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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 24, 2024
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to reflect upon and renew your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of Sacred Heart Parish. For those who are able - there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

For those of you who would prefer to fill out your Commitment Card online, please see the information below.

Father DiMaria

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7pm - 8pm

TUESDAY, NOV. 26

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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.***





Choose from Our Homes Those Needed for Your Work

On two separate occasions this past Spring, I had the privilege of attending the ordinations of two priests. One of the newly ordained was Fr. Gregory Miller of Sacred Heart Parish in Royersford. The other young man, Fr. Anthony Armbruster of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, is someone whom I came to know during my time on the staff at St. Meinrad Seminary in South-western Indiana. Both men honored me by asking me to preach their first Masses. Both Masses were joyful occasions for these men's families, friends, and fellow parishioners.

Those two experiences have lingered in my thoughts these past several months. With their ordinations, the awareness of how urgently the Church needs priestly vocations has remained with me. In previous parish assignments I introduced a Prayer for Vocations at Sunday Masses. In fact, I am convinced that one of the reasons the young Father Miller was able to respond to his vocation was because of the prayers of the parishioners at Sacred Heart in Royersford.

Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent (December 1) we will pray a Vocation Prayer at the conclusion of the Universal Prayer. This prayer may be found on the inside front cover of the missalette.

It has been forty-five years since any man from our parish has responded to a priestly calling. (The last priest ordained from Bridgeport was Bishop Michael Fitzgerald who is a retired auxiliary bishop in our diocese.) Perhaps there are a few young men whom Our Lord is calling from our ranks to answer the call to priesthood. Perhaps our prayers will help these men to say "Yes" to the Lord.



Our Rectory Office will be closed:

***Thanksgiving Day, November 28th
and
Friday, November 29th***

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

Appetizers	BYOB	Music
Snacks	PRIZES	GAMES
Beverages	50/50	Fun for ALL

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 23

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

Monday, November 25

8:00am Adelina & Antonio Bruno

Requested by Daughter, Placida

Tuesday, November 26

8:00am Ernesto DiGenova

Birthday Remembrance

Requested by Wife, Placida

Wednesday, November 27

8:00am Louise Santini

Requested by Lou Puco

Thursday, November 28

9:00am In Thanksgiving to God

Friday, November 29

8:00am Anna Mae Daloisio

Requested by Barbara Pupek & Family

Saturday, November 30

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Deceased Members of the Pizza Family

Requested by Bob & Theresa Wagner

Sunday, December 1

8:00am Thaddeus Pruskowski

Remembrance

Requested by Margie & Ted Pruskowski

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 30:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Andy Moletzsky

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

Sunday morning, December 1:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Joan Koeck

Lector: Connie Capaldo

10:15am

Lector: Daniel Fahy, Jr.



November 16 – 17, 2024

\$8,007.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!

+When you trust in God you are at peace. The more you trust, the deeper your peace. If you start to worry about weaknesses in God's Providence that is when you begin to lose your peace. Peace helps you to pray better and with more faith. Peace leads you along the path of greater solutions to your difficulties. It is the peace in your heart which Satan opposes most vehemently. He presents to your thoughts and imagination all sorts of scenarios which are contrary to your peace of heart. Your strength is in not giving into any of these, but believing in the positive force of God's Providence God always has a way around Satan's plans. God's Ways are far and above anything Satan could imagine. Therein lies your peace.





Amelia Rose Houseal

Baptized on Saturday,
November 16, 2024

Congratulations to Amelia's Parents:

Jeffrey & Kaitlyn

*May your Child's Baptism be just the
start of a life filled with blessings!*

*This week the bread and wine
for the celebration of the Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass is in
loving memory of*

Jose Arias

7th Anniversary Remembrance, Nov. 22

at the Request of His Mom



**Companions in Prayer and
Ministry** will meet next Sunday,
December 1st after the 10:15 Mass
in the Rectory Meeting Room.

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

Sister Francis Helen



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!

Christmas Decorating

*Volunteers are needed to help
decorate the church for
Christmas immediately
following the 10:15 Mass on
Sunday, December 22nd.*



Giving Tree

Once again our parish will
have a Giving Tree to assist
the needy in the local com-
munity. The tree will be in
place for the First Sunday
of Advent (December 1) at which time you may take
a tag. We are asking for \$25.00 gift cards which will
be given to Martha's Choice Market as well as the
Missionaries of Charity. We ask that all gift cards be
returned by December 15th so that they may be dis-
tributed in time for Christmas.



Giving Tuesday Please help spread the word to your family members and friends that Sacred Heart
Parish has enrolled in the Giving Tuesday program for Catholics known as I Give Catholic. Perhaps family
members or friends who no longer live in the parish or the area but have fond memories of their time at
Sacred Heart will want to help support our mission. Please direct the following QR code or the following
link to their attention.



<https://philadelphia.igivecatholic.org/organizations/sacred-heart-parish-19cc681d-da8b-423c-9ed9-9c2d68d2bfb9>



Peace in the Home

Pro-Life Christmas Caroling

**Saturday, December 14 at
10AM**

**Norristown Planned Parenthood
1221 Powell St., Norristown**



*In the Christmas story, hope enters the
world through the birth of a child, even
in the midst of difficult circumstances.*

*Join us as we share this Christmas hope
where it's needed most: the abortion
facility right here in our community.*

For more information, contact:
Joe McGuire, jmcg6518@gmail.com

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Holy Family Council #3327 the Knights of Columbus, is offering scholarships valued up to \$3,000 each, for the 2025/2026 academic year to worthy students/families in need of financial assistance. These students must be members of the Bridgeport area Catholic parishes and plan to attend or re-enroll in Catholic Schools (grades 1-12) or to a Catholic college/university.

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Look under the tab: 'Upcoming Trips', scroll down to 'Experience Ireland'.

You are also welcome to an 'Information Meeting' on

Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 1:00pm
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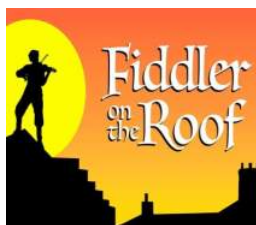
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November 24, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

As I reflected on this weekend's Scripture ensemble, I suddenly went back to my teaching days, when an assignment would be handed to my students to "Compare and Contrast" two given items. We can do that easily enough with a perceptive look at the three Readings. The first two are replete with grand promises and great glory to be given rightfully to Christ, compared with the Gospel, which comes crashing down to earth, so to speak, with a jolt.

I'd like to consider mainly the gospel. Note within it the appeal of high drama plus the comfort of knowing our faith is well-founded. First, the drama. Here we return briefly to Good Friday, where we get to compare and contrast Pilate and Jesus.

The procurator is in a kind of pressure cooker. Here he stands well within the "comfort zone" of his headquarters, surrounded by protective guards, ready to punish severely anyone who would challenge his leadership. Recall that his wife has urged him several times to steer clear of any involvement with the man from Nazareth. Now that very man is standing in front him. Behind him.

Pilate can hear the roar of the crowd outside, drummed up by the enemies of this prisoner. What should he do? The Jewish priests despise the man. They control the mob. In Pilate's mind, he knows Caesar is watching the whole episode.

So, Pilate decides to ask Jesus the key question of his petty concern: "Are you a king?" The whole idea seems ludicrous, considering the beaten condition of the man Jesus before him, His head bleeding from a thorn helmet the brutal Roman soldiers had made to be a crown. He's obviously feeling weary from a long night of mistreatment by His captors. Yet somehow, He exudes royalty. Compared with this stern Roman standing there in a finely woven toga, a signet ring on his finger, fresh from a good breakfast and surrounded by rough and ready protection.

"You say I am a king," answers Jesus, "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." How I wish we could all hear the tone of that Voice! We could then easily compare and contrast His power with Pilate's pettiness. But more importantly, we could hear the strength and conviction in Christ's voice. We would certainly be encouraged.

Why the need for courage? Because there is another crowd just outside the Catholic Church this very day full of hate for God, and anger at us for believing in Him. Anger at us because we are a blockage to spreading their lies about nearly everything. It's a veritable "catalog of confusion" they offer with a topsy-turvy value system bound to fail.

We derive our confidence from the Good News of the Gospel, that's why, when we compare and contrast the two viewpoints, we must be so grateful for the leadership and love of our true King, Jesus Christ. He is at the top of our Thanksgiving Day list of blessings. "To Him be glory and power forever!"

Happy Thanksgiving!



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