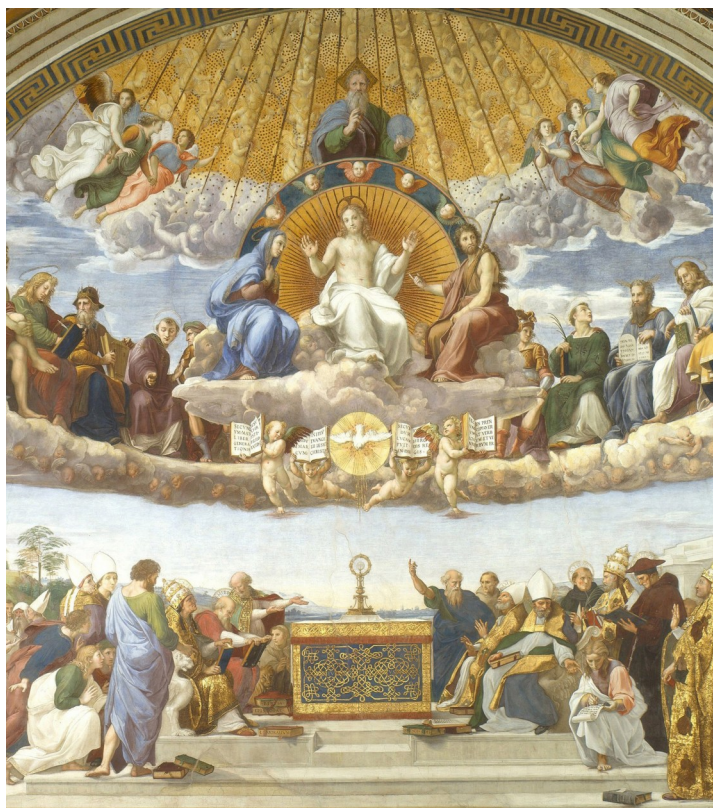


Blessed Trinity Parish

Roman Catholic Church

Greenfield, Massachusetts

Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross — September 14, 2025



Schedule of Holy Mass

Lord's Day Vigil— Saturday 4 pm

Lord's Day—Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, & 11 am

Weekday Daily Mass Schedule

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 | Wed - 6 pm

Holy Day Vigil: 6 pm | Holy Day: 8:30 am

Holy Trinity Church

135 Main Street

Mass: Sunday - 8 am & 9:30 am

Wed—12:05 pm | Thursday & Friday 8:30 am

Holy Day: 12:05 pm & 6 pm

Calvary Cemetery

Wisdom Way |

First Burial recorded 1792

Beacon of Light Preschool

14 Beacon Street

Founded 2025

Adoration Chapel

221 Federal Street |

Daily 6:00am - 10:00pm

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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!

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of Your mercy, grant that we may serve You with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever - **Amen**



PASTORAL CENTER & PARISH OFFICES.

14 Beacon Street. Greenfield, MA 01301

HOURS: Monday-Friday: 9 am - 3 pm

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office@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org



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(Deadline: 2 weeks prior to publication.)

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FATHER JAMES CASEY HALL (135 Main St)

PASTORAL CENTER HALL (14 Beacon St)

K OF C CONFERENCE ROOM (14 Beacon St)

Dedicated and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Deacon John Leary, Coordinator

Hours available and Coverage Requested

CALVARY CEMETERY

Arrangements for burial can be made through the Parish Office.

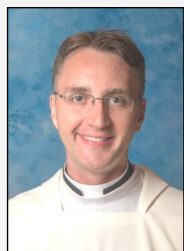
For More Information and to Reserve our Spaces:

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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.

Thoughts from the Pastor's Desk ...



Dear friends of Blessed Trinity,

As you doubtlessly noticed, today we do not celebrate the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, but rather the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Indeed, this feast, which Holy Mother Church celebrates each year on September 14th, takes precedence in the liturgy of this weekend and provides us all the opportunity to consider and contemplate the Cross.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross helps us reorient our understanding of faith. To be believers does not mean that we will always be spared suffering or that we are naïve about death, but rather that we can embrace our crosses each day as Jesus Himself shows us enduring victory over suffering and death precisely through the Cross.

Christ Crucified is a more salutary sign for the human soul than the saraph (a fiery serpent) made of bronze and lifted up by Moses among the wayward Israelites lost in the wilderness. Though evil slinks its way among the steps of our earthly existence and we must dare look it straight in the eye, the horror of the Cross, with our Lord and Savior mounted high on its beams, stands as a true sign of hope and our redemption in Christ.

Pope Francis once reminded us “The Way of the Cross alone defeats sin, evil, and death, for it leads to the radiant light of Christ’s resurrection and opens the horizons of a new and fuller life”. As Jesus bears the burden of our sins, suffering and dying on the Cross, He offers the perfect sacrifice and the genuine act of God’s mercy.

The Cross therefore becomes a beacon of light and the standard of God’s love. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him” (Jn 3:15-17).

Looking upon the Cross and our Crucified Lord without faith and one will only see horror and death. Looking upon the Cross and our Crucified Lord *with* faith and one will see the light of the Resurrection and the promise of eternal life won for us!

Most Holy Trinity, I adore You!

My God, I love you in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

Fr. Pierz

As you heard this weekend at Mass, I have offered an update on our Beacon of Faith capital campaign. The Church bears witness to Christ and His Cross here locally and throughout the world. As such we

are meant to be true beacons of faith, hope, and love. Your support for our parish in particular and our diocese in general truly brightens that light and allows the work and ministry of Christ and His Church beam far and wide.

Together we have pledged over double (almost *triple*) the stated goal of \$462,000 and already have fulfilled half our pledges. Praise God! We continue to do this work and I earnestly thank you for remembering our parish each week in your generous giving. Furthermore, thank you for remembering Blessed Trinity Parish in your estate plans, willed giving, and beneficiary designations. May the message of the Cross continue now and always!

~ PASTORAL COMMISSIONS ~

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION (ADULTS)

Deacon George Nolan, Chair

OCIA | Bible Studies | Adult Confirmation

Baptism Preparation | Marriage Preparation | Lectures

PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS, POOR, & HUNGRY

Kathy Melnik, Chair

Resource for Shelter | Food | Clothing

Food Pantry: Sat. 9a– 12p | Tue. 12p –3 p | Thur. 3p–6p

Donna Leary, Coordinator

pantry@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org

Community Meals: Every Thur. 5–6p @ HTC

Kathy Melnik, Coordinator

Saint Dismas Jail Ministry: Deacon John Leary

PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Ava Clark | Tricia Kelly | Patti Coffin (Co-Chairs)

comfort@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org

Nursing Home Ministry | *Hospital Ministry* | *Homebound Ministry*

Holy Communion | Prayer Partners |

Sacraments of Confession & Anointing of the Sick

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Jason Edson, Chair

Sacristy | Environmental Sacristy | Lector Program

Altar Server Program | Ushers/Greeters ministry

~ FINANCE COMMISSIONS ~

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Brenda Hill, Chair

STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Brent Alderman Sterste, Chair

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Marcy Hoynoski, President

RosarySociety@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org

Knights of Columbus: Lt. John Gavin Council No. 133

Joeseph Ruscio, III, Grand Knight

Alternatives Pregnancy Center: 413.774.6010

Pregnancy Tests | Counseling | Post Abortion Support

Contact any group at office@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org

(unless otherwise noted)

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 Mon & Tues 8:30 am (BSC) | Wed. 12:05 pm (HTC) & 6 pm (PAC) | Thurs & Fri 8:30 am (HTC)

ADORATION Present in our Adoration Chapel (PAC) | Daily 6:00am - 10:00pm

CONFESSION: Saturday, 2:30-3:30 pm | Wednesday, 5-5:45pm | or by appointment.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office to schedule Baptism preparation, 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.

ANOIDING 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? Please contact the Parish Office to learn how to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation.

SAINT JANUARIUS' STORY

Little is known about the life of Januarius. He is believed to have been martyred in the Emperor Diocletian's persecution of 305. Legend has it that Januarius and his companions were thrown to the bears in the amphitheater of Pozzuoli, but the animals failed to attack them. They were then beheaded, and Januarius' blood ultimately brought to Naples.

"A dark mass that half fills a hermetically sealed four-inch glass container, and is preserved in a double reliquary in the Naples cathedral as the blood of St. Januarius, liquefies 18 times during the year... Various experiments have been applied, but the phenomenon eludes natural explanation...." [From the *Catholic Encyclopedia*]

REFLECTION

It is defined Catholic doctrine that miracles can happen and are recognizable. Problems arise, however, when we must decide whether an occurrence is unexplainable in natural terms, or merely unexplained. We do well to avoid an excessive credulity but, on the other hand, when even scientists speak about "probabilities" rather than "laws" of nature, it is something less than imaginative for Christians to think that God is too "scientific" to work extraordinary miracles to wake us up to the everyday miracles of sparrows and dandelions, raindrops and snowflakes.

SAINT JANUARIUS IS THE PATRON SAINT OF:

Blood Banks/Blood Donors

Naples



(www.franciscanmedia.org)



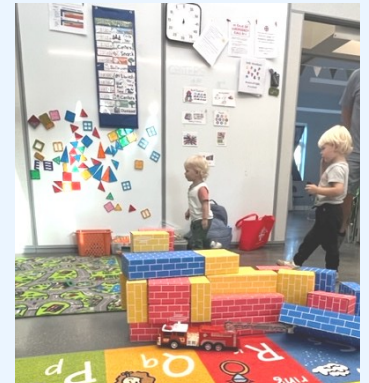
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BEACON OF LIGHT PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



"Our heart is restless until it rests in you"

—St Augustine

If your heart is drawing you to Catholicism, please join us for an evening of discussion

Blessed Trinity Parish Center, Tuesday, September 16, 6pm

Questions? Email Fr John Williams, j.williams@diospringfield.org

Please share with friends and family



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A Prayer

I asked God to take away my pride.
And God said no.
He said it waws not for him to take away
But for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.
And God said no.
He said her spirit was whole.
Her body is only temporary.

I asked God to give me patience.
And God said no.
He said that patience is a by-product of tribulation.
It isn't granted. It's earned.

I asked God to give me happiness.
And God said no.
He said he gives blessings.
Happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain.
And God said no.
He said suffering draws you apart from the worldly care
And brings you closer to him.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.
And he said no.
He said I must grow on my own.
But I will be in heaven someday because I believe.

I asked God to help me love others as much as he loves me.
God said, "Ah, at last. You finally have the idea."

A World of Stories for Preachers and Teachers - William J. Bausch

Thank you to parishioner Lew LaChance for sharing this poem with us.



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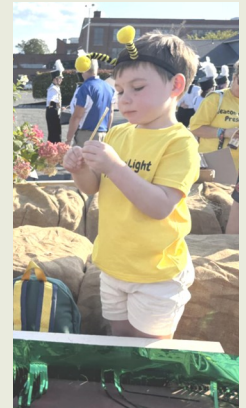
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FIRST DAY OF BEACON OF LIGHT PRESCHOOL



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION KICK - OFF



SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 | 10:00 AM

Pastoral Center | 14 Beacon Street

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WE INVITE YOU TO BE A CATECHIST!

Blessed Trinity Parish's growing Religious Education program is **looking for Catechists!** We are seeking those who love their faith and are excited to share God's love and word with our YOUTH! If you are an adult interested in sharing



your faith with our young people, we want YOU to be part of our Religious Education program!

Our Catechists teach the faith to our children while partnering with their families to strengthen and nurture their Catholic faith.

Training, support, and lesson plans are supplied. Please consider joining our team!

Contact **Virginia Christi, Director of Religious Education**, for more information.

ReligiousEd@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org
773.3311, ext. 102

LANDSCAPING OPPORTUNITY.

Among our maintenance expenses, our parish spends over \$1000 each year on tree/bush trimming.



Our parish, with the cemetery, has many trees on our campuses that require maintenance throughout the year and we are looking for knowledgeable individuals, or even arborists, to help guide us in the care of our trees. Is that you?

Please reach out to the Parish Office if you have recommendations or ideas.



Women's Evening of Recollection

Wednesday, October 1st

Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Hosted by Blessed Trinity Parish and local Third Order Carmelites

5pm: Confessions

6pm: Holy Mass

7-8pm: Adoration with Reflection on St.

Thérèse's "Little Way" by Ms. Laurie Tilton

Location: Blessed Sacrament Church, 221 Federal Street



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SEPTEMBER 7TH—SEPTEMBER 20TH

BSC SANCTUARY CANDLE (Available)

HTC SANCTUARY CANDLE: (Available)

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES

1. is burning for Joanne Brown in gratitude for her service to the Parish

2. is burning for Jason Semaski for his calling to the Diaconate

3. is burning for the Teachers of Beacon of Light Preschool

4. is burning for our Religious Education Students

Sanctuary Candles: \$15 | Chapel Candles: \$25

If you would like to burn a candle or donate flowers for a special occasion, in memory or honor of a loved one, or other intention, Call or visit the Parish Office at 773.3311

Please Consider Donating.

September: Back -to-School Supplies

Containers available for donated items at the entrances of each church. **Thank You!**



WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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

	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Online</u>
Weekly Collection:	\$ 6864	\$1436
Fuel/Energy Collection:	\$ 523	\$96
Maintenance Collection:	\$ 70	\$61

"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."

Ongoing Parish Meetings

Everyone is WELCOME to participate in our parish meetings. We encourage ALL to come to these discussions with your ideas or concerns. Attend just once or several times—no commitment required.

All Parish Meetings are held in our Pastoral Center *Knights of Columbus* Conference Room unless otherwise noted

BLESSED TRINITY ROSARY SOCIETY.

1st Mon. @ 6:30 pm (except Jan., Feb., Jul & Aug.) in our Fr. Casey Hall (HTC)

BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE

COMMISSION. 4th Thursday @ 6:00 pm. In our Fr. Casey Hall (HTC)

CEMETERY COMMISSION.

1st Thursday @ 4:00 pm.

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION.

2nd Thurs. @ 6:00 pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

3rd Thurs. @ 6:00 pm.

PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS, POOR, & HUNGRY.

2nd Monday @ 6:00 pm.

PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND.

3rd Monday @ 7:00 pm.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

COMMITTEE. 3rd Wednesday @ 4:00 pm.

ST. DISMAS JAIL MINISTRY.

4th Monday @ 6:00 pm

WORSHIP COMMISSION. 1st Wednesday @ 4 pm.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025 9/08/25



Thank you for your donations!

Donors: 118

Cash Gifts: \$33,145

Pledges: \$4,100

Total Raised: \$37,245

Please consider a gift to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. You can make your gift online at <http://diospringfield.org/aca>.



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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, September 13 — FATHER BOMBARDIER

SAINT JOHN CHYSOSTOM, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

4:00 BSC RICHARD LETOURNEAU — by the Family

SUNDAY, September 14 — POPE LEO XIV

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:00 HTC LIZ & ADAM MARTIN — by the Religious Ed Board

9:30 HTC THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:00 BSC HOWARD N. LEETE † — by Tess Leete

MONDAY, September 15 — CLERGY WHO ARE SICK

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

8:30 BSC HENRY & NELLIE BRIGGS † — by Daughter Norma & Family

TUESDAY, September 16 — OUR SEMINARIANS

SAINTS CORNELIUS, POPE, & CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

8:30 BSC ELIZABETH PLAUSKY † — by Doug & Joanne Brown

WEDNESDAY, September 17 — OUR RETIRED CLERGY

SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH; SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

12:05 HTC RICHARD FORSAITH † — by Pierre & Lucille Belhumeur

6:00 PAC MARTIN LEO & FRANCES B. COYNE

THURSDAY, September 18 — FATHER ROUX

8:30 HTC ELIZABETH PLAUSKY † — by Doug & Joanne Brown

FRIDAY, September 19 — DEACON NOLAN

SAINT JANUARIUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

8:30 HTC TIM GROGAN † — by Doug & Joanne Brown

SATURDAY, September 20 — FATHER NORMAN

SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST, & PAUL CHÔNG HA-SANG, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

4:00 BSC JOHN NOGA — by the Noga & Smith Family

SUNDAY, September 21 — MONSIGNOR YARGEAU

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8:00 HTC GEORGE D. NOLAN † — by the Nolan Family

9:30 HTC IN THANKSGIVING FOR HOMESCHOOL TEACHERS — by Mary Frances

11:00 BSC THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

This Week at Blessed Trinity Parish

SATURDAY September 13

2:30 pm—3:30 pm Confession (BSC)

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

SUNDAY September 14

8:00 am Mass (HTC)

9:30 am Mass (HTC) Confession: 30-mins prior

10:20 am Rosary before Mass

11:00 am Mass (BSC)

MONDAY September 15

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

6:30 pm Roses for Mary - (PAC)

7:00 pm Pastoral Ministry to the Sick & Homebound —Conference Room

TUESDAY September 16

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

6:00 pm OCIA Informational Meeting—Conf. Rm

WEDNESDAY September 17

11:30 am Most Holy Rosary (HTC)

12:05 pm Mass (HTC)

4:00 pm Adoration Chapel Committee—Conf. Rm

5:00-5:45 pm Confession (BSC)

5:30-6 pm Liturgy of the Hours - (PAC)

6:00 pm Mass (PAC)

THURSDAY September 18

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus —Conf. Room

FRIDAY September 19

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

SATURDAY September 20

2:30 pm—3:30 pm Confession (BSC)

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

SUNDAY September 21

8:00 am Mass (HTC)

9:30 am Mass (HTC) Confession: 30-mins prior

10:00 am Religious Education Kick-Off (PC)

10:20 am Rosary before Mass

11:00 am Mass (BSC)



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