

Sacred Heart Parish

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The Spirit
of the Lord
is upon me.

Luke 4:18



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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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JANUARY 26, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vision 26: God's House, Our Home

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

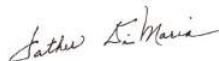
God's love certainly unites us!

This is evident in the parish response to our recent stewardship outreach. **THANK YOU!** I am humbled and grateful for your commitment to Sacred Heart Parish, especially during challenging times. Through your commitment, our parish remains vibrant, engaged and Christ-centered in the Eucharist and in serving one another.

God's work is never done! Your prayerful response both materially and spiritually is setting the groundwork for a path forward as we plan for the future of our parish and continuation of critical ministries and service programs. Sacred Heart Parish continues to grow as a strong, faith-filled stewardship community because of parishioners like you!

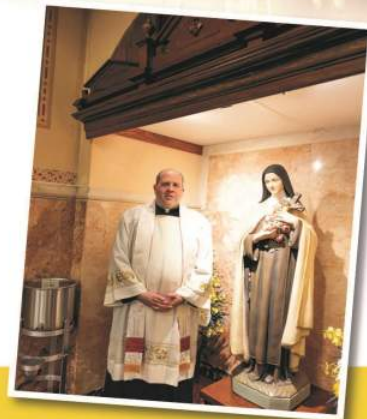
Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to Sacred Heart!

In the love of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,



Rev. Peter J. DiMaria
Pastor

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PARISH**



Highlights

\$103,476

in additional offertory
commitments
(contributions not
yet realized)

\$31,655

committed in
one-time gifts

17

new families
welcomed into our
parish community

If you have not yet renewed your commitment to our parish, please return your commitment card within the next few weeks. We are looking for 100% participation from our parish families! Each response makes a huge impact!

We Invite You To:

Our Mission

Joyfully worship and make the Eucharist our core and Summit

- Attend Mass
- Attend Adoration
- Actively participate in the Liturgy
- Pray with others

Our Community

Develop and grow a personal relationship with Christ

- Through scripture and Bible study
- Celebrate the Sacraments
- Join a book study, small group, or class
- Pray to find Christ in everything and to grow in faith

Our Witness

God asks us to share our gifts for the good of others

- Join a parish ministry
- Volunteer to charitable causes
- Practice corporal works of mercy
- Give in faithful response as a generous steward

The Sanctuary Crucifix – Memorial Possibility

Our beautiful church is an artistic masterpiece in many ways. Much of its beauty was envisioned and created through the efforts of Father Francis Sokol who was the beloved pastor of Sacred Heart from 1944 to 1970. Shortly after the Second World War he desired to renew the interior of our church. This desire led the parishioners of that time to donate the necessary funds to add all the marble work which we see in the church from the former baptistry area, the vestibule floor, as well as all the marble in the sanctuary and on the walls. Additionally, the marble framed mosaic Stations of the Cross were also added during this time.

Although most of the renovation work was done in marble, Father Sokol chose to grace the Sanctuary walls with a wooden reredos perhaps as a gesture to his and the parishioners' Polish heritage as most of the churches in Poland do not contain marble but beautiful carved wooden fixtures.

The central piece of this reredos was a beautiful five-foot hand carved image of Christ crucified attached to a wooden cross which is carved into the reredos. It really was a work of art. When I first arrived at the parish I began a search for this image of Christ which had been removed and replaced with the crucifix which hung in the former Our Mother of Sorrows Church. It was my hope to reinstall this artistic masterpiece. Unfortunately, the few leads I had to regain that beautiful corpus turned out to be dead ends.

I would like to remove the present crucifix and replace it with a wood carved hand painted corpus to be installed on the original carved cross in the reredos which is hidden behind the present crucifix.

I would like to undertake this project for a few reasons:

- a. the corpus on the crucifix is made of plaster and all the other images in the sanctuary are either carved wood or marble.
- b. The corpus on the present cross is disproportionate in size to the sanctuary. The original wooden corpus was five feet tall. The present plaster image is 20 inches shorter than the original image of Christ which hung in the sanctuary.
- c. I believe that the crucifix is an inferior work of art compared to all the rest of the beautiful statuary we have in the church.
- d. In light of the upcoming one hundredth anniversary of the building of the church, I would like to make this change which I believe will enhance the sanctuary.

The cost of the five-foot wood carved and hand painted Corpus which I would like to get will cost \$8,000.00. It is called a Pisa Corpus and comes from Italy.

If anyone would like to memorialize a deceased family member by donating the funds necessary to purchase the corpus, please contact me.

Thank you.

God love you!

Father DiMaria

If You Cannot Be On
Time, Then Be
EARLY. Making Time
For Prayer Strengthens
Our Connection With
God!

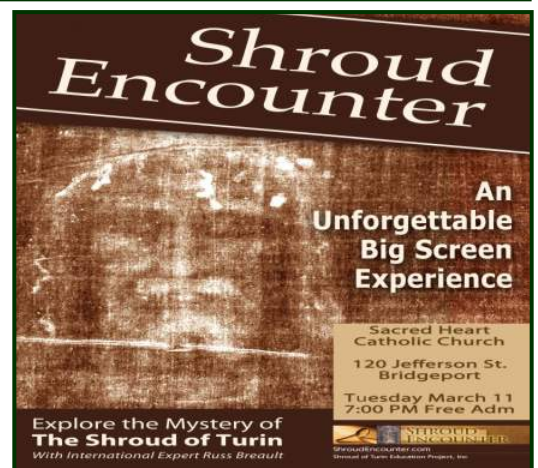


***Companions in
Prayer and
Ministry*** will
meet on Sunday,
February 2nd after

the 10:15 Mass in the Rectory
Meeting Room.

Please consider joining our
Companions Group on the
first Sunday of the month af-
ter the 10:15 Mass.

Sister Francis Helen



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 25

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

Monday, January 27

8:00am Roseann Sulock

Requested by Joseph & Denise Levinsky

Tuesday, January 28

8:00am Rosemary Giovinco

Requested by The McCallister Family

Wednesday, January 29

8:00am Michael Dudas

Requested by Patrick Dudas

Thursday, January 30

8:00am Rita & Paul Carney, Sr.

Requested by Stan & Marge Leszczynski

Friday, January 31

8:00am Daniel Paciello

Requested by Mike & Lori Zadroga

Saturday, February 1

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm David Cabrey

19th Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by His Mom, Helen Cabrey

Sunday, February 2

8:00am Jose Arias

Birthday Remembrance

Requested by His Mom

10:15am Ken & Sophie Gunsulas

Requested by The Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, February 1:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Pat Moletzsky

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

Sunday morning, February 2:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Marjorie Pruskowski

Lector: Connie Capaldo

10:15am

Lector: Chris Kilian



Weekly Report

January 18 - 19, 2025

\$7,072.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!

"It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing that matters."

~St. Teresa of Calcutta



Upcoming Monthly Special Collection

In your generosity, please remember

The Weekend of February 1 - 2, 2025

Care of Aging Priests

Thank you for your generosity!

This week the bread and wine for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is for



The Intentions of the Benedict & Cartenuto Families

In Loving Memory



We are grateful for donations received in Memory of

Andrew Andreyko, Sr.

On behalf of:

Michele & Roger Crake

Karaoke Party Wing Night



**Swedesburg Fire Co., Jefferson St,
Swedesburg, PA
Saturday, February 8, 2025**

Wings - 6pm - til....

Karaoke - 7pm - 11pm

Karaoke by Joe DiBattista

No Cover Charge

Additional Information - 610-272-9853

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**



Piper Kaplan
Michael J. Estock
Francis Rodenbaugh III
Karen Braithwaite
Carol Katkowski
Elaine Fertal
Barbara Pruskowski
George Minnis
Al Cowling
Mary (Puzio) Stephenson
Mary Boyle
Fran Toth
Joan Birely
Martha Smoczylo
Kelly Benedict
Patricia Gaffney
Angela Desmond
Fred Zugay
Mike Piskai
Eileen Brandt

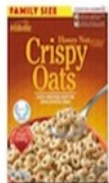
Denise Kavanagh
Tom Kavanagh
Michael Martin
Ronald Halas
Marge Leszczynski
Dolores Burton
Fran & Rob Worrall
Marion Raup
Joseph Saboe
Irene Elliott
Stanley Leszczynski
Ayden Boone
Butch Rodenbaugh
Nicholas Janicki
Michael Myers
Melissa (Myers) Sillah
George Estock
Barbara A. Burkert
John Smoczylo
Laurie Ronan

CEREAL SUNDAY

DONATIONS FOR
MARTHA'S CHOICE MARKETPLACE



BRING YOUR CEREAL
DONATIONS ON THE



1ST WEEKEND
OF EACH MONTH



LEAVE THEM IN THE
BACK OF CHURCH

GENERIC CEREAL IS GREAT!
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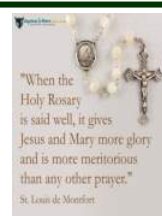
THE LORD'S REAL PRESENCE

We are fortunate enough to worship in a Church in which the **Body of Christ** is reserved. It is right to acknowledge the **Lord's Real Presence** with a brief act of worship on entering or leaving the Church and every time passing by the Sanctuary.

Normally, a **genuflection** in the direction of the place of Reservation is enough. One who is physically unable to genuflect may substitute a **profound bow** at the waist.

Monday Night Rosary will be recited in church each Monday at 7 p.m.

Pro Life Holy Hour at 12:00 noon each Wednesday in church.



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)

Checks payable to:
Sacred Heart Church

Any questions, contact June @
610-247-4398



YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION,
CONFESSION, & MUSIC

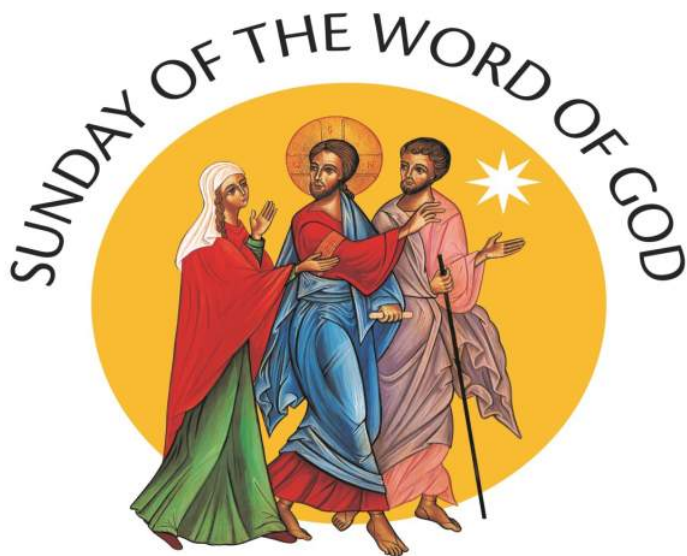
DRINKS TO FOLLOW

7pm - 8pm

LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

JANUARY 29 | FEBRUARY 26 | MARCH 26

CONTACT KENNEDY BUCKO W/ ANY QUESTIONS KENNEDYBUCKO@GMAIL.COM



Sunday of the Word of God

On September 30th, 2019, Pope Francis in his **Apostolic Letter**, "**Aperuit Illis**", instituted the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God.

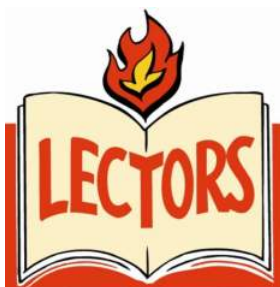
In this, Pope Francis "proposed setting aside 'a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as

to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people' (*Misericordia et Misera*, 7). Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world."

This *Sunday of the Word of God* is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

"The same Jesus who walked the streets of Galilee - giving sight to the blind, raising the dead, healing those who were paralyzed - that same Jesus is truly and uniquely present in the Eucharist.

~Edward Sri



We are in need of a few more lectors for the weekend Masses. If you would like to proclaim the Word of God at Mass and have a confident and clear

speaking voice, please contact Father DiMaria at frdimaria@shswedesburg.org.



Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

During the Wednesdays of Lent, beginning on March 12th, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from Noon until 7:30 p.m. Please consider spending some time with the Eucharistic Lord. There will be a sign-up sheet available for people to commit to certain time periods to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended. Come, let us adore Him!

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March 8-9, 2025

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