

Sacred Heart Parish

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commandment
greater than these.

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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 3, 2024
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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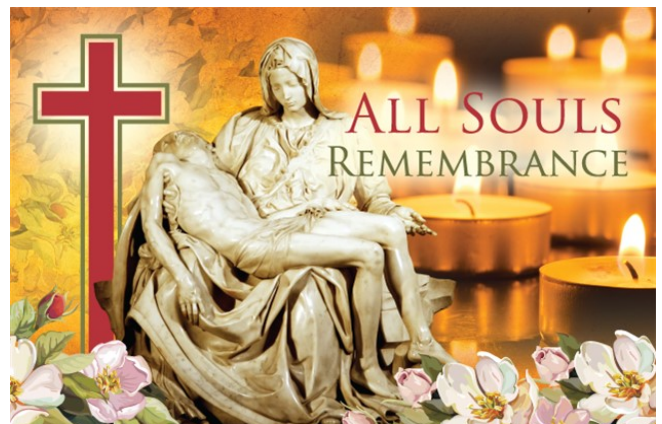
"Join us for a transformative experience at the Sacred Heart Parish Mission! This engaging event will feature crosswalks, where participants will split into groups to reach out to our community, sharing the love of Christ. We'll go door to door, asking for prayer intentions and inviting neighbors to 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!"**

Pray for the Dead!

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the following parishioners who departed this life between All Souls Day 2023 and All Souls Day 2024. If a parishioner's name is inadvertently missing, please contact the parish office so that a correction may be made.

Frederick Zugay	Carl A. Pierce, Jr.
Lorraine Alexander	Rose M. Coscia
John Mateja	JoAnn Prinzivalli
David Fabrizio	Margaret Halas
John Zaremski	Carl Farrell, Sr.
Gloria Jean Mastrocola	Louis Roberto, III
Helen Razin	Madeline Kuras
Mary Ann Barainyak	Daniel Paciello
Theresa Romahn	Lorraine Strizziere
Anna Mae Daloisio	Evelyn Horning
Anna Mae Simmons	Dr. Peter Ganime
MaryAnn Brzoska	Catherine Bankowski
Rosemary Giovinco	Barbara Ann Fromm
Carolyn Roberto	

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.





Pray For The Dead

The month of November is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Souls. During this month we especially remember our beloved dead. In the back of the church is a book for you to write the names of all your deceased family mem-

bers and friends whom you wish to especially remember in prayer. During the month of November the book will rest on the Sacred Heart Altar. May God grant eternal rest, light, and peace to all our beloved dead!

The **"Book Club"** will be meeting on **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.





**Friday,
November 8th**
Doors open 6:00 PM
Games at 7:00 PM

Parish Hall

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SAVE THE DATE

**Wednesday, November 13
6:00 PM**

We're more than just soup!!

Mark your calendars to join our Caring for Friends Ministry for the second Wednesday of the month, November 13 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

As the cooler weather is upon us we now offer our Caring for Friends clients "More than just Soup." Feel free to make your favorite homemade recipe for comfy foods such as:



**Homemade Soups
Chili
Mac and Cheese
Hot dogs and beans
Beef Stew**

Prepare your specialty at home and we will provide containers and labels at the gathering. We ask that you prepare enough for 10 or more servings.

In addition to "Scooping Soup" we are now sending greeting cards to our parishioners who are homebound, as well as Veterans at Coatesville VA Medical Center.

All are invited to be a part of this wonderful ministry. Any questions contact: Lisa Pagnotti
610-639-7704



**CANDY CANE LANE
AT ST. PATRICK'S**

Dear, Santa
This year I have been:

☐ Very nice ☐ Naughty ☐ Naughty nice

Friday, November 8th 5 – 8pm
Saturday, November 9th 10am – 5:30pm

Baked Goods
Delicious Food
Chances Galore
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Spirit Wheel
Children Games
Santa Visit
Tailgate Raffle Drawing

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 2

4:00pm The Deceased Members of the Knights
of Columbus Holy Family Council #3327

Sunday, November 3

8:00am Carmine Capone
Requested by The Capone Family

10:15am For the People of Our Parish

Monday, November 4

8:00am Catherine Olszewski
Anniversary Remembrance
Requested by Daughter, Roberta

Tuesday, November 5

8:00am Anna Mae Daloisio
Requested by Bill & Bridget Maruszczak

Wednesday, November 6

8:00am Deceased Members of the Fesolovich &
Hartridge Families
Requested by Mary & John Czapla

Thursday, November 7

8:00am Deceased Sisters of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary
Requested by IHM Sisters of Sacred Heart

Friday, November 8

8:00am Susan Detwiler
1st Anniversary Remembrance

Saturday, November 9

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Barbara Beaty
Requested by Jeanette Guziewicz

Sunday, November 10

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Anna Dewees
25th Anniversary Remembrance
Requested by Regina, Ian & Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, November 9:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Andy Moletzsky

Lector: Connie Capaldo

Sunday morning, November 10:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Joan Koeck

Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Valencia Zaremba

Lector: John Keidel

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.



Weekly Report

October 26 – 27, 2024

\$7,087.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!

Every Moment Counts

Eternal Father, Creator of the universe, transform my heart in this present moment so that it beats in perfect harmony with your Divine Will. Forgive me for all the present moments I have wasted and have not surrendered to Your Will. Help me always to cooperate with the grace You send me in every present moment. Amen.





Sloan Eleanor Blessington

Baptized on Sunday,
October 27, 2024

Congratulations to Sloan's Parents:

Thomas & Megan

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



Are you looking for a special way to mark Veterans' Day this year? St. John the Baptist Catholic Church invites you to join in praying the **Patriotic Rosary** for the Consecration of our Nation on **Saturday, November 9th at noon**, outside, in the Ford Street parking lot. (In case of rain, we will use the hall.) Location: 502 Ford St., Bridgeport. Parking is available in the Ford St lot, the Union Ave lot, and on the street. Light refreshments will be served after the prayers. Some seating will be available -- feel free to bring lawn chairs if you like.

This is a non-political, non-partisan event. All are welcome to join us in praying for our country. Veterans: feel free to wear something to signify your service! More info: r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or 610-256-7125.

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For more questions contact Karla Amezcua (608)- 201-7958



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
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show starts 1 PM)

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Send to: June DiDesidero - 395 Anderson
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Contact/Questions: junedidesi@gmail.com



Financial Report

Our Financial Report was recently completed, reviewed, and approved by our finance committee and submitted to the Archdiocese. Below please find a “snap shot” of parish finances. We thank all our parishioners for supporting our mission of worship, evangelization, faith formation, and service to the poor.

We would also like to thank the members of our parish finance council for generously giving of their time, counsel, and expertise. The finance council is comprised of the following parishioners: Larry Kilian (Chairman), Jessica Bucha, Victor Kalivas, Susan Opielski, Erica Stefanik, and Anthony Viggiano.

Sacred Heart Church

Summary of Ordinary
Income and Expenses

7/1/2023-6/30/2024

Income

Sunday Collections	\$ 339,832
Other Parish Collections	\$ 79,180
Stole Fees	\$ 12,200
Social and Donations, Net	\$ 12,434
Religious Education Program	\$ 2,595
Interest	\$ 33,668
Rental Income, Net	\$ 145,463

Total Ordinary Income \$ 625,372

Expenses

Diocesan Assessment	\$ 64,300
Salary of Clergy, Assist. Priests, Religious sister & visiting clergy	\$ 63,742
Salary of Lay Employees	\$ 107,579
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$ 46,035
Transportation/Vehicle Insurance	\$ 4,900
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 31,053
Pastoral Administration	\$ 11,255
Professional Fees/Services	\$ 39,509
Outside Printing	\$ 11,074
Office Supplies	\$ 7,559
Liturgical Supplies	\$ 23,167
Religious Education Expense	\$ 2,814
Rectory Operating Expense	\$ 24,848
Maintenance of Property- All Buildings	\$ 176,466
Heat, Light, Sewer- All Buildings	\$ 34,031
Total Ordinary Expenses	\$ 648,332

Operating Surplus(Deficit) \$ (22,960)

Please note: This does not
include plaster stabilization
project

\$328,000.00

Please note that the above report accounts for our ordinary operating income and expenses. It does not include the extraordinary expense of the church ceiling stabilization project which occurred at the beginning of the year. This expense was unexpected but necessary to secure the plaster ceiling which had become destabilized over the years.

November 3, 2024

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Sometimes in life knowing what questions to ask makes all the difference. Take for example your question to the specialist doctor: "Is my condition life threatening?" Or to the local grocer: "Is this really fresh produce?" Or lastly, to the new car dealer: "How long is the warranty?" You get the idea.

Once upon a long-ago day, in a far-off country, a young Jewish scholar asked the equally young rabbi we know to be the Son of God a most interesting question: "Which is the first and greatest commandment?" We less than innocent readers of the Gospel want to know the answer also. After all, we must admit our sins against several commandments every time we go to confession.

Fortunately for that Scribe and us as well, he got his answer. So well-known is it that even non-believers are likely to have heard it. In loose translation it is "Love God with everything you've got." But then Jesus quickly added an unexpected second command, the "flip side" of the First, if you will: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

That addition was a bit of a surprise to the unnamed Scribe. I can only imagine his facial expression when he heard it. Much of his life was dominated by the rules of obeying the Most High God. He could permit himself to ponder much abstract thinking. Arguments with others of his kind. "Neighbors" never figured into the discussion. Jesus changed all that for him.

But the whole matter comes right back at us as we read the gospel given to us ultimately by the Holy Spirit. Sure, we want to honor the God who made us with all our minds, hearts, souls and bodies. But what about that unsettling "Part 2" that Jesus proposes?

This "neighbor" designation doesn't just apply to the residents next door to us, although that's a good place to start. But what about the neighbor who doesn't look like you, perhaps with a different skin color? The one who doesn't speak English, or who eats from a different menu and smells as much? Or who favors a different candidate for office than you do? Do you mean to tell me that I must love him or her with the same fervor as I love myself? Yes, yes and yes again!

Of course, there are levels of love. Intimacy is not required. Love here means that we must will his or her good. But I must reach above and beyond a passing glance because Jesus inserted that little word "as" in His statement. "As" you love yourself. We all know the love we bear for the person who looks back at us in the mirror.

I think it's fair to say that true Christianity is one of the toughest religions to practice on the planet. Indeed, "practice" becomes the watchword here because it takes a long time for most of us to acquire our right to the name. Fortunately, there are wonderful exceptions, whom we call "saints." Some of them became such at a young age. Others lived in holiness over lives. We honored them all just last Friday on All Saints' Day.

Buoyed by our Holy Communion with the Lord at Mass, we can live for the day when we will be among their number, "when the saints go marching in."

Meanwhile, we can remember this about neighboring: "A good neighbor is one who will watch your vacation slides all evening without telling you that she has been there too."

God love you and give you His peace.



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