

# *Blessed Trinity Parish*

## *Roman Catholic Church*

*Greenfield, Massachusetts*

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 3, 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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of Your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, You may nurture in us what is good and, by Your watchful care, keep safe what You have nurtured. - *Amen*



### PARISH OFFICE.

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**BL. MCGIVNEY CONFERENCE ROOM** (14 Beacon St)

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,

“You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped”! What an opening line for contemplation at Holy Mass today! Little have we just sat down, hearing “A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah ...” and ‘Pow!’ “You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped ... All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me”.

Have you ever experienced such a moment in your prayer? Have you ever wrestled with the challenge of faith and the realization of things hoped for? Perhaps you’re facing some difficulty at home and prayers seem to go unanswered. Perhaps you’ve been excited about some project or activity and found little support or encouragement. Perhaps your heart has been moved with great zeal and passion yet now seems stuck and sullen. Do not lose heart! Be not afraid!

Sometimes we think faith is something people *have*. We might imagine as if some have more and others less. We hear it said “She has a lot of faith” or “He’s such a faith-filled man” or “If it weren’t for my faith, I don’t know what I would have done”. While perhaps comforting, such statements turn faith into an object rather than an action. Faith is not something we possess or hold, but rather a will to engage and a virtue to exercise.

Jeremiah, a man in relationship with God as you and I daily strive to be, struggles in the face of derision and reproach from others as he proclaims God’s word as you and I are called to do. He says to himself “I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more”. He’s ready to give up. “But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart”!

In his relationship with God, Jeremiah knows the power of His Word and the gift of His grace. He engages the Lord and cannot keep from interacting with Him. So too you and I!

Let us sing again the Psalm today: “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God”. The deepest desires of our hearts can only be satisfied in the abundance of God’s love. “You are my help and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you”. Cling to the Lord and be faithful! Cling not to our conceptions of the way things are or meant to be, conforming ourselves to this age, but rather to trust in God and be transformed by the renewal of our minds (cf. Rom.12:2).

Faith is submitting ourselves to the revelation of God and our assent to truth revealed in Him. It is the task of discerning the will of God, always seeking and finding in Him what is good and pleasing and perfect. It is taking up our cross each day and following the Lord. What may appear as folly in the world, that is, discipleship in Christ and submission to the Cross, is rather the wisdom of the ages and our hope revealed. Rather than duped, we are convinced, and with hearts afire we act on that conviction. We are men and women of faith alive!

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

This month of September I earnestly invite you to participate in our upcoming Open Parish Meetings and our regularly scheduled Pastoral Commission discussions. Just about every week, we gather to discern and engage the various pastoral actions of our parish in worship, in care for the sick and homebound, in support of the homeless, poor, and hungry, in faith formation, and more. Please, come be part of our faith in action! Come, build up the Church of Christ here in Franklin County!



### **Lord, on this Labor Day,**

We thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. **Amen**

*Happy Labor Day!*



# 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.

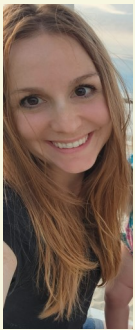
### HOLY ORDERS:

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.

## SPOTLIGHT - CATHERINE CUFF, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH



Hello! My name is Catherine Cuff and I'm thrilled to be the new Director of Educational Outreach for our parish! I look forward to supporting Virginia Christi with the religious education program as well as working alongside Father Pierz and the Religious Education Board in helping create a Catholic preschool in Franklin county.

I have been a Greenfield resident and member of Blessed Trinity Parish for the past decade. Throughout this time, my husband Christopher and I have been blessed to welcome two daughters, Emily, 3 years, and Anna, 1 year, into this wonderful community of love and support. Prior to the birth of our children, I was an elementary public school teacher in 3rd-5th grades from 2010-2020 in Greenfield and Deerfield.

We are in a thriving Catholic community and your enthusiastic support of a Catholic preschool is a testament to the importance of a wholesome, safe early learning program option grounded in our faith's values for the young families within our county. This work will be rigorous and require thoughtful planning and time, with great rewards. There is no better investment than our children, the future of our faithful!

I look forward to seeing you throughout this exciting new year and ask for your continued support and prayers as we begin this exciting new journey!

Sincerely,

Catherine Cuff



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# OUR MINISTRIES.

## OUR UPCOMING PASTORAL COMMISSION MEETINGS.

**SEPT 14TH – FAITH FORMATION:** *Catholic Education programs and events for Youth and Adults.* Meets 2nd Thursday @ 6:00 pm . **Next Meeting:** 6:00 pm on Thurs., September 14 in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

**SEPT 18TH– 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 sacraments?* Contact [comfort@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org](mailto:comfort@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org) or call 413-773-3311. Meets 3rd Monday @ 7:00 pm. **Next Meeting:** 7:00 pm on Mon., September 18 in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

**SEPT 25TH – St. Dismas Jail Ministry:** *Serving people and families affected by incarceration.* **Meets:** 4th Mon. @ 6:00 pm **Next Meeting:** 6:00 pm on Mon., September 25 in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.

## OUR AFFILIATED PARISH GROUPS.

**SEPT 4TH – Blessed Trinity Rosary Society:** **Meets:** 1st Mon. @ 6:30 pm.  
**Next Meeting:** 6:30 pm on Mon., September 4th at Father Casey Hall

**SEPT 14TH & 28– Community Meals Served:** 2nd, 4th and 5th Thurs. from 5:00-6 pm.  
Take out only at our Holy Trinity Church.

**SEPT 17TH – Pope St. John Paul the Great Youth Group:** **Meets:** 3rd Sun. @ 6:30 pm  
**Next Meeting:** 6:30 pm on Sun., September 17 in our Father Casey Hall.

**SEPT 21ST – Knights of Columbus:** **Meets:** 3rd Thurs. @ 7:00 pm.  
**Next Meeting:** 6:30 pm on Thur., September 21 in our Pastoral Center Conference Room.  
Installation of Council Officers and photograph followed by monthly meeting.

## OUR MINISTRIES – MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

Each week we will update how our growing Ministries are having a positive impact in our community while sharing our Catholic Faith by the caring of others.

**Community Meals:** Our team served 89 meals of Hot Dogs, Fresh Peaches, Tossed Salad, & Potato Salad on August 24th.

**Homebound & Nursing Homes:** Currently we have 22 amazing volunteers visiting 49 homebound parishioners and 50 parishioners in nursing homes.

**Food Pantry (August):** Number of Pounds of Food - 9720 | Number of Meals Equivalent - 8100  
Number of Households - 920 | Number of Individuals - 2240 | Number of Volunteer Hours - 96



**Interested in volunteering?** Please contact us at the Parish Office 413.773.3311 or [blessedtrinitygreenfield.org](http://blessedtrinitygreenfield.org).



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# OUR PARISH.

## BLESSED TRINITY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### NOMINATION INFORMATION

The new Pastoral Council will work to identify the many ministries and activities in our parish. Our goal is to open lines of communication between our pastor, the pastoral council, our pastoral commissions, and the various groups, we all share in coordinating activities within the parish. In the spirit of cooperation we hope to work together to build a strong, welcoming spirit within our parish that will foster even greater participation in our community.

To that end, we are looking for parishioners who would give of their time and leadership talents to help our pastor in his administration and care of the close to sixty ministries and activities in the parish. We encourage members of these groups to consider nomination to the council as well as those who would represent the parish-at-large.

***Nominees must be 18 years old, having received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist), registered and active in the Parish, who are outstanding in firm faith, good morals, and prudence.***

A nomination form is found below. Upon filling out you can place it in the basket or turn in to the Parish Office. You may also contact the Parish Office by telephone or email with a nomination.

**Nominations will remain open through September 30, 2023.**

*“Let the spiritual shepherds recognize and promote the dignity as well as the responsibility of the laity in the Church. Let them willingly employ their prudent advice. Let them confidently assign duties to them in the service of the Church, allowing them freedom and room for action. Further, let them encourage lay people so that they may undertake tasks on their own initiative. Attentively in Christ, let them consider with fatherly love the projects, suggestions and desires proposed by the laity. However, let the shepherds respectfully acknowledge that just freedom which belongs to everyone in this earthly city.*

*A great many wonderful things are to be hoped for from this familiar dialogue between the laity and their spiritual leaders: in the laity a strengthened sense of personal responsibility; a renewed enthusiasm; a more ready application of their talents to the projects of their spiritual leaders. The latter, on the other hand, aided by the experience of the laity, can more clearly and more incisively come to decisions regarding both spiritual and temporal matters. In this way, the whole Church, strengthened by each one of its members, may more effectively fulfill its mission for the life of the world.”*

**VATICAN COUNCIL II. LUMEN GENTIUM Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. 21 November 1964, 37.**

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### **BLESSED TRINITY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #/Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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# OUR PARISH.

## Chapter V: The Pastoral Council

**Can. 511.** In each diocese, to the extent that pastoral circumstances recommend it, a pastoral council is to be established whose responsibility it is to investigate under the authority of the bishop all those things which pertain to pastoral works, to ponder them and to propose practical conclusions about them.

**Can. 512.** §1. The pastoral council consists of Christian faithful who are in full communion with the Catholic Church, clerics, members of institutes of consecrated life and especially lay persons, who are designated in a manner determined by the diocesan bishop.

§2. The Christian faithful who are appointed to the pastoral council are to be so selected that the entire portion of the people of God which constitutes the diocese is truly reflected, with due regard for the diverse regions, social conditions and professions of the diocese as well as the role which they have in the apostolate, either as individuals or in conjunction with others.

§3. No one except Christians of proven faith, good morals and outstanding prudence are to be appointed to the pastoral council.

**Can. 513.** §1. The pastoral council is to be established for a period of time according to the prescriptions of the statutes which are issued by the bishop.

§2. When the see is vacant the pastoral council ceases to exist.

**Can. 514.** §1. It pertains exclusively to the diocesan bishop to convoke the pastoral council according to the necessities of the apostolate and to preside over it; the pastoral council enjoys only a consultative vote; it is for the bishop alone to make public what has been done in the council.

§2. The pastoral council is to be convoked at least once a year.



## OPEN PARISH MEETINGS

### —1 YEAR LATER.

Last Fall we had an incredible response to our Open Parish meetings shortly after Blessed Trinity Parish was formed. So many parishioners attended, shared their thoughts, ideas, concerns and suggestions. And you were heard.



**One Year later—how are we doing? We still want to hear your feedback and suggestions!**

As we enter our second year, we invite you to prayerfully attend and continue to share your thoughts, concerns and ideas with the follow up series of open dialogue meetings.

**Some topics you may want to discuss might include:**

**Weekend Masses | Ministries | Confession Times | Daily Mass | Adult Religious Education | Volunteer Opportunities | Financial Concerns | Bulletin Feedback | Website Feedback | Youth | Religious Education | Catholic Life | Traditions | Events | Social Activities | Potential Catholic School in Greenfield**

Are there voids you feel need to be filled? Are there changes made over the last year that you love? In the spirit of cooperation we hope to work together to build a strong, welcoming spirit within our parish that will foster even greater participation in our community.

You are invited—let your voice be heard.

### Open Parish Meetings

**Wednesday, September 13—10:00 am**

**Thursday, September 14— 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, September 16— 11:00 am**

*All meetings in our Pastoral Center Conference Room*

***Come be a part of shaping our future!***

Come learn about our progress over the last 12-months with updates on what we have accomplished in our Ministries and our vision for the future. Bring your questions, comments and concerns. ***Please be a part of these important discussions as together we shape the future of our Parish.***



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# OUR PARISH.



## Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, September 2 — FATHER CAMPOLI

4:00 BSC ANNIE & ANDREW DEDINAS  
— by Birute

SUNDAY, September 3 — FATHER ROUX

8:00 HTC SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR ROBERTA KOPLAR  
— by Mary Fleury

9:30 HTC DENNIS ROUX — by Pierre & Lucille  
Belhumeur

11:00 BSC GEORGE D. NOLAN — by the Nolan  
Family

MONDAY, September 4 — FATHER ROACH

8:30 BSC FREDERICK MEYER — by Betty Webber

TUESDAY, September 5 — DEACON RABBITT

8:30 BSC LARRY FILIAULT — by his Wife & Children

WEDNESDAY, September 6 — DEACON BUCCI

12:05 HTC FRANCIS BRISSETTE — by Pierre & Lucille  
Belhumeur

6:00 PAC SPECIAL INTENTION FOR CAROL ANN  
BYRON — by Mary Fleury

THURSDAY, September 7 — FATHER O'MANNION

8:30 HTC JOYCE TILTON — by Laurie Tilton

FRIDAY, September 8 — OUR RETIRED CLERGY

8:30 HTC THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
GIFT OF FAITH SHELLEY TILTON SULLIVAN —  
by Laurie Tilton

SATURDAY, September 9 — FATHER PIERZ

4:00 BSC SAINT PETER CLAVER, PRIEST  
GIANNA DEMERS — by the CCD Students

SUNDAY, September 10 — VOCATIONS, SEMINARIANS,

8:00 HTC DEACON CANDIDATES  
FRANCIS BRISSETTE — by Jim

9:30 HTC WINSTON LABELLE — by Pierre & Lucille  
Belhumeur

11:00 BSC HENRY & NELLIE BRIGGS — by their  
daughter, Norma & Family

### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

*"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" -Matthew 26:40*

**Hours Available. | Coverage Requested.**

Please contact Deacon John Leary at 413.773.3311 or  
[deacons@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org](mailto:deacons@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org)

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**

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

**James G Penfield**

### AUG 27TH - SEPT 9TH



**BSC SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning for  
Special Intention - from Anonymous

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

1. Special Intention — by Anonymous

2. Available

3. Jack Dutcher — by Alec & Mary Anne Duda

4. Patricia Duffey Earley — from Robert Earley

**HTC 7-DAY CANDLE:** Available

*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 AUGUST 27, 2023**

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

Weekly Collection: \$5,201

Fuel/Energy Collection: \$37

Maintenance Collection: \$102

*"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!**

### **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!**



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# OUR PARISH.

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ELEVATOR

The elevator has been repaired and is awaiting a "re-inspection" by the State of MA inspector. Until that is completed, it is considered out of service. We have a call list for parishioners and as soon as it is back in service, we will be making calls. Thank you for your patience.

-Dcn Paul, Parish Manager

## BLESSED TRINITY ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday (Labor Day), September 4, at 6:30 pm** at Father Casey Hall. Not a member but interested in learning more? Please come to the meeting and meet our members. *All are welcome!*

## BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Parish Office** - Reception | Project Coordination

**Adoration Chapel** - Adoration Hours Available

**St. Cecilia's Choir** - Funeral Choir

**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*

Updated as of 8/25/23 for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

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

**Blessed Trinity Parish numbers are:**

Donors: 205

Cash Gifts: \$42,819

Pledges: \$33,770

Total to Date: \$78,558

ANNUAL  
CATHOLIC  
APPEAL 

***Please consider making your donation today.***

Contact: 413-452-0670 or

email [aca@diospringfield.org](mailto:aca@diospringfield.org)

## THIS WEEK AT

### BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

#### Saturday Sept 2

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

#### Sunday Sept 3

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 Sept 4

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

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

6:30 pm Rosary Society (Father Casey Hall)

#### Tuesday Sept 5

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

#### Wednesday Sept 6

11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)

12:05 am Mass (HTC)

4:30 pm Worship Commission Meeting - Pastoral Ctr. Conference Room

5-5:45 pm Confession (PAC)

6:00 pm Mass (PAC)

7:00 pm Holy Hour for the Sick & Dying-(PAC)

#### Thursday Sept 7

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

#### Friday Sept 8

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

#### Saturday Sept 9

11:30 am Smith/Cialek Wedding

2:30 pm—3:30 pm Confession (BSC)

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

#### Sunday Sept 10

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.)

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!



*Seek God in all things and you shall  
find God by your side.*

*-Saint Peter Claver*



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# OUR YOUTH.

## 4 Back-to-School Tips for Catholic Families.

**1. Eat dinner together as a family.** The beginning of a new school year is one of the busiest times of the year. Sports practices, band practice, debate club, and all sorts of extracurricular activities compete with family time. Sharing a meal can be a powerful unifying force. At meal time, kids can learn social skills and the essential skill of conversation. Conversation is a truly human skill which is being lost.



**2. Attend weekend Mass as a family.** School brings a lot of competition for time. Sports and other events quickly fill our weekends. Make Mass a priority. There is no greater investment that you can make in your child's faith than to keep the Sabbath holy.

**3. Pray together as a family - daily or weekly.** Pope Francis has consistently reiterated the necessity of a strong family for both the individual and society. One key to family unity is prayer. Prayer in the home does not have to be complex. In fact, Pope Francis teaches that "...we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary!" Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength!

**4. Make sure your child is enrolled in your Parish School of Religion or CCD.** While you are enrolling in all those other extracurricular activities, don't forget about religious education. Chances are your parish is enrolling kids in your Parish School of Religion, CCD, or children's sacramental preparation right now. Be sure you are preparing your children to receive the sacraments, whether it be first Reconciliation, first Communion, or Confirmation. Note also that if you are not Catholic but interested in learning more, OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) programs are starting now, too. Think about enrolling yourself!

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## REVITALIZING OUR YOUTH IN THE MASS

*Blessed Trinity Parish is bringing our youth back into the service of the Mass.*

### **Maidens of Our Lady of the Eucharist Altar Society:**

Members participate in the Mass through bringing up the Gifts, as Lectors, and by creating a Marian Sanctuary Flower Garden to beautify our sanctuaries. They wear pins in accordance to the liturgical year as they preform their duties.

### **Altar Corps:**

Members prepare the altar

before Mass and serve in the sanctuary alongside our clergy helping with the functions of Mass.

The Altar Society and Altar Corps are designed to facilitate discernment of vocations to religious life and priesthood. Both groups are open to our youth who have made their First Communion and welcome all who are interested. There will be informational and training meetings in September.

*If interested in joining or volunteering, call or email the parish office!*



## CCD CLASSES WILL START SEPT 24TH!

We hope you had a wonderful summer vacation. Classes are 9:45-10:45 in our Pastoral Center. Meet our new Director of Religious Education, Virginia Christi this weekend after our Masses!

## LIONEL M. MARTIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Our Knights of Columbus Council #133 Lionel M. Martin Memorial Scholarship is open.

This scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors who are active in our parish and in their faith. *Applications are available in the Parish Office.*



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# AND MORE.



## SUMMER SUNDAYS.

**Thank you** for all of the bulletins you have collected and brought back with you from vacation. We received over 50 bulletins. We are pouring through them now to get fresh ideas for our parish and see what our greater Catholic Community is doing.

These bulletins are available at the Parish Office if you would like to look through them. From Florida and South Carolina to Maine and Cape Cod—our parishioners were on the move this summer—and faithfully attended Mass!

## SEPTEMBER TUESDAYS.

Planning an outing?  
Looking for an excursion when the weather turns colder?



On **Tuesdays in September** AARP members and up to 5 guests can visit the **New England Botanical Garden at Tower Hill** in Boylston, MA for **FREE!** The 171-acre garden, located at 11 French Dr., is home to more than 17 unique gardens, conserved woodlands, walking trails, a café and a gift shop. **Learn more at [aarp.com/garden](http://aarp.com/garden).**

## NEW PARISHIONERS—WELCOME

*Thank you for joining us today. We are so glad you are here!*

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



## Blessed Trinity **CRYPTOQUIP**

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## **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED**

The van that drives St Michael's students from the Greenfield area to Brattleboro needs volunteer drivers for the afternoon school pickup shifts (2:40pm leave for 3:15 arrival at the school). If you would be willing to drive the van for a shift or two in the afternoons throughout the school year, or even occasionally to fill in for a driver who is unable to drive, please contact **David Korpiewski** at **413-695-2191**. The van is a 12 passenger van and we currently have 11 students who need your help to make sure they can go up and back every day. Please pray and consider helping if you can.

## Blessed Trinity **CRYPTOQUIP** Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

JESUS GAVE SIMON A NEW NAME  
FOR HIS CONFESSION OF FAITH  
AS SOLID AS STONE.

WHAT'S ANOTHER NAME FOR "PETER"?  
“ROCKY”



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