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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, JUNE 2, 2024

THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI



The Feast of the Sacred Heart

To honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus, there will be all day exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 8 am Mass this Friday, June 7th 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.

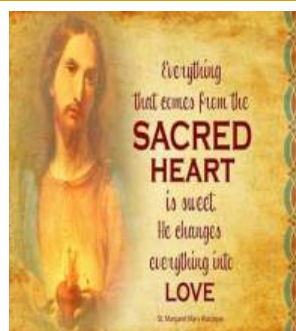
An adoration sign up sheet is in the back of the church for people to commit to periods of adoration throughout the day.



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.

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. Tickets are available until June 2 and may be purchased after the weekend Masses or at the rectory during regular office hours.



FEAST DAY DINNER

**Sunday, June 9th
4:00 PM**

**Spring Mill Ball Room
Conshohocken, PA
Catering by PTG Caterers**

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 & celebrating!

***Tickets will be available after
the weekend Masses and in the
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***Most Sacred Heart
of Jesus, we place
our trust in Thee!***



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Friday, June 14th

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A Wrench and a Screwdriver

On June 23 immediately following the 10:15 Mass we will need volunteers to help us un-bolt the pews, move the pews, remove the carpet, and place it in the dumpster. Please bring a 7/16 wrench, flat head screwdriver, and sidewalk ice scrapper 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!

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, June 12th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall for Caring for Friends Ministry. Do God's work and at the same time make new friends from our parish.



RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register visit:

www.HelpOurMarriage.org

or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 1

4:00pm Deceased Members of the Marinari Family

Requested by Bob & Teri Wagner

Sunday, June 2

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

**10:15am Catharine (Kit) Armstrong
1st Anniversary Remembrance**

Requested by The Moletzsky Family

Monday, June 3

8:00am Deceased Members of the Murtaugh Family

Requested by Rich Murtaugh

Tuesday, June 4

8:00am Edward Keszczyk

Requested by Brian Opielski & Family

Wednesday, June 5

8:00am Robert Murphy

Requested by Wife, Pat

Thursday, June 6

8:00am Jack Guziewicz

Requested by Jerry & Mary Kobrzynski

Friday, June 7

8:00am Kenneth Zadroga

Requested by Brother & Family

Saturday, June 8

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Ben Cornacchio

Requested by Wife, Christel

Sunday, June 9

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

**10:15am Catharine (Kit) Armstrong
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Requested by The Moletzsky Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, June 8:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Larry Kilian

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

Sunday morning, June 9:

8:00am

Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Pat Moletzsky

Lector: Chris Kilian



Weekly Report

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

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



This week the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns in Memory of

Anna Mae Daloisio



at the Request of John & Connie Capaldo



SAVE THE DATE

**Bishop Kenrick High School
Class of 1964**

60th Year Reunion

**Friday, September 20, 2024
12:00 Noon - 4:00PM**

Buffet Luncheon - Cash Bar

Copperfield Inn at Lakeside

594 West Ridge Pike
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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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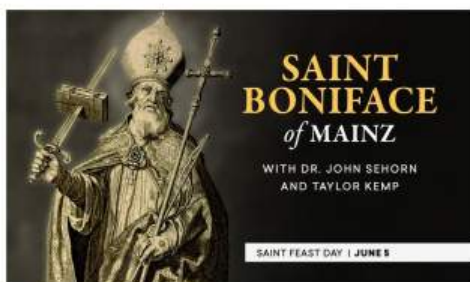
The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart

We await the final promise of Our Lady at Fatima as we continue to respond to her requests to atone for sinners and make reparation, urgently needed today.



The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Using passages from Sacred Scripture, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Church's teaching on the Sacred Heart and the background of the devotion.



St. Boniface | Catholic Saints

Known as the "Apostle to Germany," the bishop and martyr St. Boniface worked tirelessly to renew the Church in Germany. Although his efforts ultimately bore great fruit and helped to recenter the faith of the Germans, St. Boniface often felt like a failure in his missionary work.

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June 2, 2024



Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

We never forget certain days. They could be historic, like the first landing on the moon, or personal, like your birthday, or a combination of both, like the date of your wedding. More to the point of today's feast, comes the date of your First Holy Communion. If you're not sure of that last one, it will be in the church records of your childhood parish. Or maybe in a family Bible. You likely remember some of the details, like your outfit that day, or the name of the priest who administered the sacrament.

Be that as it may, our Church recognizes that the institution of the first Eucharist given at the Last Supper, was overshadowed by the passion and death of the "Master" soon to follow. The annual Holy Week Liturgies reflect this somber note. That is why the Church selects this day to celebrate the miracle of the Mass unencumbered by distraction.

The Resurrection of Jesus validated everything He said or did, and what He said and did that holy night is real and true and wonderful beyond words. And happening again right here and right now at every Mass. We receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of the living God! The distance in time and place from the original Mass are of no matter, or "no problem," as we might say, for God, living as He in the "now" of eternity. Time and distance, so noticeable by us because we are here only for a relatively short time, are inconsequential to Him. Yes, the Eucharist is miraculous, coming to us in great ornate cathedrals or the hood of a jeep by way of a wartime chaplain. We are asked to believe in something that began long ago and far away but is here and now.

Unfortunately, we live in a self-referential era, where we ourselves set the measurement of what is important and what must be believed. What others say, especially if they are in positions of authority, is immediately suspect. And when even the existence of God is brought into question, why hold on to something as old-fashioned as faith? As belief that a wafer of bread and a cup of wine become God Himself for our food and drink. For those who deny it, proof is necessary. For those who believe, no proof is necessary.

So stupendous is the gift of the Holy Eucharist that it has always generated skepticism and developed doubt. Even when Our Lord first announced it, remember how many people no longer walked with Him. Remember St. Peter's poignant question: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Unfortunately, the present statistics reveal that up to 70% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Our American bishops recognize the problem behind those statistics. Perhaps external causes such as the Covid sudden shutdown of our churches are to blame.

Or the clergy abuse scandal, which still lives on sporadically even though our Church has developed strict new guidelines to prevent it happening again.

But underneath all that is a lack of faith. A faith not backed up by prayer and regular practice of it. Whatever the reason, Satan has been successful with his obvious campaign against Christ in the Eucharist in our own time. So many people have bought into the world's goals of being rich or powerful or famous, or a combination of them. Easy to become casual and caustic about the Mass and the Holy Eucharist.

I do wonder from time to time what is it that holds God's hand back. But that only comes when I forget the mercy of God combined with His justice. He alone is our true judge, and only He knows what He is about. Meanwhile we have the saints. A very long list of ordinary people who achieved heaven by their fidelity to the Eucharist when times were certainly tough.

One of them was a man named Thomas, whose doubt about the resurrection made him declare that he wouldn't believe until he touched the risen Jesus' hands, feet and side, the noble scars from His crucifixion. Kneeling before the Lord after doing such, he said what we also should when we see the Host and Chalice raised at Mass: "My Lord and my God."

God love you, and may you treasure your belief.

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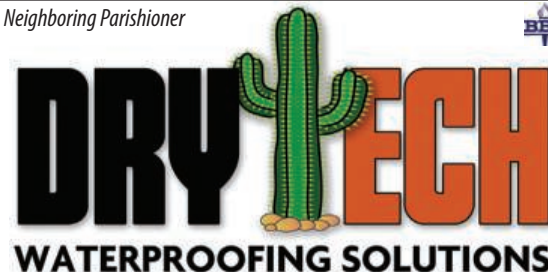
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