

During the 40 Hours, let us especially pray for:

1. Priestly vocations from our parish
2. The success of the Parish Mission on November 9th

“Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has his hands full of graces, and he is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks them.”

-Saint Peter of Alcantara-

***40 Hours
Devotion
&
Eucharistic
Procession
Closing night***

**Guest Homilist
Father Pachomius Walker, OP
Sacred Heart Parish
October 20-22 @7:00pm**

“I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament....There you will find romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth.”

J. R. Tolkien

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



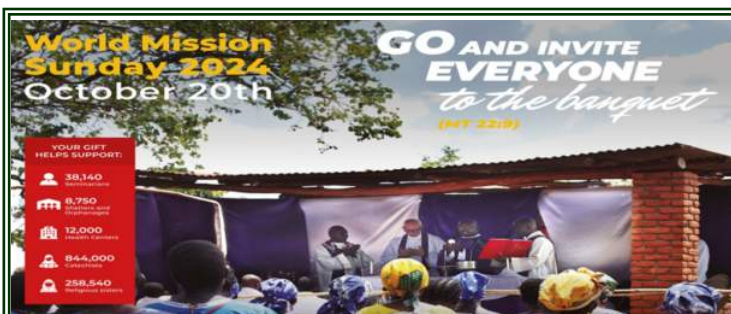
Welcome Fr. Pachomius, OP!

We are happy to announce that our 40 Hours preacher this year will be Fr. Pachomius Walker, OP.

Fr. Pachomius Walker, O.P., originally a Tennessee native, attended Vanderbilt University during which time he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church and confirmed through the campus ministry in 2010. He joined the Order of Preachers in 2016. After ordination in 2022, he was assigned to St. Patrick Parish in Center City, Philadelphia for two years as the Parochial Vicar. He began doctoral studies in moral theology at the Catholic University of America in the Fall of 2024. We are pleased to welcome Fr. Pachomius to our parish!

“Vision 26: God’s House, Our Home” Program

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming “Vision 26: God’s House, Our Home” Program at Sacred Heart Parish. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of Sacred Heart Parish. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on November 16 & 17. If you have any questions regarding the “Vision 26: God’s House, Our Home” Program, please feel free to contact the parish office.



Our Missionary Legacy

The Church in the United States was once mission territory, supported by the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Today, we continue this legacy by supporting the Pontifical Mission Societies, ensuring that the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth.

Our contributions help build and sustain communities of faith in places where the Church is still growing or facing persecution. This mission is a testament to our faith in action, reflecting the universal call to share Christ’s love. As we reflect on this year’s them, “Go and invite everyone to the banquet,” let us recommit to supporting our global Church family.

"It is a characteristic of any decaying civilization that the great masses of the people are unaware of the tragedy.

Humanity in a crisis is generally insensitive to the gravity of the times in which it lives.

Men do not want to believe their own times are wicked, partly because they have no standard outside of themselves by which to measure their times. If there is no fixed concept of justice, how shall men know it is violated?

Only those who live by faith really know what is happening in the world; the great masses without faith are unconscious of the destructive processes going on, because they have lost the vision of the heights from which they have fallen."

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



NEWS

Come out to our PREP All Saints Trunk or Treat



ALL SAINTS AND ALL TREATS

When: Sunday, October 27, 2024

Time: following the 10:15 am Mass

Where: lower Church parking lot

Who: All families are welcome!



Make your "Traveling Saint" at home or we will have a table for you to make and color your saint before you treat. Then you will take your "Traveling Saint" on an adventure to meet some other great saints and grab some treats along the way!

We welcome you to come dressed as your favorite saint!

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YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 19

4:00pm Jack & Jean Guziewicz

Requested by Children & Grandchildren

Sunday, October 20

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am John Mateja

Requested by Kevin & Mary Ann Maher

Monday, October 21

**8:00am The Deceased Sisters of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Requested by IHM Sisters of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, October 22

8:00am Vern Krueger

10th Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Wife, Jan & Family

Wednesday, October 23

8:00am Philomena Kurcik

Birthday Remembrance

Requested by Family

Thursday, October 24

8:00am Mary Ertel

Friday, October 25

8:00am Kathleen Rotondo

1st Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, October 26

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

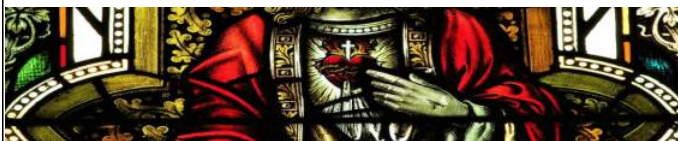
4:00pm Robert Shoudt

Sunday, October 27

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Laura Barainyak

Requested by Her Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, October 26:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister:

Barbara Jan Francisco

Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, October 27:

8:00am

Lector: Tony Viggiano

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister:

Pat Moletzsky

Lector: Caitlyn Sechuk

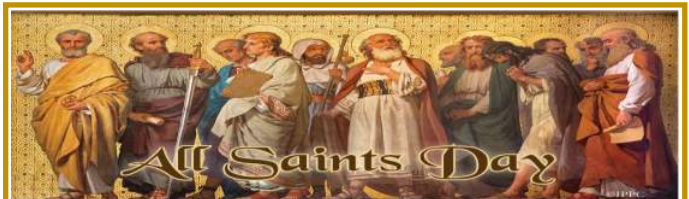


Weekly Report

October 12 – 13, 2024

\$6,466.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



On Wednesday, November 1st we will observe the Solemnity of All Saints which is a holy day of obligation.

While we ordinarily have an anticipated Mass at 4 p.m. on the day before the holy day, we will not be doing so for All Saints because experience has demonstrated that the observance of Halloween keeps many people at home.

Therefore, our Mass schedule for November 1st will be:

8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



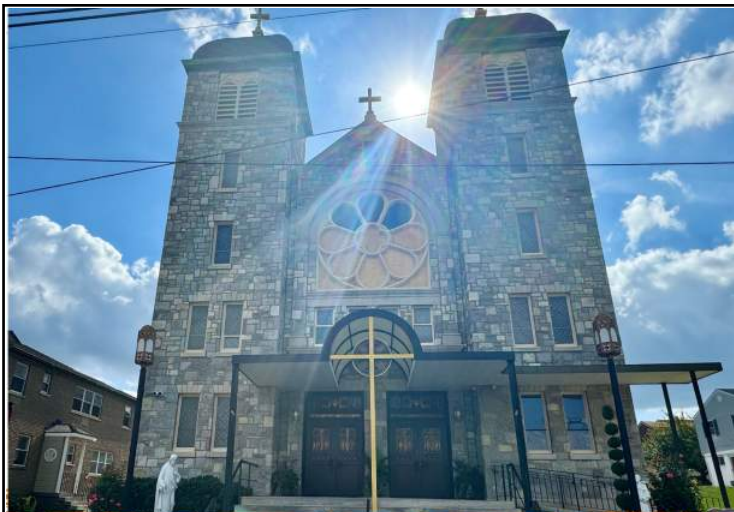
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Anna Mae Daloisio

On behalf of:
Jean Ann Saville



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

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SACRED HEART MISSION

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JOIN US IN EVANGELIZING
OUR NEIGHBORS

9 Nov, 2024 Sacred Heart
Parish

SCHEDULE
11:30AM-ARRIVAL AT SACRED HEART
11:30-12:30PM-TRAINING
12:30-2:00PM CROSSWALKS
2:00-3:30PM-PIZZA AND HIGHS & LOWS
4:00PM- MASS

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"Join us for a transformative experience at the Sacred Heart Parish Mission! This engaging event will feature crosswalks, where participants will split into groups to reach out to our community, sharing the love of Christ. We'll go door to door, asking for prayer intentions and inviting neighbors to join us in faith. Attendees will have the opportunity to nail their prayer intentions to our 8-foot wooden crosses, symbolizing our commitment to spreading the love of Jesus to our backyard. This mission is a wonderful way to connect, serve, and evangelize in our local community. ALL AGE GROUPS ARE WELCOME. Registration can be found on the flyer or in the back after mass. **Join Us in Evangelizing Our Neighbors!**"



Barbara Fromm
Michael J. Estock
Ron Dalasio
Francis Rodenbaugh III
Karen Braithwaite
Carol Katkowski
Chester Kowalski
Elaine Fertal
Barbara Pruskowski
George Minnis
Al Cowling
Mary (Puzio)Stephenson
Mary Boyle
Fran Toth
Joan Birely
Martha Smoczylo
Kelly Benedict
Patricia Gaffney

Andrew Andreyko
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
Helen Bednar
Barbara A. Burkert
John Smoczylo
Laurie Ronan

3rd ANNUAL POLISH DINNER
SWEDESBURG VOL FIRE HOUSE
Sunday, October 20

3:00pm - 6:00pm (or if sold out prior to 6pm)
 (first come first serve)

\$25.00 per platter

Each platter consists of:

2 Homemade Golumpki,
 3 Pierogi, Kielbasa, Halushki,
 Sauerkraut,
 Rye Bread - No Substitutions

Dine-In or Take Out



Come early and cheer on the Philadelphia Eagles as they face off against the Giants. Game begins at 1:00pm.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Monday Night Rosary on October 21. Rosary will resume on Monday, October 28 at 7:00pm.

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

All are welcome!



The Knights of Columbus collected \$648.00 at Sacred Heart to support Roses for Life. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.



St. Mary Polish American Society Raffle - Please consider purchasing a raffle ticket! The raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets and will be broken down as follows:

1st Prize- \$5,000
 2nd Prize- \$2,000
 3rd Prize- \$1,000
 and Four \$500 prizes.

Tickets are \$50 each. A total of 500 tickets will be sold. Raffle proceeds support our mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County, PA and assistance with the restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church in Conshohocken, PA. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at St. Mary Hall. To purchase tickets, please contact Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861 or email us at raffle@stmarypolish.org

Welcome!
NEW Parishioners

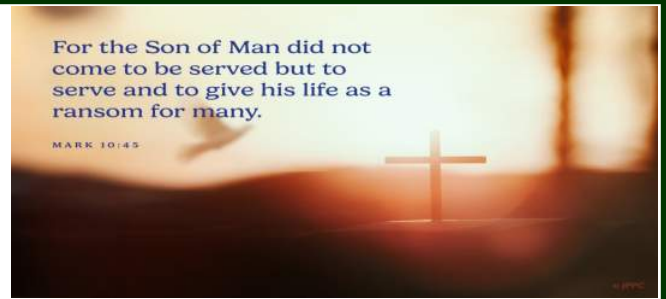
We extend a warm welcome to
Peter Gambol & Maria Boccella
Jared & Regina Robbins
who recently registered in our Parish!

“Any mental picture of your life that focuses on past sins is a lie and thus comes from the devil. Jesus loves you and has forgiven you your sins, so there is no room for having a downcast spirit. Whatever persuades you otherwise is truly a waste of time. It also offends God’s heart. On the other hand, if the mental picture of your life consists in what you can be or could be, then it comes from God.” ~St. Padre Pio

OCTOBER 20, 2024

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



Devotees of daytime TV know all about “The Price is Right.” I found out that it happens to be TV’s longest running game show. The gist of it is that participants try to win cash and prizes by guessing the prices of various merchandise. In order to win, their decision can neither be too low nor too high.

Coincidentally, we come across in today’s Gospel from Mark about 2 “contestants” vying for the prize of glory with no idea of the price to pay. Their names are James and John, two of the twelve Apostles. To their way of thinking, glory involves sitting on thrones next to Jesus. So, it is worth their while to “play the game.”

Before reflecting on His answer, please note that Jesus does not snap at His questioners or call them out for their selfish and disrespectful request. Instead, He simply tells them, “Fellas, you don’t know what you are asking.” Then he quotes the “price”: undergoing a painful “baptism” of suffering. True discipleship has a price. They (and we readers of this gospel) are meant to understand that for all time. Of course, by now we know this from life experience.

Quite naturally, the other ten Apostles were indignant at their comrades’ behavior. They had asked a crude and manipulative question of the Master. We could well ask ourselves the conscience troubling question: “Have we ever tried to manipulate God? Turned Him into some kind of good luck charm that puts Him at our beck and call to grant us some favor we crave?”

Worse still, have we ever turned against Him when He doesn’t respond as we would like? That underlies such thoughts as “Well, I’m not going to believe in Him (or His Church) anymore because He didn’t give me what I wanted!” But doesn’t that read like a petulant toddler at worst, or a fair-weather friend at least?

The dialogue between Jesus and the 2 petitioners James and John leads Jesus to give the whole group (and us) the real “price” of discipleship: wholehearted giving of ourselves in service to others. It is amply illustrated by the nearest crucifix. The resurrection of Jesus tells us the price was right. Still, the way to greatness is life’s labor. As the poet asks:

“Why are people great? Well...
The heights by great people reached and kept
We’re not attained by sudden flight.
But they, while their companions slept,
We’re toiling upward in the night.”

God love you and give you his peace.

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