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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, MAY 12, 2024**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

***Happy Mother's Day!***

Technology is everywhere but a Mom has a heart that feels, teaches, and expresses love. No computer or smartphone can do that.

By embracing the most sacred gift of all, the life of a child, a mother is God's special agent. She loves, protects, and nourishes that baby, and the physical and moral formation the child receives which builds his character.

Blessed is the child who is safe at his home, has laughter and adventures with a good mother and father, and is educated in the faith to love and worship God his whole life long.

Mothers are smart and they are also wise. There are not many secrets that they don't know. And, just like the Lord, they look on their children and choose to see the goodness, to emphasize it, and to deal with shortcomings mercifully. We are blessed to have such wonderful women in our lives.



**Suddenly Seniors**

We will be celebrating our birthdays at our meeting on **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**. Not to worry - we do not have to give our ages but we do promise to have a fun time celebrating the gift of life.

See you on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Swedesburg Fire House at noon. Hoagies, cupcakes and water, coffee and tea will be provided.

God bless!

Sister MaryAnne

***April Poor Box Offering***



We collected \$368.00 during the month of April. Your gifts have been sent to Gift of Mary located in Chester, PA. Gift of Mary is a healing place for Vulnerable Women. They are offered a safe shelter, reliable resources and a trusting team to help them seek healing and freedom from violence and exploitation. This wonderful cause is under the direction of the Missionaries of Charity. Thank you for your generosity to the needy!



***Cereal Sunday Success!***

During April's "Cereal Sunday" we collected 155 boxes of breakfast cereal and for May's "Cereal Sunday" 150 boxes were collected. The donations given to Martha's Choice Market, a food pantry operated by Catholic Charities.

Thanks for your generous response.



## The Sacred Heart, The Sacred Host, and a Newly Ordained Priest



O most Sacred,  
most loving Heart of Jesus,  
You are concealed  
in the Holy Eucharist  
and You beat for us still.  
Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

The Sacred Heart beats with love for us in the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Eucharist, our Lord's way of remaining with His church throughout the ages, is a generous manifestation of the love of the Heart of Christ.

Our parish patronal feast day is Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be all day exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately

following the 8 am Mass and then a public Holy Hour and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7 p.m. Rev. Gregory Miller, a newly ordained priest, will be our homilist.

## Our parish's annual Feast Day dinner will take place on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Spring Mill Ball Room located 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 are on sale now until June 2<sup>nd</sup>.** 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

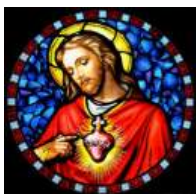
Main course: Ravioli with 4 cheese sauce -  
Penne in light pink sauce - Chicken Francaise -  
Shrimp and Scallops - Asparagus - Roasted  
Potatoes - Spring Mix salad

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!**



## We Need Some Helping Hands

### A Wrench and a Screwdriver

On June 23 immediately following the 10:15 Mass we will need volunteers to help us unbolt the pews, move the pews, remove the carpet, and place it in the dumpster. Please bring a 7/16 wrench, flat head screwdriver, and side-walk ice scraper for the job.

Your assistance with this project will help substantially defray the cost of the new flooring project for our church. Thanks for your help!

### Different Mass Location for the Weekend of June 29/30

The flooring project for our church will begin after the 10:15 Mass on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will take approximately 2 work weeks to complete the project. Therefore, we will be unable to have Mass in church on June 29/30 and possibly the weekend of July 6/7.

The 4:00 p.m. Mass on June 29 and the 8 a.m. Mass on June 30 will be held at the former Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (St. John the Baptist) on Ford Street in Bridgeport. The 10:15 Mass on the morning of June 30<sup>th</sup> will be held in Sacred Heart School Hall.

We hope that the flooring work will be completed by July 5<sup>th</sup> so that we can resume Mass on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

However, we will need to wait and see how the workmen are progressing before a decision can be reached regarding where Mass will be on July 6/7.



**Support Vision 26: Ignite  
Your Faith in Christ to help  
your parish community  
grow!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 11

**4:00pm Deceased Members of the Wlazelek & Opielski Families**

*Requested by Wanda & Family*

### Sunday, May 12

**8:00am Stephanie & Benjamin Zugay**

*Requested by Maria & Edward Zugay*

**10:15am Josephine Stepanick**

*Requested by Daughter, Barbara*

### Monday, May 13

**8:00am Irene McCormick**

*Requested by MaryCatherine & Tyler*

### Tuesday, May 14

**8:00am John Mateja**

*Requested by Pat Gutkowski & Family*

### Wednesday, May 15

**8:00am David Fabrizio**

*Requested by Mary Orner*

### Thursday, May 16

**8:00am Special Intentions for Jessica Jakielaszek**

*Requested by Pop-Pop*

### Friday, May 17

**8:00am Jack Guziewicz**

*Requested by Tim Kobrzynski*

### Saturday, May 18

**NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays**

**4:00pm Frances Loghing**

*Requested by Ginny Santangelo*

### Sunday, May 19

**8:00am For the People of Our Parish**

**10:15am Susan Detwiler**

*Requested by The Riordon Family*



*Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!*

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

**Saturday evening, May 18:**

**4:00pm**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Andy Moletzsky

**Lector:** Peter Wisniewski

**Sunday morning, May 19:**

**8:00am**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Marjorie Pruskowski

**Lector:** Rich McVoy

**10:15am**

**Lector:** Sal DiNenna

***"As the mother knows the needs better than the babe, so the Blessed Mother understands our cries and worries and knows them better than we know ourselves."***

*~Archbishop Fulton Sheen*



**Weekly Report**

**May 4 - 5, 2024**

**\$6,488.00**

***Thank you for your support of Our Parish!***

***"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."***

*-Saint Maximilian Kolbe*



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*This week the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns in Honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of*  
**Kass & Carl Perretta**



*Congratulations & May God continue to bless you both!*



**Welcome!**  
**NEW Parishioners**

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



### 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.



We are grateful for donation received in memory of  
**Anna Mae Daloisio**

*On behalf of:*  
Monica Cirata



*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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Chester Kowalski  
Elaine Fertil  
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  
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Ronald Halas  
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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  
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# CLOTHING DONATION DRIVE

## WEEKEND BINS

Sat., June 8th to Sun., June 9th

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Pick-up by: The Thrifty Irishman

### What is a Scapular?

The Brown Scapular is one of many sacramentals of the Catholic Church. What is its origin? Why should Catholics wear one? What other types of scapulars are there? We invite you to join us for our next Patricians discussion to learn more about this beautiful Marian devotion. Each participant will receive a blessed scapular! The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA.** (We meet in the coffee hour room -- enter from the Ford St parking lot.) *The Society of the Patricians is an informal group of Catholic adults who meet monthly under the direction of Fr. Sam Keyes to learn more about the Catholic Faith so that we can better share it with others. Please come, and bring a friend! Refreshments will be served and free literature will be available. The program is sponsored by the Legion of Mary. More info: [r.edel.lukens@gmail.com](mailto:r.edel.lukens@gmail.com) or call: 610-256-7125.*



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MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE PARISH

### Do you need intercessory prayers for a particular need?

The Legion of Mary invites you to attend a Frank Duff Prayer Meeting on the **fourth Saturday of each month** in McGrory Hall at Mother of Divine Providence Parish.

The purpose of this prayer meeting is to ask our Legion of Mary founder, Servant of God Frank Duff, to intercede with God for our expressed particular needs and special intentions, and for healing – both physical and spiritual.

The meeting is from **9:00 am to 10:00 am** and includes readings from scripture and Frank Duff's writings, friendly discussion, and prayers.

Please join us after the 8:00 am Mass for coffee and refreshments before the meeting in McGrory Hall.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MAY 25TH.

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## 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](mailto:kennedyabucko@gmail.com)





## May 12, 2024 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Sweet sonnets and lovely songs have been written in which one partner tells his/her beloved other that "you're always on my mind." That's how love affects thought patterns, no matter one's age. It is a fit subject for wonder and praise. An intimate thing. A beautiful human thing.

Today we are allowed to "overhear" Our Lord, through the medium of John's gospel, express in prayer not only His love for His Father, but also even for Judas. That troubled man had just left the Upper Room to begin his ultimate act of betrayal. Our Lord's prayer is especially remarkable, because in only a matter of hours, His captors would arrive to nab Him to lead Him away. They would rewrite the story of love at its best. But it would be told via terrible torture and a despicable death. What strength of mind and heart our Savior had to pray like He did. Even then He was always concerned for "the other."

That "other" in this context even included Judas. What a sad and confused man, this one of the chosen Twelve turned out to be. Forever after this night, his name would become synonymous with all kinds of treachery. To accuse another of being a Judas is the final blow in a slow or sudden breakdown of trust.

While we have no inherent right to play God by placing Judas in hell, we dare not. True, his crime was of the devil. The Victim was God in the flesh. But we, in our small and petty ways have done measurably evil with our repeated habits of sin against the same Victim.

We must humbly admit that our sins nailed Jesus to the wood of the cross just as surely as the ignorant soldiers of Rome. He hangs there to make amends for our sins. We know that their weight almost crushed Our Lord. He "became sin" in St. Paul's powerful description.

Yet, by God's grace, we can share in the triumph of the Third Day. In a very real way, we might even claim to be "always on Jesus' mind," The question follows like day follows night: "Is Jesus always on our minds?"

Do we take advantage of the big and small ways that life offers to prove it?

During the season of Super Bowl I, the great quarterback Bart Starr had a little incentive scheme going with his oldest son. For every perfect paper Bart Junior brought home from school, Starr gave him ten cents. After a particularly rough game against St. Louis, in which Starr felt he had performed poorly, he returned home weary and battered, late at night after a long plane ride. But he couldn't help feeling better when he reached his bedroom. There attached to his pillow was a note: "Dear Dad, I thought you played a great game. Love, Bart." Taped to the note were two dimes.

God love you and keep Him in mind.



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