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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, DECEMBER 1, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2024 DAY OF SANCTIFICATION FOR PRIESTS

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with the Archbishop at Mother of Divine Providence Parish, King of Prussia on Monday, December 2, for the *2024 Day of Sanctification for Priests*. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the *Roman Missal*:

*Lord our God, who in governing your people
make use of the ministry of Priests,
grant to these men
a persevering obedience to your will,
so that by their ministry and life
they may gain glory for you in Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Do not allow worries about the past or the future to overwhelm the grace of the present moment. The present moment is filled with all the grace you need to be at peace. Worries weaken your prayer efforts and eat away at your faith. Do not be weakened by Satan's interference with God's Plans for you. Give all sources of worry which Satan presents to you to God's Providence. No one can handle problems better than God if you listen to him.



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

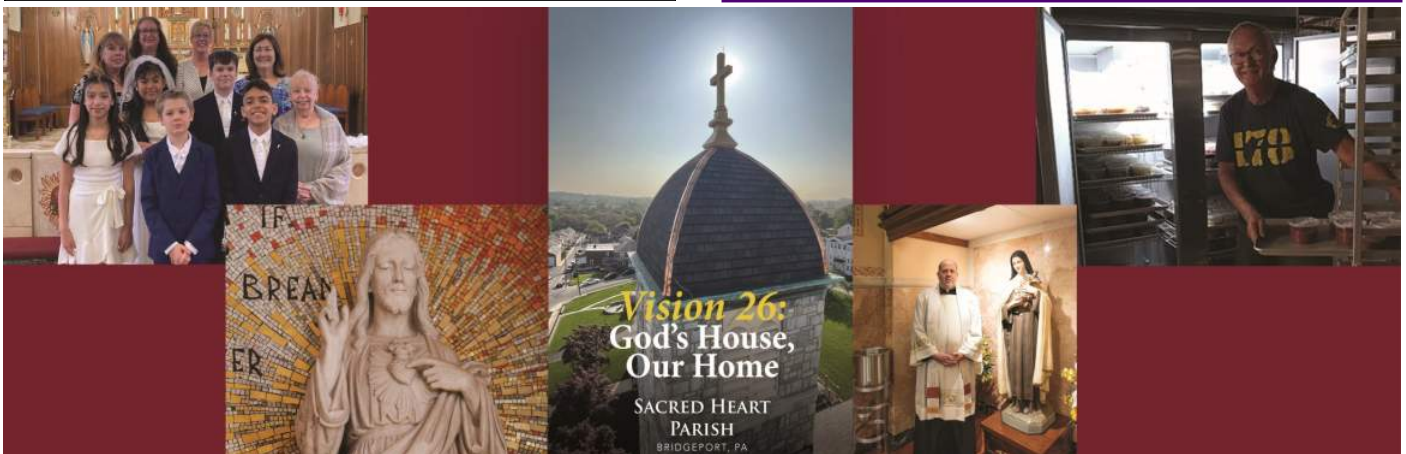
**Tickets on sale after weekend Masses
beginning November 16 to December 1**

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



Giving Tree

Our giving tree tags are now available. 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 distributed in time for Christmas.





*We extend a warm welcome to
Matthew & Meaghan Piedimonte
who recently registered in our Parish!*



Caring For Friends

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!



Oplatki

*(Unleavened wafers)
are now available at
the rectory.*

*A donation will be
gratefully accepted.*



Our New Tabernacle

We are grateful to the Joseph Hare Family for donating our new tabernacle in loving memory of the late Rosemary Hare.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!

*In your kindness,
please pray for the happy repose of the souls of*

Patricia Debro

*Who was called from this life on
November 19, 2024*

Freda Albanese

*Who was called from this life on
November 22, 2024*

Susan (Sue) Dayoc

*Who was called from this life on
November 22, 2024*

*"May Their souls and all the souls of the
faithful departed Rest in peace."*



**Volunteers
Needed!**

Christmas Decorating

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

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>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 30

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

Monday, December 2

8:00am Jack Guziewicz

Requested by Mark & Susan Shannon

Tuesday, December 3

8:00am Robert Walters

Requested by Vincent & Christine Benedict

Wednesday, December 4

8:00am Anna Mae Daloisio

Requested by Bill & Bridget Maruszczak

Thursday, December 5

8:00am Seda M. Kleinfelter

Birthday Remembrance

Requested by Her Sister, Karen

Friday, December 6

8:00am Nancy & John Tirone

Requested by Lou Puco

Saturday, December 7

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Blanche & Ignatius Guziewicz

Requested by Jeanette, Jas, Jennifer and Families

Sunday, December 8

8:00am Bernie Kenzakowski

Remembrance

Requested by Karen Hinchey

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, December 7:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Barbara JanFrancisco

Lector: Elisa Pagnotti

Sunday morning, December 8:

8:00am

Lector: Tony Viggiano

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Larry Kilian

Lector: Chris Kilian



Due to an early bulletin deadline, financial information will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!

Sacrament of Confession Schedule:

Thursday, December 19th

6:30pm to 7:30pm

Saturday, December 21st

2:30pm to 3:30pm

Monday, December 23rd

6:30pm to 7:30pm



Christmas Eve Masses,
December 24th

4:00pm & 8:30pm

Christmas Day Masses,
December 25th

10:15am



CHRISTMAS KOLACHKY

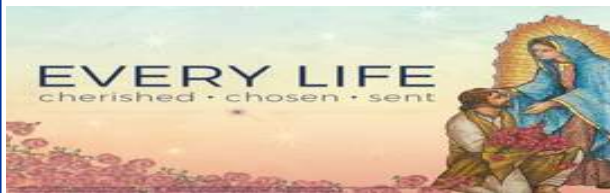
Pre-Orders can be
picked up in the Rectory
garage before or after all

Masses **next weekend, Dec. 7 & 8.**

**Any questions, contact Helen Surman
610-272-4249**

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.



*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.



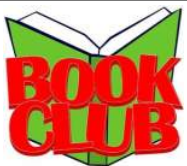
**Friday,
December 13th**

Doors open 6:00 PM
Games at 7:00 PM

Parish Hall

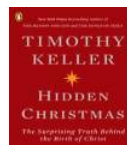
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The next book club meeting
will be on **Tuesday,
December 17th at 1:30pm.**

The book for December is
Hidden Christmas: The Sur-
prising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ
by Timothy Keller - a profoundly moving
and intellectually provocative
examination of the nativity story.



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



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

Organized nationally by the **PRO-LIFE ACTION LEAGUE**

DINNER THEATER BUS TRIP LANCASTER

WHEN: Tuesday, April 15, 2025

**WHERE: Dutch Apple Dinner
Theater**

SHOW: Fiddler on the Roof

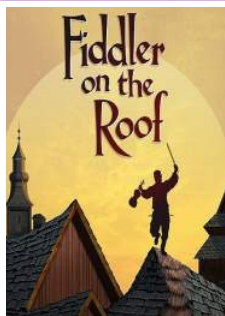
**COST: \$119.41 Per Person
(due upon making reservation)**

**TIME: Departs 9:30 AM Sacred Heart Church
parking lot promptly
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**Send to: June DiDesidero - 395 Anderson Road,
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Contact/Questions: junedidesi@gmail.com



Catholic School Scholarship Opportunity Grades 1 through College/University

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
at St. Ephrem Marian Parish Center,
5400 Hulmeville Rd, Bensalem, PA

to hear the exciting details of
this amazing trip!





FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 1, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

One contemporary mode of thinking about the two parts of today's Gospel passage is to call to mind both a "Jumbotron" and a cell phone. For those who need a definition, a "Jumbotron" is a very large monitor screen measured in feet, and often seen in sports stadiums or any large outdoor event with crowds of people in attendance. There happen to be several of them mounted in place in St. Peter's square at the Vatican.

I want to classify those happenings at the end of the world that Jesus describes today as a "Jumbotron event." Of course, when it will happen is known only by Jesus. He doesn't tell us. It could be 10,000 years from now or 10 days. The main point Our Lord makes clear is that history is always on the move, and never stagnant. It's heading toward some goal. That goal is Jesus Himself as King of the universe.

Now I ask your indulgence as I classify the happenings in our little lives as "cell phone events." Despite our often-inflated sense of ourselves, we are actually just a tiny part of the created world. We too are on the move, heading toward the same goal as the universe: union with Jesus as our King. The date that ends our earthly lives is also one of God's best kept secrets. We can only wonder when. All things being equal, I am a lot closer to it at 80 than I was at 18. But only our loving Creator knows for sure.

As a result of these dual mysteries, there is only one healthy conclusion that Jesus urges on both first disciples and on us: "Be prepared!" It seems to me that the biggest mistake most people make is to be unprepared. They try to avoid even thinking about their potential end.

I remember a chapter in a book of meditations for seminarians in which we were to imagine our funeral! This for guys just entering their twenties! The point was not to be macabre but mindful. In a dark chapel in the pre-dawn of a Winter morning, however, it was "heavy duty" stuff.

In her wisdom, Mother Church has presented the facts in the Scriptures of last week and today, to make sure we know that our death is not a matter of fiction. This is definitely not to scare us. Nor to belittle us. But to wake us up. Only a "drowsy" Christianity would invest all its hope in the things of this passing world. We are made for more. Much more.

If thoughts like these make you fearful, try to acquire the perspective of God's love for you. His love truly drives out fear. What proof do we have of Love's existence? It is the Holy Eucharist. That's really why we come together for it each Sunday and holy day. It is for sure to give God thanks for gifting us with Faith, Hope and Love. But it also is to renew a positive attitude toward life. It is to remind ourselves of the outlook that Holy Scripture provides for us about our destiny. What we receive for sure is a clear picture of God's love for us, giant size or small, depending on our need. How wise then it is to "Prepare and prevent instead of repair and repent."



God love you and give you His peace.

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