

Blessed Trinity Parish

Roman Catholic Church

Greenfield, Massachusetts

Fourth Sunday of Advent / Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord — December 21—25, 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!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT — MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ Your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. 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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(Vacant)

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(Deadline: 2 weeks prior to publication.)

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~PARISH FACILITIES & SPACES~

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:
413.773.3311 | office@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org

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.

CHRISTMAS GREETING

*On behalf of Father Pierz,
Father Williams, Deacon
Paul, Deacon George,
Deacon John, and the
Parish staff we wish you all a
Blessed and Holy Advent
season & a Merry Christmas!*

"And the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.'" - Luke 1:30-31

2025 Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve.

Wed., Dec. 24 Christmas
Vigil (BSC) | 4 pm

Musical prelude to begin at 3:30 pm



Wed., Dec. 24

Mass of the Night (HTC) | 9 pm

Musical prelude to begin at 8:30pm

Christmas Day.

Thurs., Dec. 25

Christmas Day

(HTC) | 9:30 am



Let us Rejoice!



~ PASTORAL COMMISSIONS ~

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION (ADULTS)

(Vacant)

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-3p | 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

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Altar Server Program | Ushers/Greeters ministry

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Brent Alderman Sterste, Chair

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Marcy Hoynoski, President

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

Joseph Ruscio, III, Grand Knight

Alternatives Pregnancy Center: 413.774.6010

Pregnancy Tests | Counseling | Post Abortion Support

YOUTH MINISTRY

Young & Catholic: Young Adult Group of Franklin Co.:

franklincounty@youngandCatholic.org

Contact any group at office@blessedtrinitygreenfield.org
(unless otherwise noted)

OUR FAITH.

OUR SACRAMENTS.

EUCARIST:

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

CONFESION:

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.

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

The Light is ON for You. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mondays 7:00pm-9:00pm

Wednesdays 5:00pm-5:45pm

Saturdays 2:30pm-3:30pm

Blessed Sacrament Church

221 Federal Street

If you do nothing else before Advent, go to Confession.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not a burden—it is the embrace of God Who runs to meet us. What better way to begin a season focused on Christ's arrival than by clearing out the noise, guilt, sin, and heaviness that keep us from Him?

A good confession now means you'll enter Advent with a clean heart and a renewed sense of peace. It lets grace do what it's meant to do: prepare the way of the Lord.

No matter how long it has been, this is the perfect moment.

PRAYER CHAINS.

Please contact us with your petition. Our Parish Prayer Chains are available to all. Call or email the Parish Office.



STEWARDSHIP & ESTATE PLANNING.

No more shall people call you "Forsaken", or your land "Desolate", but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused."

*For the **LORD** delights in you and makes your land his spouse. (Is 62:4)*

Please kindly remember **Blessed Trinity Parish Greenfield, MA** as a Beneficiary in your Estate Planning and Financial Decision-Making.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

(1 Cor 12:7,11)



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OUR FAITH.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. Matthew 1:22–24

Try to imagine Joseph's dilemma. He loved Mary, but suddenly she was pregnant. And Joseph knew that he was not the father.

So his first thought was not to chastise her, question her, or ridicule her. Instead, the Gospel says that Joseph was “unwilling to expose her to shame.” This is a beautiful statement about the mercy and goodness of Saint Joseph. Instead of being self-concerned, his concern was for Mary not to experience shame at this unexpected pregnancy.

But of course the story goes much further. The angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, explaining to him that “it is through the Holy Spirit that this Child has been conceived in her” and that this Child “will save His people from their sins.” Joseph's response, as quoted above, was to then do “as the angel of the Lord had commanded him” and to take Mary and her new child into his home. Therefore, this Gospel passage for today reveals to us the mercy of Joseph as well as his fidelity to the will of God, no matter what God asked of him. These two qualities will greatly assist our lives, also, if we can strive to imitate Saint Joseph.

First, we all need to have mercy in life. This means that our only interest must be the good of the other. Too often when we have conflict in life, or are faced with some unexpected difficulty, we turn our eyes in upon ourselves. But a merciful heart never thinks about itself first. Instead, it thinks about the other and is fully detached from its own feelings to the point that the merciful soul is able to desire mercy for everyone, even those who have hurt it. Of course our Blessed Mother did not do anything to hurt Saint Joseph, but before he understood how she became pregnant, he certainly would have been tempted to be upset and hurt by her unexpected pregnancy. Thus, in imitation of Saint Joseph, we must always seek to have a heart full of mercy.

Perhaps Saint Joseph's crowning virtue was his fidelity—not only to his new wife, but also to the will of God as it was revealed to him through the mediation of this angel. And though we do not have angels appearing to us in dreams in the same way, we are gifted with the Gospels, the teachings of the Church and the lives of the saints to lead us into God's will. Additionally, when we are truly open, God will certainly communicate to us His perfect will for our lives through our prayer and in our consciences. Our only duty must be unwavering fidelity to all that God speaks.

Reflect, today, upon these two virtues of Saint Joseph and consider how well you live them in your life. Do you show mercy to all, no matter what? Do you allow yourself to be drawn into the all-consuming desire to show mercy? If so, then you will also be imitating the virtue of fidelity to the will of God. God's will is mercy itself. This is Who He is. Mercy must permeate our lives always.

My most merciful Jesus, You inspired Saint Joseph to be compassionate to Your dear mother at the time of great confusion over her pregnancy. Help me to imitate the mercy and goodness of Saint Joseph by never judging and by growing in a desire for mercy for all people, including those who have hurt me. May I do this in complete fidelity to Your most holy will. Jesus, I trust in You.

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OUR YOUTH.

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CORNER



RELIGIOUS ED. SCHEDULE: DECEMBER

DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Christmas Break Dec 21 & 28

JANUARY—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jan. 4 — All Classes

Jan. 11 — Family Catechesis in Blessed Sacrament Church, Family join Students

Jan. 18 — All Classes

Confirmation Class Attends Bread of Life

Jan. 25 — All Classes

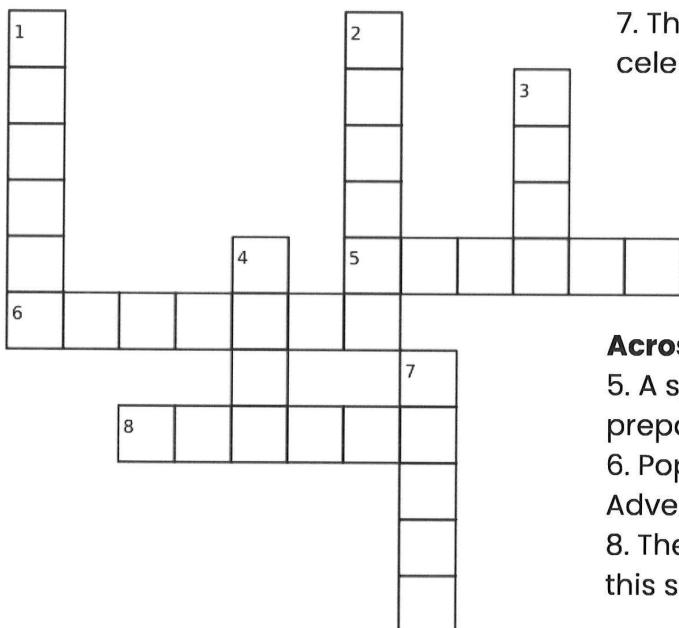
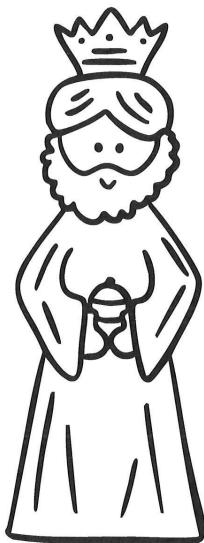
Religious Education takes place Sundays,
9:45-10:45am in our Pastoral Center.

Parents—Please join us each week while your students are enjoying their Religious Ed Class for coffee & pastries.

Meet parents. | Ask questions. | Talk. Laugh. Learn.
Coffee & Tea. | Pastries.

ADVENT CROSSWORD

I am waiting for a very special King!



Down:

1. The word Advent means “arrival” or _____.
2. Each week of this season begins on a _____.
3. During Advent, we pray with faith and _____.
4. How many Sundays Advent has.
7. The One we are getting ready to celebrate at Christmas.

Across:

5. A special season of waiting and preparing before Christmas.
6. Pope St. ___ the great helped shape Advent into four weeks.
8. The color you'll see in church during this season.

OUR PARISH.

Beacon of Light Preschool



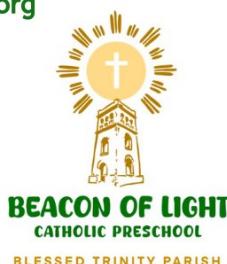
Our experienced teachers, engaging curriculum, and Catholic foundation offer children the opportunity to grow intellectually and spiritually in a safe, nurturing environment.

PROGRAM FEATURES :

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- Vouchers Accepted!
- Play-based, Hands-on Curriculum
- Authentic Outdoor Play
- Catholic Faith Foundation
- 413-773-3311
- <https://blessedtrinitygreenfield.org/preschool-news-updates>
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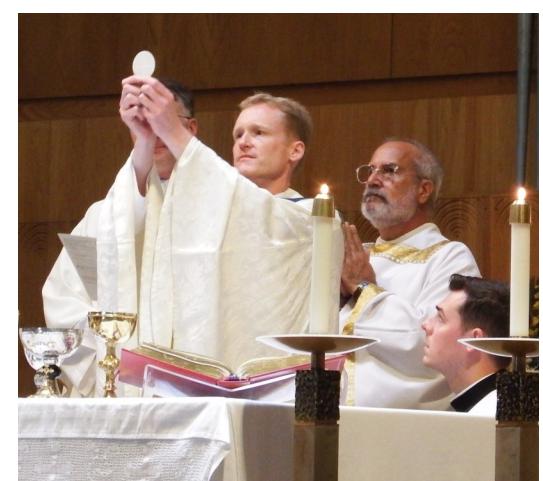
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2025 – Our Year in Review

This year has been a year of firsts and new beginnings! We've celebrated First Holy Communions, Father Williams' First Mass, our Beacon of Light Preschool opening & the 1st Annual Freedom 5K, alongside our parish picnic, Advent & Lent seasons, Deanery Celebrations, and so much more!



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OUR PARISH.

OH HOLY NIGHT

A Christmas Holy Hour

Come draw close to the manger and spend time in Wonder and Contemplation of this Great Mystery, the Incarnation, God with us!

Step away from the busyness and meet the Holy Family and the Child Jesus in the manger. He is waiting to receive you and your family and pour out Peace and fresh Graces on YOU this Christmas. Join us for a night of Adoration with live music and reflections to draw you even closer to the Lord in this season.

There will be some silence, some reflection, some carols as well as some praise and worship songs in this guided Holy Hour.

This event is open to all! Bring your family and friends, **especially students in Middle School and High School!**

DECEMBER 23RD

7:00PM - 8:15PM | BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH



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OUR PARISH.

DECEMBER 14– DECEMBER 27

BSC SANCTUARY CANDLE: (Available)

HTC SANCTUARY CANDLE: is burning for Raymond Pydych by his Wife & Children

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES

1. is burning for Our Sick & Homebound, that they find Peace and Joy this Advent.

2. is burning for Health & Healing for John Whitney.

3. is burning for Renewed Faith in our community of Franklin County.

4. is burning for Clergy as we begin a new church year.

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

CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSINGS



on Christmas Eve

10:00am-2:00pm

Email Father John to schedule:

j.williams@diospingfield.org

NATIVITY SCENE UPDATE

Our beloved Nativity scene at our Holy Trinity Church is getting a new look this year! Parishioner Jeff Smith is creating a manger from the lumber of our previous nativity scene and Heidi Bowman is constructing the tabletop it will now be placed on. Look for these exciting changes when you visit our Holy Trinity Church this Advent!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

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

DIANE CHARETTE

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 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:	\$9063.50	\$1537
Fuel/Energy Collection:	\$425	\$106
Maintenance Collection:	\$20	\$61
Second Collection		
Religious Retirement Fund:	\$1049	\$0

“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.”

Collection information for weekend of Dec 14th unavailable at deadline. Collection information will be recorded in our Dec 28th Bulletin.

PARISH CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS.

Parish Office— Closing 12pm Dec. 24th, Closed December 25th & December 26th.

Food Pantry—Closed December 25th

Community Meal—No Meal December 25th

A community meal will be offered by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office: Monday December 22nd, 5:00-6:00pm in lieu of the Thursday Meal.

**UPCOMING HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
Thursday, January 1st 2026

Vigil: 6:00 pm (BSC) | Holy Day: 8:30am (BSC)
12:05pm (HTC) | 6:00pm (HTC)



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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 20 — FATHER WILLIAMS

4:00 BSC THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, December 21 — FATHER ROACH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 HTC ALICE SEAMAN — by the Filiault Family

9:30 HTC GEORGE F. NOLAN † — by the Nolan Family

11:00 BSC ALICE WHITCOMB † — by the Family

MONDAY, December 22 — VOCATIONS

8:30 BSC CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS FOR CLARENCE CRAFTS — by Claire Heath

TUESDAY, December 23 — BISHOP McDONNELL

SAINT JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

8:30 BSC "MA" KELLY † — by Evelyn Augusto

WEDNESDAY, December 24 — CLERGY WHO ARE SICK

4:00 BSC FOR MORE PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS FROM OUR OWN PARISH & FAMILIES

9:00 HTC FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO NO LONGER COME TO MASS

THURSDAY, December 25 — SEMINARIANS

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:30 HTC THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FRIDAY, December 26 — FATHER LUNNEY

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

8:30 HTC MILDRED MCLEOD † — by Laurie Tilton

SATURDAY, December 27 — FATHER AKSAMIT

4:00 BSC EDWARD H. LETOURNEAU † — 16 YEAR ANNIVERSARY — by the Family

SUNDAY, December 28 — FATHER NORMAN

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

8:00 HTC THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

9:30 HTC WILLIAM & MARY COUGHLIN † — by Jane McDonough

11:00 BSC CHARLES F. McCARTHY, SR. †

This Week at Blessed Trinity Parish

SATURDAY December 20

9-12:00pm Food Pantry Open—Pastoral Center

2:30 pm—3:30 pm Confession (BSC)

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

SUNDAY December 21

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 December 22

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

12:05 pm Mass (HTC)

6:00 pm Mass (HTC)

6:30 pm Pastoral Ministry to the Sick & Homebound—Conference Room

6:30 pm Roses for Mary - (PAC)

7-9:00 pm Confession (BSC)

TUESDAY December 23

8:30 am Mass (BSC)

12-3:00 pm Food Pantry Open—Pastoral Center

WEDNESDAY December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

9:00 pm Mass (HTC)

THURSDAY December 25

Christmas Day

9:30 am Mass (HTC)

FRIDAY December 26

8:30 am Mass (HTC)

SATURDAY December 27

9-12:00pm Food Pantry Open—Pastoral Center

2:30 pm—3:30 pm Confession (BSC)

4:00 pm Mass (BSC)

SUNDAY December 28

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)



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