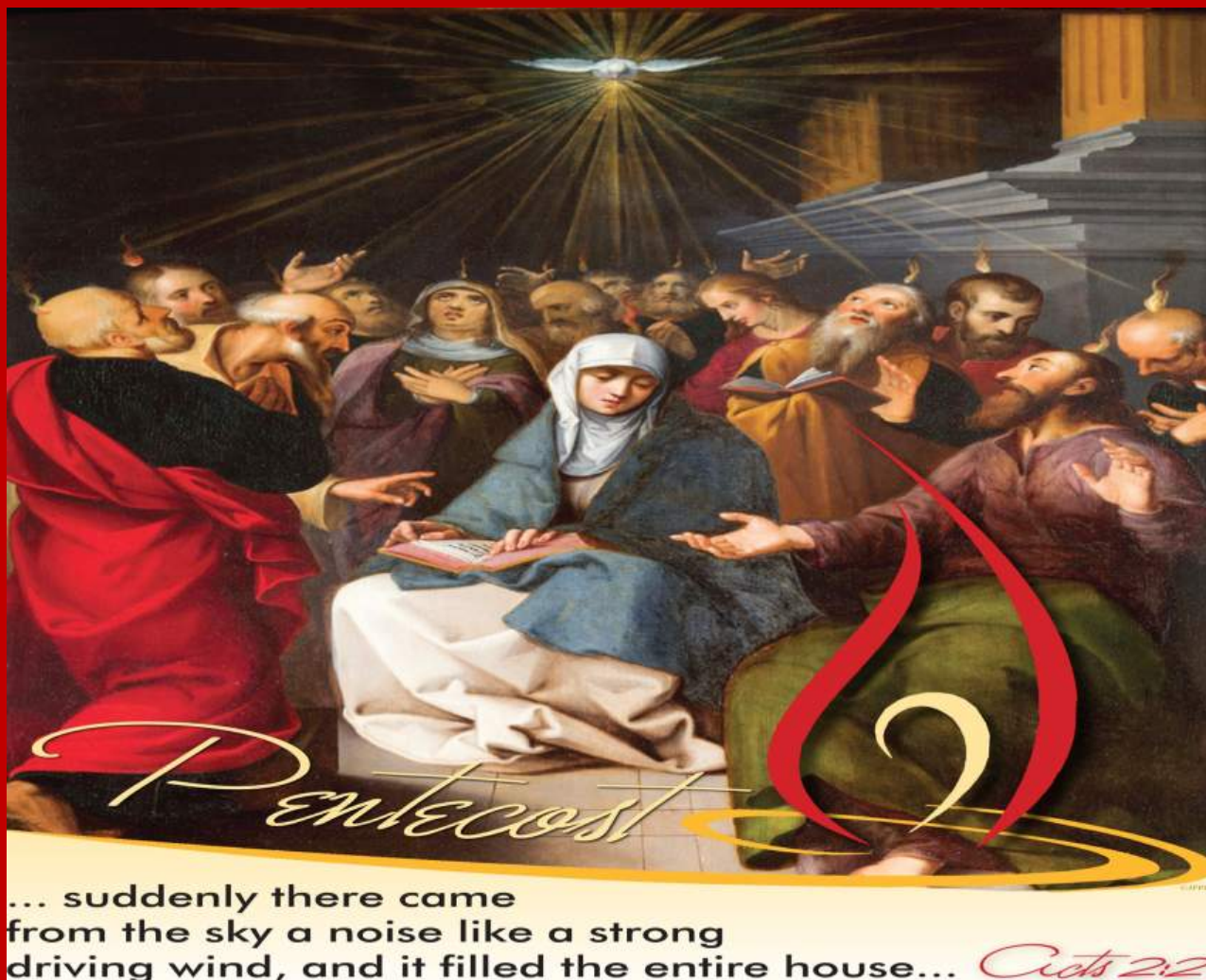


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Sunday: 9:30 to 9:50 am

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SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Universal Church celebrates the great Solemnity of Pentecost. Ever since that day when the Holy Spirit was abundantly poured upon the Apostles, the Spirit of God has been the force that guides and inspires the Church throughout the ages. That day, the apostles, along with our Blessed Mother, were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to preach courageously. The Holy Spirit had transformed those frightened men into courageous preachers who feared neither prison, torture, nor martyrdom. The strength of the Spirit was in them and will continue to work permanently to this day. As Christians, we must be clear that the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, is the soul of our soul, the life of our life, the being of our being; He is our sanctifier, the guest of our deepest interior. To reach maturity in the life of faith, the relationship with Him must be more and more conscious, more personal. Therefore, on this Solemnity of Pentecost, let us open wide the interior door of our hearts to the Spirit! Come, Holy Spirit!

God love you!

Father DiMaria

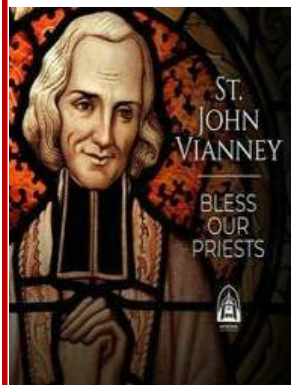


Congratulations to Our Newly Ordained Priests!

On Saturday, May 18th Archbishop Perez ordained to the priesthood three young men for service in our Archdiocese. We congratulate Father Ekeagwu, Father Zehner, and Father Miller. We pray that they may experience a long and fruitful priestly life.



Father Miller may look familiar to some of our parishioners as he has assisted at the altar here at Sacred Heart on a few different occasions as well as having spoken here on behalf of the seminary appeal back in the Fall of 2021.



I have known Father Miller since he was an eighth grader at the former Sacred Heart School in Royersford where I once served as pastor. Father Miller was also one of my most faithful and reliable altar boys. Father Miller is a wonderful young man from an equally wonderful family. It has been a great source of joy for me to watch him progress through his nine years of seminary training and reach priestly ordination. Father Miller has honored me by asking that I preach his first Mass on the Solemnity of Pentecost.

Let us keep these three newly ordained priests in our prayers that God may protect, bless, and sustain them in His vineyard. Let us also pray that young men from our parish will be open to saying “YES” to a priestly vocation.

Different Mass Location for the Weekend of June 29/30

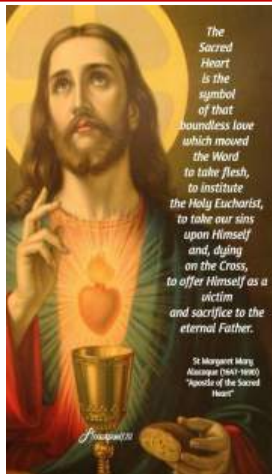
The flooring project for our church will begin after the 10:15 Mass on Sunday, June 23rd. It will take approximately 2 work weeks to complete the project. Therefore, we will be unable to have Mass in church on June 29/30 and possibly the weekend of July 6/7.

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 30th will be held in Sacred Heart School Hall.

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

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

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 7th. 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.

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.



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!

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 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 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!



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 18

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

Monday, May 20

8:00am Sr. Augustine Marie Molnar, SSCJ

Requested by Elisa Pagnotti

Tuesday, May 21

8:00am Jack Guziewicz

Requested by Mark & Mary Leszczynski

Wednesday, May 22

8:00am Judith Narke

Thursday, May 23

8:00am Antonio & Adelina Bruno

Requested by Daughter, Placida

Friday, May 24

8:00am Mary Ann Levinsky

Requested by Vince & Kim DeCerio

Saturday, May 25

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Michele (Halas) Paul

Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Mom & Dad

Sunday, May 26

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am John Zaremski

Requested by Lenore Batchelder & Dan Dennison



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, May 25:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Barbara JanFrancisco

Lector: Connie Capaldo

Sunday morning, May 26:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Marjorie Pruskowski

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

10:15am

Lector: Caitlyn Sechuk



Weekly Report

May 11 - 12, 2024

\$6,461.00

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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!

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This week the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns in Honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of

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Monday Night Rosary - There will be a public recitation of the rosary in church each Monday at 7 p.m.

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.



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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Monica Pocelujko
Mary Boyle
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**Friday, September 20, 2024
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**St. John the Baptist
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**Saturday, May 25, 2024
at Noon**

**Outside, in the Ford Street parking lot
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**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA
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Some seating will be available –
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More info:

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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.

333 Allendale Road
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May 19, 2024 - Pentecost Sunday

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

We see and hear and all but feel the tremendous power of towering rockets aimed for long travel in space when we watch TV coverage of a launch from Cape Canaveral. This has happened so often that our initial fascination with this has waned considerably. We now have a country-wide “yawn” when such launchings happen since we’ve seen so many. Yet the fearsome power displays remain.

The Pentecost event involves divine power. It marks a departure from the usual quiet ways of God, if only for the duration of that wind that filled the house where the timid Apostles were hiding out. The fiery tongues over their heads were another frightening feature. We know the story well. Even more memorable was that reversal of Babylon when suddenly, many languages were heard and understood by everyone in the crowd that gathered outside.

The Holy Spirit made His case dramatically for sure. The worldwide Church of Christ was being born. It did so with a wonderful kind of power, the miraculous kind.

But the quieter and more customary pattern for divine appearances reappears when Christ reappears to His chosen on Easter evening, recorded for us in John’s gospel excerpt for today. Jesus appears on to them suddenly but quietly, in a room with locked doors.

What an occasion for reprimand, were Jesus so inclined. He would have been entitled to same if He wanted to bring up their cowardly conduct 48 hours previous when they had mostly fled from Him. Young John was the sole and glorious exception who had stayed at the foot of the cross with the sorrowful Mother and her friends.

Instead, Jesus offers a gentle benediction; “Peace be with you.” The disciples went from rejection to rejoicing. A foretaste of the warm reception we can experience when we make a good sacramental confession. There follows that humble display of the scars left on His hands and side from the horror of Roman crucifixion. Then His commissioning of them to preach and forgive sins.

All this power in its gentle form continues to be poured out into our enduring Church. That should encourage us to fulfill our responsibility to evangelize in the 21st century. We live now in a world that doesn’t care much for the message of Jesus even though it’s the only one replete with the truth that sets one free. Modern man will not easily dismount from his high horse of accepting only scientific truth as real. We know that. We also know that it is not an easy mission. But it never has been, right from the beginning. Even Jesus had to face opposition. So, dare we hope for less? Yet we have the conviction of its power when we simply consider Jesus’ empty tomb and the definitive statement it makes about who wins in the end. Just don’t look for praise because you won’t often receive it.

One Sunday morning after Mass a woman came up to the pastor and thanked him for his encouraging homily that day. In response, the priest said, “Why, don’t thank me, thank the Lord.” She then replied, “Well, I thought of that, but it wasn’t quite that good Father.

God love you, and Happy Pentecost!



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