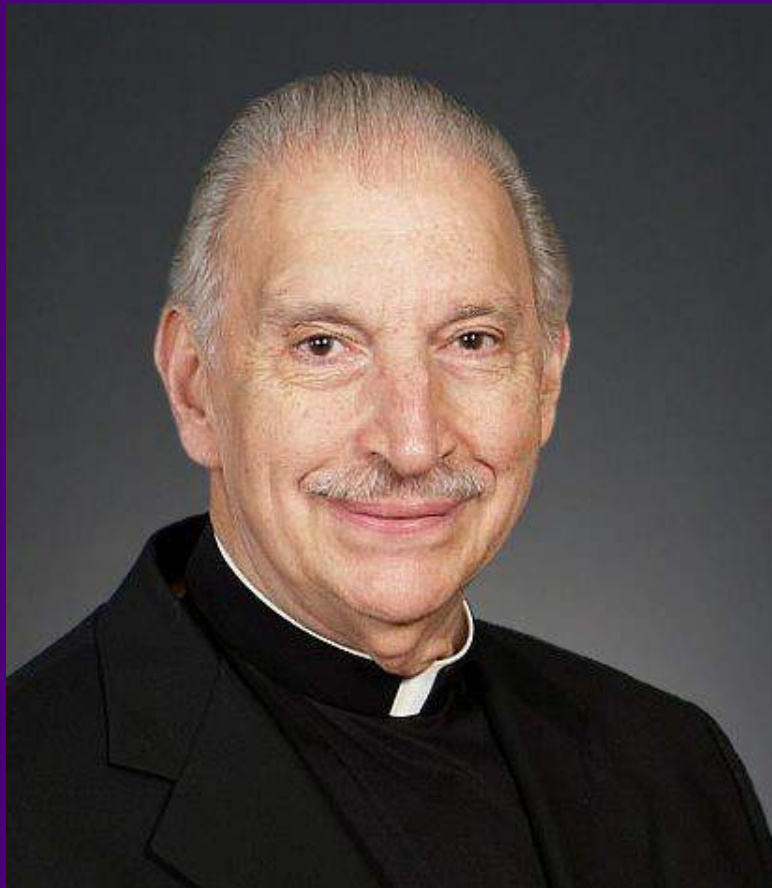


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Rev. Fr. Salvatore J. Pronesti

November 28, 1940 - January 11, 2025

Ordained a Priest May 20, 1967

Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Bridgeport, PA 1994 - 2014

Hear with favor our prayers, which we humbly offer, O Lord, for the salvation of the soul of Father Salvatore Pronesti, Your servant and Priest, that he, who devoted a faithful ministry to Your Name, may rejoice in the perpetual company of Your Saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- The Roman Missal

JANUARY 19, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday,
February 16, 2025
3:30 - 6:00 pm**



**Adult: \$ 12
Child: (3-9) \$7
Under 3 Free**

School Hall

**Ticket sales start Jan. 18th
after Mass & at Rectory**

**Spaghetti &
Meatballs
Italian Bread
Caesar Salad
Italian Salad
Beverages
Desserts
BYOB**

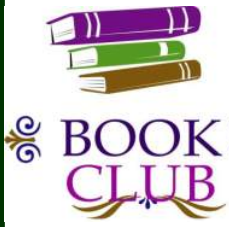
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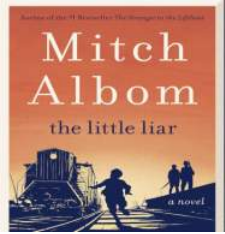
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 **BOOK CLUB**

The book for **January & February** will be The Little Liar by Mitch Albom - an unforgettable story of truth and lies set during the Holocaust. We will discuss 1/2 the book for this Tuesday's meeting, January 21st and the remainder for the February 18th meeting. We will meet in the rectory meeting room at 1:30 pm.

New members are always welcome to join.



 **Companions in Prayer and Ministry** will meet on Sunday, February 2nd after the 10:15 Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Please consider joining our Companions Group on the first Sunday of the month after the 10:15 Mass. All are welcome!

Sister Francis Helen

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 18

4:00pm Louis Stalker

Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by The Bores & Stalker Families

Sunday, January 19

8:00am Susan Leonard

Requested by Pat Murphy

10:15am Steve Barainyak

Requested by His Family

Monday, January 20

8:00am Louis J. Spera

Requested by Mike & Lori Zadroga

Tuesday, January 21

8:00am Patricia Hylinski

Requested by The Cottone Family

Wednesday, January 22

8:00am Mark Wisniewski

Requested by Bill & Bridget Maruszczak

Thursday, January 23

8:00am Frank Bazela

Requested by Pat & Donna McCloskey

Friday, January 24

8:00am Madge Kuras

Requested by Pat Murphy

Saturday, January 25

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Dan Paciello

Requested by John & Connie Capaldo

Sunday, January 26

8:00am Kathy Moffa

Requested by Michael & Susan Opielski & Family

10:15am Evelyn Horning

Requested by Patrick Dudas



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, January 25:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Joan Koeck

Lector: Elisa Pagnotti

Sunday morning, January 26:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Valencia Zaremba

Lector: Tony Viggiano

10:15am

Lector: John Keidel



Weekly Report

January 11 - 12, 2025

\$7,157.00

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**Archbishop Pérez's
Pastoral Letter**

Archbishop Pérez
published a Pastoral
Letter on Sunday,

January 5th. This letter outlines his hopes for the Church of Philadelphia over the coming years. He is asking for your help in being a part of the process. The first thing to do is to visit: <https://trustandhope.org> by clicking the link or using the QR code below; watching the video; and then reading the Archbishop's letter to us. After that, please also sign up for one of the Archdiocesan Consultation Sessions and learn even more. We will also have local information sessions here at Sacred Heart Parish and we will share those dates as soon as we schedule them.

ETERNAL REST,
GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!

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

Christel Cornacchio

*Who was called from this life on
January 10, 2025*

*"May Her soul 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** (Sergeant, 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.

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12th Annual
John Cardinal Foley Lecture
On the Church and Communications



Guest Speaker Featuring
Montse Alvarado
7:00 PM Monday February 3, 2025
Julia Ball Auditorium
on the campus of Gwynedd Mercy University

Event is open to the public with free admission

“People need to simplify their lives and learn to be dependent upon God. Then, through a fervent prayer life, they will be able to trust in God’s Providence instead of their own cleverness.”

~St. Pio of Pietrelcina

DINNER THEATER BUS TRIP LANCASTER

WHEN: Tuesday, April 15, 2025

WHERE: Dutch Apple Dinner Theater

SHOW: Fiddler on the Roof

COST: \$119.41 Per Person
(due upon making reservation)



TIME: Departs 9:30 AM Sacred Heart Church parking lot promptly
Returns 4 PM (buffet lunch 11:30, show 1PM)

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St. Mary Polish American Society is accepting applications for the third annual Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,500 scholarship to a qualified student of Polish ancestry residing within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pursuing full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university in the United States. Full information about the scholarship is included in the QR code. Questions, please call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 19, 2025

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

At whatever age we may be, certain words set up a certain excitement within us. This certainly occurs when we hear "Once upon a time." We "sit up," as it were, and start to pay attention. The story may be familiar to us, and there is a special joy if we are about to tell someone else the tale for the first time.

Such is the case with the simple line that the author of the fourth gospel uses in our hearing this weekend: "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee." Most of us know what's about to unfold and we line up the characters as we imagine them. A pair of newlyweds, perhaps having overspent on their reception, are about to be caught up in embarrassment because the wine is running out. In those ancient days, wedding celebrations ran for several days. Even the best planning might miscalculate how much wine the guests might consume.

The look of fear in their eyes gets noticed by one special guest. It is the Mother of Jesus, a close friend of the host family. She in turn puts her Son on notice with a simple statement: "They have no wine."

We note some ambiguity in Jesus' response, so mindful was He of His Father's game plan for the timing of His earthly mission. This was paramount in all His own decisions. Mary might be upsetting things.

Yet, there is that motherly power over a loving son, combined with a beautiful faith and trust, which finds her confidently telling the servers words that will turn out to be her valedictory address in all of Scripture: "Do whatever He tells you."

Right then and there we have words to build a life on! Meanwhile the stewards brought the big stone jars of water forward, and when they were full of wine, it was a vintage with a taste that surprised the chief steward.

There are many possibilities for reflection in this beautiful story.

But I believe it is Mary's command to the stewards that should be our takeaway. If only we could obey her words and do what Jesus wants of us 24/7/365! Not likely. But thanks be to God, we always have Mary's help. And we also have the sacrament of Reconciliation with its fine-tuned graces.

Both will help us as our stories move along. For one day, we know not when, our stories will be a matter of "once upon a time."

God love you and give you His peace.

*Do whatever
he tells you.*

JOHN 2:5



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