live a life connected to Jesus Christ. We know that Jesus lived here on Earth. But the world He lived in feels pretty removed from our world of today's technology, comfort, and secularism. It can be very difficult to feel connected to Jesus. The Rosary provides us with a time and place to connect with Our Lord and Savior. Beautiful art, reading scripture, and guided reflections can also help us meditate more deeply as we pray the Holy Rosary.

4. To remain connected to the loving care of Our Mother Mary. From the cross, Jesus gave us the profound gift of His Mother. "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." JN 19: 26-27. Mary loves us and has a burning desire to bring us into a closer relationship with her Son. Knowing that she loves us so much is a powerful gift. As you cling to the beads of your Rosary, think of it as a chain reaching all the way to heaven with Mary holding the other end. The Rosary serves as a bridge between you and her. She is on the other end of the Rosary, always.

5. To pray for others in a strong, dedicated way. How often have you promised to pray for someone...only to forget? Or maybe you remember, but end up offering little more than a momentary mental prayer for the cause? The Rosary, once again, is the answer to these problems. When you set aside time for a daily Rosary, you create a real opportunity to help those in need of prayers and a dedicated habit of offering those prayers.



6. To bring about world peace. Mary directed the children at Fátima to pray the Rosary for World Peace during WWI. She didn't say just pray. She said to pray the Rosary. Whether it be for peace between world powers, peace in our families, peace in our communities and schools, peace in our relationships, or even peace within ourselves, the peace of God is something we must constantly ask for.

7. To help us pray when we don't know what to pray for, or how to ask for it. When we feel loneliness, despair, or anxiety it can be difficult to know what to even pray for. What words could we possibly use? We might feel embarrassed to approach God due to our sins and faithlessness. For times like this, the Rosary is an especially powerful gift. Clutch the beads and say those familiar and powerful prayers. Allow the Rosary to calm your mind, your fears, and slow your heart.

During this Month of the Most Holy Rosary, we need to make time to pray a Rosary daily. Mary is delighted when we do! If we make this effort, great and beautiful things are possible. (catholicsprouts.com, dosmallthingswithlove.com)



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