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John 15:12



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Holy Mass:

Saturday: Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:15 am
Monday through Friday at 8:00 am

Sacrament of Penance:

Sunday: 9:30 to 9:50 am
Wednesdays:
7:30 to 7:50 am & 6:30 to 7:00 pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm

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SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Ascension of the Lord, Thursday, May 9

Ascension of the Lord Our Mass schedule for the Holy Day of Obligation is as follows:

Wednesday, May 8 at 4:00 PM
Thursday, May 9 at 8:00 AM
Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 PM



'Tis the Month of Our Mother

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the 10:15 a.m. Mass on Mother's Day, we will have a May crowning and consecration to Our Lady. May our love for the Blessed Virgin grow and may she obtain from her Divine Son the graces we need to remain faithful to following Christ Jesus.

Mother's Day: A Day of Roses and Baby Bottles



Mother's Day celebrates the gift of life. Without the gift of motherhood, we simply would not exist. While Mother's Day is a time for us to celebrate the love of the women who gave birth, nurtured, and loved us, it is also an opportunity for us to support mothers in need.

On Mother's Day, after all the Masses, the Holy Family Council of the Knights of Columbus will sell long stemmed roses to help support the Guiding Star Maternity Home. Additionally, we will make available baby bottles which are supplied by the Pro-Life union. We would ask each family to take a bottle home and fill it with change and bills and then return it to church. The proceeds from the bottles will also help support the Guiding Star Maternity Home.

For more information about the Guiding Star Maternity Home please visit their website:

<https://www.guidingstar.org>



The Sacred Heart, The Sacred Host, and a Newly Ordained Priest

The Sacred Heart beats with love for us in the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Eucharist, our Lord's way of remaining with His church throughout the ages, is a generous manifestation of the love of the Heart of Christ.

Our parish patronal feast day is Friday, June 7th. There will be all day exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 8 am Mass and then a public Holy Hour and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7 p.m. Rev. Gregory Miller, a newly ordained priest, will be our homilist.



O most Sacred, most loving Heart of Jesus, You are concealed in the Holy Eucharist and You beat for us still.
 Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Vision 26 Celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

Strengthen the bonds of friendship among our parishioners and join us for a wonderful parish feast day celebration on June 9.



For the Lord your God Means you
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Congratulations to the sons and daughters of the following families who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the 10:15 am Mass on Sunday, April 28th.

The Harner Family

The Castro-Rodriguez Family

The Rocco Family

The Silverio-Asmal Family

The Silverio-Hernandez Family

May you always welcome His loving presence!

Welcome!
NEW Parishioners

*We extend a warm welcome to
The Radicioni Family
who recently registered in our Parish!*



We are grateful for donations received in memory of
Anna Mae Daloisio

On behalf of:

Patricia Albert

Eric & Belinda Fabrizio

Michael & Gina Fabrizio

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Maureen McQuaid

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Our parish's annual Feast Day dinner will take place on Sunday, June 9th beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Spring Mill Ball Room located in Conshohocken. We have hired PTG caterers to supply our meal. They are an outstanding caterer and always serve excellent meals. The cost of the ticket is \$50.00 per person and \$20.00 for children below the age of 12. There is a cash bar. Tickets are on sale now until June 2nd. The menu is as follows:

Hors d'oeuvres – 14 different types including: Mini crab cakes - Buffalo wings - Mini tacos - Filet mignon on toast - Poppers - Cheeses - Antipasto - Bruschetta

Main course: Ravioli with 4 cheese sauce - Penne in light pink sauce - Chicken Francaise - Shrimp and Scallops - Asparagus - Roasted Potatoes Spring Mix salad

Desserts - Coffee and tea

Music will be provided by Fasano Entertainment.

Join us for dinner, dancing and celebrating!



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in Thee!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 4

4:00pm Mary Ann Krajnik
Anniversary Remembrance
Requested by Eleanor Grabowski

Sunday, May 5

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Esther & Robert Cantando
Requested by The Family

Monday, May 6

**8:00am The Deceased Sisters of
the Immaculate Heart of Mary**
Requested by The IHM Sisters of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, May 7

8:00am Barbara Bores
Requested by John J. Puzio, Jr.

Wednesday, May 8

8:00am William Schutter
Wedding Anniv. Remembrance, May 8
Requested by Wife, Judy

4:00pm Sharon Manzi
Requested by Thomas & Cindy Burke

Thursday, May 9

8:00am Rita Murtaugh
Anniversary Remembrance
Requested by Her Husband, Rich & Family

7:00pm Edward Keszczyk
Requested by Fran Toth & Family

Friday, May 10

8:00am John Mateja
Requested by Susan & Michael Opielski

Saturday, May 11

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

**4:00pm Deceased Members of the Wlazelek &
Opielski Families**
Requested by Wanda & Family

Sunday, May 12

8:00am Stephanie & Benjamin Zugay
Requested by Maria & Edward Zugay

10:15am Josephine Stepanick
Requested by Daughter, Barbara



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

**Ascension of the Lord, Wednesday evening, May 8:
4:00pm**

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
Marjorie Pruskowski
Lector: Sal DiNenna

**Ascension of the Lord, Thursday morning, May 9:
8:00am**

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
Joan Koeck
Lector: Chris Kilian

**Ascension of the Lord, Thursday evening, May 9:
7:00pm**

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
Pat Moletzsky
Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

**Saturday evening, May 11:
4:00pm**

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
Barbara JanFrancisco
Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

**Sunday morning, May 12:
8:00am**

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
Joan Koeck
Lector: Rich McVoy

10:15am
Lector: Alex Kalivas



Weekly Report

April 27 - 28, 2024
\$6,684.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



This week the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns in Honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of

Kass & Carl Perretta



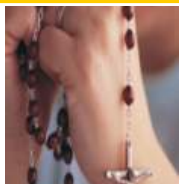
Congratulations & May God continue to bless you both!

Sacred Heart Pro Life Holy Hour

All are welcome to join us at **12:00 noon each Wednesday** to gather in prayer to ask for God's help on issues affecting our nation and families.



Monday Night Rosary



There will be a public recitation of the rosary in church each Monday at 7 p.m. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Ed DiGinto at 610-202-0069.

ETERNAL REST, **GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!**

*In your kindness,
please pray for the happy repose of the soul of*

Mary Ann (Fertal) Brzoska

*Who was called from this life on
April 17, 2024*

Anna Mae Simmons

*Who was called from this life on
April 24, 2024*

"May Their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed Rest in peace."



Please Pray For All Who Protect Our Country, especially...

John F. K. Benedict (Major, USAF ANG), son of Christine & Vince Benedict; **Anthony C. Brandt** (CW3 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army Reserves), son of Eileen Brandt; **Zachary T. Brandt** (Sergeant U.S. Army), grandson of Eileen Brandt; **Matthew J. Capaldo** (Commander, U.S. Navy) son of John & Connie Capaldo; **Michael DeStefano, Jr.** (Sergeant U.S. Army) grandson of Jack & Sue DeStefano; **Michael Gutkowski** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy), grandson of Pat Gutkowski; **Samuel Hoey** (LCpl, U.S.M.C), grandson of Leona Cottone; **Noel Irizarry** (Specialist, U.S. Army), son of Patricia Epright; **Shane Jones** (Sergeant U.S. Marines), grandson of Fran Toth; **Matthew McNulty** (Chief Warrant Officer 4 U.S.M.C.), son of Irene McNulty; **Rick McVoy** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy) son of Rich McVoy; **Greg Philips** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy); **Jessica Prostack** (CW2 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army), daughter of Richard Prostack; **Jeffrey Seamans** (Captain, U.S. Army), son-in-law of Dolores Burton; **Stephanie Zugay** (National Guard), granddaughter of Greg & Grace Zugay.



JoAnn Prinivalli	Eileen Brandt
Chester Kowalski	Denise Kavanagh
Elaine Fertal	Tom Kavanagh
Barbara Pruskowski	Michael Martin
George Minnis	Betty Lilick
Al Cowling	Margaret Halas
John Puzio	Ronald Halas
Helene(Puzio) Dulaney	Marge Leszczynski
Mary(Puzio) Stephenson	Dolores Burton
Monica Pocelujko	Fran & Rob Worrall
Mary Boyle	Rose Coscia
Rosemary Giovinco	Marion Raup
Fran Toth	Joseph Saboe
Jane Puzio Sharma	Irene Elliott
Joan Birely	Stanley Leszczynski
Evelyn Horning	Ayden Boone
Martha Smoczylo	Butch Rodenbaugh
Kelly Benedict	Nicholas Janicki
Patricia Gaffney	Catherine Bankowski
Andrew Andreyko	Michael Myers
Angela Desmond	Melissa(Myers) Sillah
Fred Zugay	George Estock
Mike Piskai	Helen Bednar
	Barbara A. Burkert
	John Smoczylo
	Laurie Ronan

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO - May 10th



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Games at 7:00 PM
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Join our CFF Ministry on **Wednesday, May 8** at 6:00pm and meet the members of our parish who have been serving on this wonderful ministry helping our less fortunate neighbors. See how you can make a difference in someone's life by participating one night a month. You will come to find it will make a difference in your life.

Please join us for light refreshments and fellowship.



YOUNG ADULTS HOLY HOUR

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7 - 8 PM

On the Last Wednesday of the Month:

*April 24
May 29
June 26
July 31
August 28*

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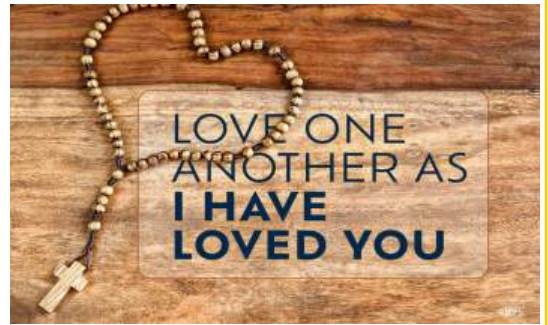
The Brown Scapular is one of many sacramentals of the Catholic Church. What is its origin? Why should Catholics wear one? What other types of scapulars are there? We invite you to join us for our next Patricians discussion to learn more about this beautiful Marian devotion. Each participant will receive a blessed scapular! The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 15th** from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. at **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA.** (We meet in the coffee hour room -- enter from the Ford St parking lot.) *The Society of the Patricians is an informal group of Catholic adults who meet monthly under the direction of Fr. Sam Keyes to learn more about the Catholic Faith so that we can better share it with others. Please come, and bring a friend! Refreshments will be served and free literature will be available. The program is sponsored by the Legion of Mary. More info: r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or call: 610-256-7125.*



May 5, 2024 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

My brother-in-law is quite the handyman. I've seen his work around his house where he has altered this or that to customize his home for the better. I have a young friend who completely re-engineered an old truck's motor and wheels. I know a seamstress who turned a bolt of material into a canopy for a Eucharistic procession. When I asked them where they got their "how to" instructions, they all answered the same: from internet videos. Of course, the presumption is that they understood the given instructions.



On the higher plane than people's everyday skills, comes the all-important ability we all must make a return on the love that God has for us. The answer here predates the internet by centuries. The "manual," so to speak, is the Holy Bible. In it we find the passage from St. John's gospel that is proclaimed this weekend.

Jesus is our expert at this task. You just heard Him say that not only does His Father love Him, but also that He loves you, and hopefully me. All of us, "warts and all." But then comes the instruction on how to keep this love alive: "If you keep My commandments you will remain in My love, just as I have kept them and remain in His (the Father's) love. Speaking of love, don't you just love the simplicity of it?"

You know our Catholic Church has often been degraded by its many enemies as a place of "rules, rules, and rules." That may seem true from the outside looking in. But whatever specific rules we follow are all derivatives from this one command of Jesus to love one another applied to all aspects of human living.

Rules are necessary for order and peaceful living in any society. Just imagine your driving commute to work if there were no traffic rules! Worse still if there were no law enforcement agencies to enforce the rules. That brings up the whole idea of expressing our admiration and pledging our support for all the good men and women involved in law enforcement.

So yes, our Church has rules because Christ had them first. He has entrusted sinful human beings with administering them. It's historically true that often those same humans have made mistakes or even have sinned against them. Chaos followed. But for the good people like you who try consistently to obey God's rules, you are on the way to becoming "saints." That, after all, is our main project in the Christian life. We know the simple rule of Our Lord is not always easy to obey. But then it's always fulfilling.

"All have been given a bag of tools,
A formless rock and a book of rules.
And each must make ere life has flown,
A stumbling block or a steppingstone."

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