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i will lay down
MY LIFE
for the sheep

JOHN 10:15



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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, APRIL 21, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Vision 26: Stewarding our Church building for our community

Sacred Heart Church was built in 1926. For almost 100 years our church building has been the place where we have celebrated and encountered the Lord in His Word and sacrament. Over the course of the last eight years multiple repairs and improvements have been made to our church building to maintain and enhance it. The list of repairs and improvements is long from a new heating and air conditioning system, to stained glass window repair, to sacristy renovation, to the installation of a new confessional, to the new shrine room located off the vestibule. At the beginning of this year an extensive seven-week \$320,000.00 ceiling restoration project was completed which stabilized the plaster ceiling of our church.



In May the choir loft rose window restoration project will begin. This is the largest of all the stained-glass windows in our church and will take about 3 months to complete.

Beginning in late June the new church floor project will begin. We thank all who have generously given to our Vision 26 campaign to help us properly steward our beautiful church building. May the Lord reward your goodness.

YOUNG ADULTS

HOLY HOUR

**with Eucharistic Adoration,
Confession, & Music. Drinks to follow!**

7 - 8 PM

On the Last Wednesday of the Month:

April 24

May 29

June 26

July 31

August 28

**Contact Kennedy Bucko with any questions!
kennedyabucko@gmail.com**





Our parish's annual Feast Day dinner will take place on Sunday, June 9th beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Spring Mill Ball Room in Conshohocken. We have hired PTG caterers to supply our meal. They are an outstanding caterer and always serve excellent meals. The cost of the ticket is \$50.00 per person and \$20.00 for children below the age of 12. There is a cash bar. Tickets go on sale May 2nd until June 2nd. The menu is as follows:

Hors d'oeuvres – 14 different types including: Mini crab cakes - Buffalo wings - Mini tacos - Filet mignon on toast - Poppers - Cheeses - Antipasto - Bruschetta

Main course: Ravioli with 4 cheese sauce - Penne in light pink sauce - Chicken Francaise - Shrimp and Scallops - Asparagus - Roasted Potatoes Spring Mix salad

Desserts - Coffee and tea

Music will be provided by Fasano Entertainment. Join us for dinner, dancing and celebrating!

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in Thee!



Boaz Michael Kilian

Baptized on Sunday,
April 14, 2024

Congratulations to Boaz's Parents:
Christopher & Beatriz

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



We extend a warm welcome to

George Gear

Dan Westbrook

who recently registered in our Parish!

If you are really humble, if you realize how small you are and how much you need God, then you cannot fail.

~Archbishop Fulton Sheen

**ETERNAL REST,
GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!**

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

Anna Mae Daloisio

*Who was called from this life on
April 14, 2024*

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

Vision 26 Celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

Strengthen the bonds of friendship among our parishioners and join us for a wonderful parish feast day celebration on June 9.



Saturday, April 20

4:00pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 21

8:00am Dorcas & William Barrett
Requested by Joe & Kathy Gasko

10:15am Laura & Steve Barainyak
Requested by The Family

Monday, April 22

8:00am David Fabrizio
Requested by Tom & Mary Ellen Kester

Tuesday, April 23

8:00am Catherine DePaul
Requested by U.M. Codes Department

Wednesday, April 24

8:00am Barbara Bores
Requested by Elaine & Edward Woltemate

Thursday, April 25

8:00am Jack Guziewicz
Requested by Stan & Marge Leszczynski

Friday, April 26

8:00am David Cabrey
Requested by His Mother

Saturday, April 27

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 28

8:00am Leslie Zadroga
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Her Parents & Family

10:15am John & Florence Czapl
Requested by Daughter, Rosemary Giovinco & Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, April 27:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Andy Moletzsky

Lector: Connie Capaldo

Sunday morning, April 28:

8:00am

Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Joan Koeck

Lector: Caitlyn Sechuk



Weekly Report

March 23 - 24, 2024

\$5,440.00

March 30 - 31, 2024

\$8,396.00

April 6 - 7, 2024

\$5,087.00

April 13 - 14, 2024

\$6,108.00

Easter Offering

\$21,135.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!

April is **Abortion Recovery Awareness Month**

Are you or someone you love suffering from a traumatic pregnancy loss and experiencing:

- Depression
- Anxiety and panic attacks
- Intense grief, sadness, rage
- Feelings of shame and guilt
- Suicidal thinking and behavior
- Drug or alcohol abuse
- Problems maintaining intimate relationships
- Eating disorders
- Nightmares, flashbacks

you can find healing

Experience forgiveness and be freed from shame. Confidential, compassionate, non-judgmental help is available. You're not alone:

- For an in-person weekend retreat: RachelsVineyard.org
- For online and/or in-person* Bible-based programs: HerChoiceToHeal.com (part of RamahInternational.org) SaveOne.org SheFoundHisGrace.org

ABORTION Recovery AWARENESS
Because no heart is too broken to be healed

First Saturday Devotions

Immediately following the Saturday 8 a.m. Mass at Our Mother of Divine Providence Church on May 4, First Saturday devotions consisting of the rosary and other prayers to honor Our Lady of Fatima will be held. All are welcome!



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.

Sunday Funday - April 28

3:00PM - 5:00PM

Parish Hall

CRAZY BINGO

If you are planning on attending Crazy Bingo, please text or email Lisa Pagnotti.

Lisa Pagnotti 610-639-7704 (Text)

Email:

suburbantravel@yahoo.com

We will also have sign-up sheets in the back of church. Since we are not selling tickets, we need an approximate head count for supplies.

Looking forward to seeing you at our first CRAZY BINGO!



Chester Kowalski
Elaine Fertal
Barbara Pruskowski
George Minnis
Al Cowling
John Puzio
Helene(Puzio) Dulaney
Mary(Puzio) Stephenson
Monica Pocelujko
Mary Boyle
Rosemary Giovinco
Fran Toth
Jane Puzio Sharma
Joan Birely
Evelyn Horning
Martha Smoczylo
Kelly Benedict
Patricia Gaffney
Andrew Andreyko
Angela Desmond
Fred Zugay
Mike Piskai
Eileen Brandt

Denise Kavanagh
Tom Kavanagh
Michael Martin
Theresa Seiders
Betty Lilick
Margaret Halas
Ronald Halas
Marge Leszczynski
Dolores Burton
Fran & Rob Worrall
Rose Coscia
Marion Raup
Joseph Saboe
Irene Elliott
Stanley Leszczynski
Ayden Boone
Butch Rodenbaugh
Nicholas Janicki
Catherine Bankowski
Michael Myers
Melissa(Myers) Sillah
George Estock
Helen Bednar
Barbara A. Burkert
John Smoczylo
Laurie Ronan



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MAY 3 - MAY 5, 2024
FRIDAY @6PM - SUNDAY @1PM

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To register or for more information, please scan the QR code, call 610-644-0400, or visit malvernretreat.com

Rev. Stephen DeLacy & Rev. Timothy Tarnacki, CSPPE

Monday Night Rosary
 There will be a public recitation of the rosary in church each Monday at 7 p.m. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Ed DiGinto at 610-202-0069.

Sacred Heart Pro Life Holy Hour
 All are welcome to join us at **12:00 noon each Wednesday** to gather in prayer to ask for God's help on issues affecting our nation and families.

Retreat for Catholics Affected by Divorce/Separation
 Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for a half-day retreat at the Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA for a special retreat for Catholics wounded by divorce/separation.

Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 The day will include talks, time for reflection, prayer time, Confessions, and the anticipated Mass for Sunday at 4 p.m. Speakers: Anne DeSantis, MA Theology, Executive Director of the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation, and Fr. Nick Terico, O.Praem, a priest of the Daylesford Abbey. Talks will be geared for healing after loss and in dealing with family crises.

To Register:

<https://www.nonnatus.org/divorce-retreat.html>

Questions: email director.srnf@gmail.com

April 21, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Each of us has that certain friend, relative or neighbor who is good at something that we're not. That ability could be about almost anything you can name. Baking a cake; building a deck; telling a story; driving an RV or flying a plane. It is these talents and abilities of others that make life better for us, even if we must fight off a little jealousy. But, when you add in your specialty, we have an expanded basis for gratitude, well past the fourth Thursday in November.



There is one Person who once came to live with us from a faraway place called heaven who had every possible talent and ability there could be: Our Lord Jesus. Even so, He put limits on Himself. Yes, He performed miracles. Yes, He rose from the dead. But in His teaching, He only told us what we needed to know; never to limit ourselves in becoming better; told us how to be better; and then invited us to live in His kingdom.

In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus made bold to call Himself "The Good Shepherd." That title meant more to His contemporaries than it does to us, at least at first glance. Most of us know nothing about this humble and difficult way of life called shepherding. We have to "Google" it. We do know that shepherds raise and tend to sheep.

When Jesus called Himself the "Good" Shepherd that word in John's gospel meant more than "good at" some task or other. It meant "noble" or "ideal" shepherd. That declared that Jesus was not like the bad shepherds who neglected their flocks and let them become victims of wolves. In fact, Jesus gave His life for His sheep, who, in this context are namely you and me.

The good news is that we are always part of His flock if we want to be. We will receive His attention, His care, His love. Of course, that word "if" makes all the difference. We can reject Him. Write Him off our list of priorities if you will. This happens to otherwise faithful sheep, particularly when inclusion in His flock, or loyalty to Him involves pain and difficulty.

In our society, with its upside-down value system, that pain may be no more than embarrassment at being known as His follower. Yet every crucifix, large or small, is a vivid reminder of how much He loves us and will not hold back His love if we repent. Like a good shepherd, He feeds His flock with the finest of foods, namely the Holy Eucharist. Boy is our Shepherd good at loving us, is He not? How are we at loving Him back?

Even a four-year-old little girl knows the coldness implied when we make no return to God. Her mother watched her one day hugging a doll in each of her pudgy little arms. After a few minutes, she wistfully looked up at her mother and said, "Mama, I love them and love them and love them, but they never love me back."

Well...God love you and may you always love Him back.

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