

Sacred Heart Parish

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Learn a lesson from the
fig tree. When its branch
becomes tender and
sprouts leaves, you know
that summer is near.

Mark 13:28



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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, NOVEMBER 17, 2024
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JOIN US FOR OUR

ANNUAL *Christmas* **GATHERING**

Sunday, December 8 3:00 - 6:00 pm

LOCATION: SCHOOL HALL

Adults: \$10

Children(3-9): \$5

Under 3: FREE

**Tickets on sale after weekend Masses
beginning November 16 to December 1**

Appetizers

Snacks

Beverages

BYOB

PRIZES

50/50

Music

GAMES

Fun for ALL

Vision 26: God's House, Our Home

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment

to our parish through our **"Vision 26: God's House, Our Home"** Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass or you have not received a Commitment Card, please contact the rectory. Once completed you can mail your card to the church.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of Sacred Heart Parish!

Father DiMaria



St. Charles Seminary Collection

Edmond Johnson, a parishioner from St. Anselm Parish in Northeast Philadelphia, and a seminarian at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary will speak at all the Masses on the weekend of November 23/24th. He will share with us the good news concerning seminary formation and ask our prayerful and financial support for the formation of future priests. Please be generous!



I saw my Guardian Angel who ordered me to follow him. In an instant, I found myself in a misty place, filled with fire, and there a multitude of suffering souls.

These souls pray with fervor, but without effectiveness for themselves, only we can help them.
~St. Faustina



Thanksgiving Day

Join us for Mass on
Thanksgiving at 9 a.m.

There will be the blessing and distribution of bread.

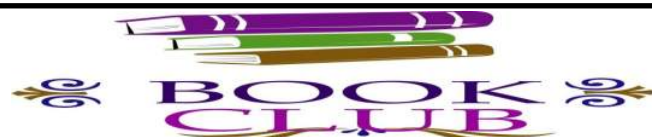
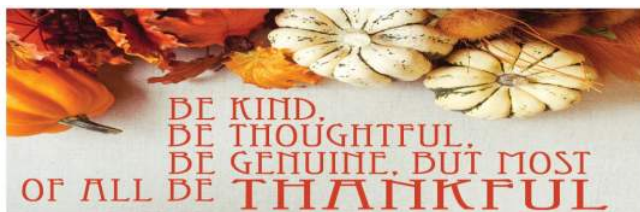
Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to be given to a local pantry.



Companions in Prayer and Ministry will meet on Sunday, December 1st 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



The **"Book Club"** will meet this **Tuesday, November 19th** and will be held in the Rectory Meeting Room beginning at 1:30pm. The book for November is Gifts From Friends We've Yet To Meet by Virginia Herbers.

The author introduces us to nameless Gospel characters, who provide us with a story, a journey and a gift.

We welcome new members any time. Please consider joining us for a great discussion.



"Suddenly Seniors"

Will meet this coming Thursday, November 21st at the Swedesburg Firehouse on Jefferson Street beginning at 12:00. Bring your own lunch. Water, tea & coffee will be provided. Anyone able to bring a dessert, this will be greatly appreciated.

Our guest speaker will be Sr. Joan Rychalsky. She will be doing the Myers-Briggs personality test for us. It should be fun!

Hope to see you on Thursday, Nov. 21!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 16

4:00pm Ben Cornacchio

3rd Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Wife, Christel

Sunday, November 17

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Babci & Dziadzi Woloszyn

Requested by Spike & Joan DeStefano

Monday, November 18

8:00am Louisa & Lorenzo Puco

Requested by Lou Puco

Tuesday, November 19

8:00am Anna Mae Daloisio

Requested by Elisa Pagnotti

Wednesday, November 20

8:00am Rita & Joe Russo

Requested by Lou Puco

Thursday, November 21

8:00am Anna Mae Daloisio

Requested by Bill & Bridget Maruszczak

Friday, November 22

8:00am Jack Guzewicz

Requested by Pat & Andy Moletzsky

Saturday, November 23

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Mary & John Halas

Requested by Margaret & Ron Halas

Sunday, November 24

8:00am Walter Gutkowski

12th Anniversary Remembrance, Nov. 23

Requested by Wife, Pat & Family

10:15am For the People of Our Parish



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, November 23:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Pat Moletzsky

Lector: Eileen Bralski

Sunday morning, November 24:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Marjorie Pruskowski

Lector: Tony Viggiano

10:15am

Lector: Elisa Pagnotti



Weekly Report

November 9 – 10, 2024

\$6,848.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



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come let us adore him

YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION.
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DRINKS TO FOLLOW

7pm – 8pm

JOIN US TUESDAY, NOV. 26

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



This week the bread and wine for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as well as the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns in honor of



Barbara Pupek's 90th Birthday

May God continue to bless you always.



Welcome!
NEW Parishioners

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



+Seek the path of holiness which is love. All the grace you need to love is available to you from Mary, the Mediatrix of All Graces. Ask for the grace to love as Jesus loves. You cannot imagine how much the blessed Mother awaits

your heart-felt request to love as Jesus loves - to love as God created you to love. There are many who think they love, but are deceived, for they have not forgiven. Any thought, word or action that is against love takes you off the path of holiness. Learn to come to the Blessed Mother for all the grace you need to love and to forgive as Jesus loves and forgives.



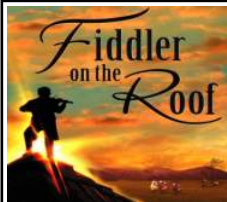
Please Pray For All Who Protect Our Country, especially...

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.



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Francis Rodenbaugh III
Karen Braithwaite
Carol Katkowski
Chester Kowalski
Elaine Fertal
Barbara Pruskowski
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Al Cowling
Mary (Puzio) Stephenson
Mary Boyle
Fran Toth
Joan Birely
Martha Smoczylo
Kelly Benedict
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Angela Desmond
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Tom Kavanagh
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Marge Leszczynski
Dolores Burton
Fran & Rob Worrall
Marion Raup
Joseph Saboe
Irene Elliott
Stanley Leszczynski
Ayden Boone
Butch Rodenbaugh
Nicholas Janicki
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Melissa (Myers) Sillah
George Estock
Helen Bednar
Barbara A. Burkert
John Smoczylo
Laurie Ronan



**SIGN UPS ARE NOW BEING
TAKEN FOR**

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 starts 1 PM)

Checks payable to: Sacred Heart Church

Send to: June DiDesidero - 395 Anderson Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Contact/Questions: junedidesi@gmail.com



St. Mary Polish American Society Christmas Food Sale

- Food items:**
- Babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb, or raspberry cheese)

for \$17 each from L&M Bakery in Delran, NJ

- Frozen pierogi (potato, potato cheese, or sauerkraut) for \$10 per dozen from Polka Deli in Port Richmond in Phila.
- Kielbasa for \$9 per pound from Czerw's in Port Richmond

The deadline for food orders will be Wed., December 4. Order pick-up will be on Friday, December 13 and Sat., December 14 at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall in Conshohocken.

Our annual 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. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 15, at St. Mary Hall.

To place a food order please email food-sale@stmarypolish.org and to purchase a raffle ticket, please email raffle@stmarypolish.org or for food orders or raffle tickets call: Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

The Miraculous Medal



Do you wear a miraculous medal? When and where did it originate? Why is it "miraculous"? Learn the amazing story behind this powerful sacramental at the next Patricians discussion!

**Wednesday, November 20th
6:45 - 8:45 p.m.**

**in the coffee hour room (enter hall from
Ford Street lot)
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA**

**Parking available in the Ford Street lot,
adjacent to the rectory & hall.
(No Commitment – Meetings are Monthly –
Come When You Can!)**

The Society of Patricians is sponsored by the Legion of Mary.
More info: r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or call
610-256-7125

The society of the Patricians is an informal group of adult Catholics who meet monthly under the direction of Fr. Sam Keyes to learn more about the Catholic Faith so that they can better share it with others.

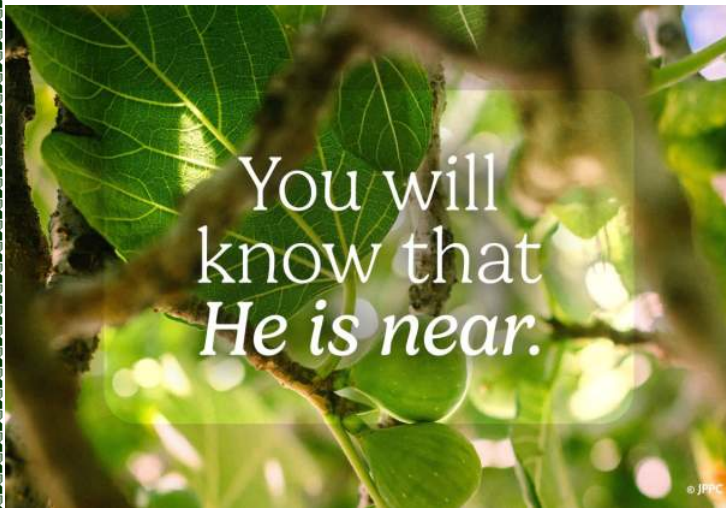
Please come, and bring a friend!

Refreshments will be served and free literature will be available.



Caring For Friends Save the Date

Mark your calendars for
**Wednesday, December 11 at
6:00pm** and come out and join our Caring for Friends Ministry. Do God's work and at the same time make new friends from our parish!



November 17, 2024

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Two words; six letters are all it takes to know that the movie's over. If you actually go back to see one in a theater, you know that then the house lights come up; the audience stands and steadily makes its return to reality. But the Scriptures, much more important for our lives, at this time of year bring up a

somewhat frightening question: "What comes with the end of reality?"

To answer that one best, we rightly turn to the one Person who knows the answer to all but the date. We hear Him today talk about a darkening sun and a disappearing moon, accompanied by falling stars and a quaking universe. Even if we're not told the day, it's a safe bet that most of us would prefer to be somewhere else when that happens!

Why would Our Lord tell us these things? And why would His Church proclaim the unpleasant truths today? Well, like a loving and practical Mother, the Church wants us to think of the future when we make some of our decisions in life.

Right now, we have come near to the end of the Church's Liturgical year. You might say that next Sunday's Feast of Christ the King is the Church's "New Year's Eve." We will have lived another year of reflecting on the all-important life of Christ in the Sunday celebrations. Today we are invited to ponder the end time of the world as we know it. Implied is another reminder that you and I are not "in charge."

All of this is not meant to scare us, or to become morbid. Just realistic. Especially so when it comes to the matter of our own lives. The Church is saying in the name of her mystical Head, Jesus Christ, that it would really be foolish to live and act as if this life of ours on earth is not going to end. Even if we are not around when the world ends.

Thinking about our own end has some benefits. It keeps us humble. You must know that despite all your many accomplishments here below, many of which can make you justly proud, it will all come to an end. Knowing that can put a check on our spending selfishly when we have the obligation to aid the poor among us. Today just happens to be "World Day of the Poor" so named by Pope Francis. Perfect timing for sure.

Meanwhile, we have the truth that Jesus, God's Son, stands triumphant in Heaven. He offers His blessed assurance that on the other side of death lies a new world, replete with an indescribable joy that never ends. Here and now, he keeps His promise to be with us. He goes so far as to feed us with Himself in the Holy Eucharist. That nourishment helps us face our future energized with hope and confidence. So, all kidding aside, we could say quite truthfully that "Death is not a period, but a comma in the story of life."

God love you and give you His peace.

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