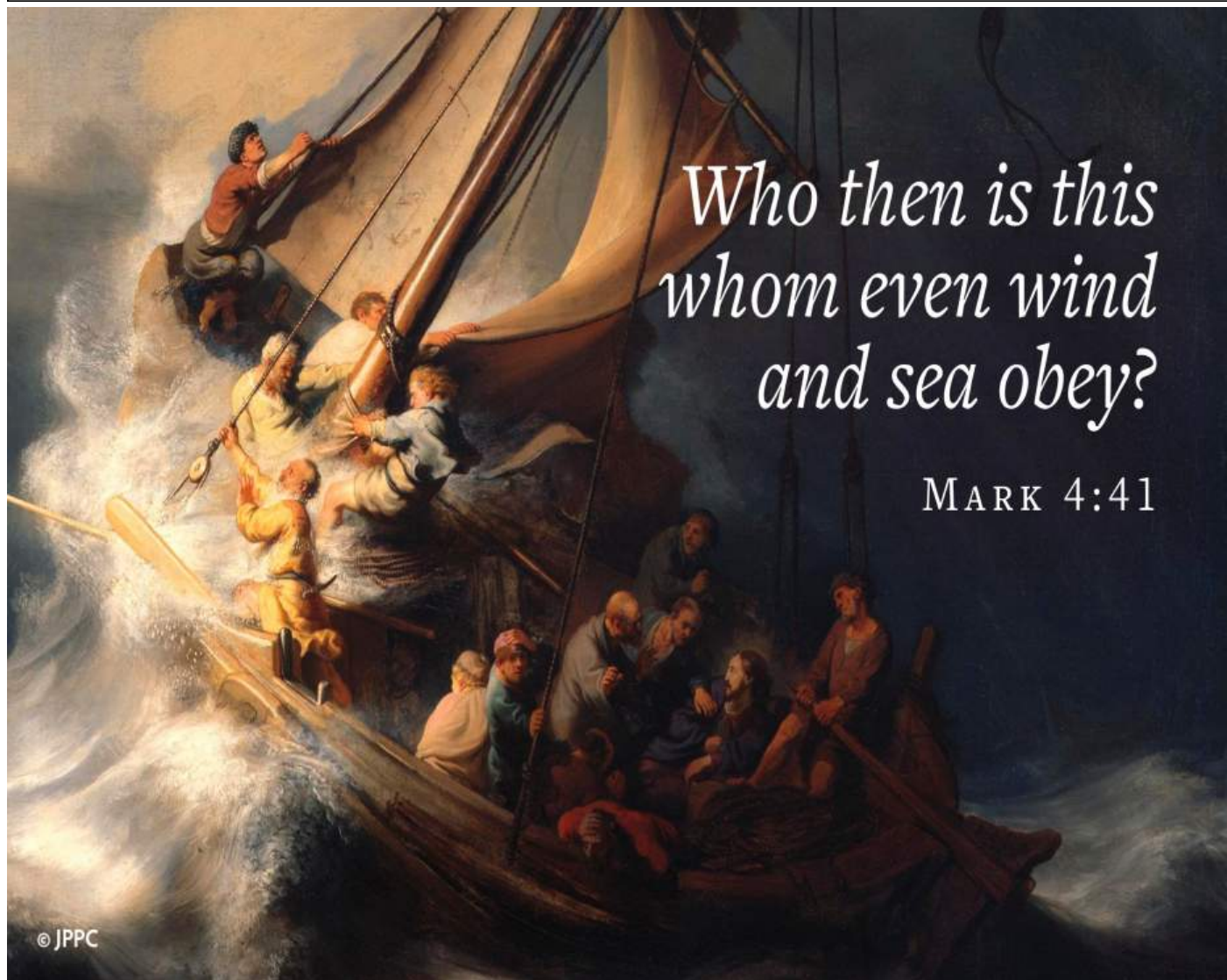


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*Who then is this
whom even wind
and sea obey?*

MARK 4:41

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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, JUNE 23, 2024
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Church Floor

Today the church floor renovation project begins. Several people have come forward to say that they will assist with the unbolting of the pews and the removal of the carpeting today. We are most grateful to all who will volunteer today as that will help us save much money.

When the church was originally constructed a hard wood floor was installed. As far as we can tell, the hard wood floor was used for the first 30 or so years of the church's existence. Sometime in the 1950s a linoleum floor was installed which was later removed when carpeting was installed sometime during the 1970s. The present carpet was installed seven years ago but it has not held up well. It is stained and worn in many places. Experience shows that carpeting is never a good idea in public buildings where there is a lot of foot traffic.

When we first began discussing a new floor for the church we looked at a few different options:

1. Refinishing the original hard wood floor
2. Installing a stone or tile floor
3. Installing a new hard wood floor

It didn't take long for us to decide against refinishing the original hard wood floor because it had been so badly damaged over the years by the linoleum and carpeting. Additionally, arson damage from 25 years ago destroyed a large section of the flooring in the front of the church and it would have been impossible to match the type of wood. Finally, it would have cost more to redo the original floor than replace it with a new wooden floor.

While we had originally hoped to install a stone or tile floor throughout the church, it simply was cost prohibitive. More than \$70,000.00 worth of work would need to be done in the basement of the church to support the weight of the new floor. Additionally, the pews would need to be removed entirely from the church and would have cost thousands of dollars to place in storage. Finally, the cost of the tile and labor would have amounted to approximately \$100,000.00. In total the project would have cost about \$175 to \$180 grand to complete. It was simply beyond our means.

Therefore, we have opted to install a new commercial grade engineered hard wood floor at the cost of approximately \$40,000.00. It is an oak floor which has been stained to complement the color of the pews. When finished it should be very attractive and last for many years.

Again, thanks to all who have embraced our Vision 26 campaign which has enabled us to make these improvements to our property.

Cereal Sunday Postponed until August

On the First Sunday of each month, we collect cereal for the needy. Because of the floor renovation, we may not be in Church for the first Sunday of July. Therefore, we are going to cancel the July cereal collection and pick it up again in August. Thanks to all our parishioners who are continuously supportive of our monthly breakfast cereal drive.

YOUNG ADULTS

HOLY HOUR

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

7 - 8 PM

On the Last Wednesday of the Month:

Join us!

June 26

July 31

August 28

Contact Kennedy Bucko with any questions!

kennedyabucko@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 22

4:00pm Jack Guzewicz

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Burke

Sunday, June 23

8:00am Joseph & Mary Gasko

Requested by Kathy & Joe Gasko

10:15am For the People of Our Parish

Monday, June 24

8:00am John Zaremski

Requested by Lou Puco

Tuesday, June 25

8:00am Mariesa Hinchey-Kenzakowski

Requested by Karen Hinchey

Wednesday, June 26

8:00am Vincenzo & Anna DiLeo

Requested by Family

Thursday, June 27

8:00am The Intentions of Alexander Kalivas, Jr.

Requested by Mom & Pop

Friday, June 28

8:00am Dorothy Glinski

Requested by Bud & Joanne

Saturday, June 29

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Arlene Dobbs

Requested by Sister, Margaret & Ron

Sunday, June 30

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Ed Gunsalus

Requested by Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, June 29:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Pat Moletzsky

Lector: Peter Wisniewski

Sunday morning, June 30:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Marjorie Pruskowski

Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Lector: Alex Kalivas



Weekly Report

June 15 - 16, 2024

\$5,010.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!

Important Updates: Due to the work which will occur in our Church, please note the following changes:

Monday Night Rosary - will be suspended for two weeks and resume on Monday, July 8th at 7pm.

Pro-Life Wednesday Holy Hour - The weekly Noon time pro-life holy hour will take place at Peter & Linda Korpel's home. Please contact Linda at lindaskorpel@gmail.com for more information.



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

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

Rosemary Giovenco

*Who was called from this life on
June 16, 2024*

Carolyn M. Roberto

*Who was called from this life on
June 18, 2024*

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

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

Pearl B. Lannutti

at the Request of Carolyn & John Roberto



Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Parish Picnic to be held on the rectory lawn on Sunday, September 15th from 3 to 6 p.m. The Holy Family Council of the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the cookout and will provide the hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixins. Everyone else will be asked to bring a side dish. There will be games for both adults and children. This will be a free event open to the entire parish. Sign up and other information will be forthcoming.



Golfers and non-golfers...have fun and protect life!

The Valley Forge Chapter, and Fr. Bally Council #1192 Knights of Columbus, is holding their Annual Pro-Life Golf Tournament on Friday, August 9, 2024, at Twin Ponds

Golf Course, Gilbertsville, PA. The event includes breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, golf and individual/team skill prizes. Cost per golfer is \$150. Dinner only tickets available for \$40/person. Sponsorships are welcomed. Contact Gary Huster at 610.972.0356, (thebighue@aol.com); or Mark Nunan at 610.772.1734, (marknunan6614@gmail.com).



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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Laurie Ronan

*Important
Dates You
Don't Want to
Miss!*

Updates on Suddenly Seniors, Companions in Prayer and Ministry, Book Club

"Suddenly Seniors" will have its first meeting on Thursday, September 19th at the Swedesburg Fire House on Jefferson St. beginning at 12:00. Bring your own lunch. Water, tea, coffee will be provided. Anyone able to bring a dessert, this will be greatly appreciated. The speaker will be Father Keyes of St. John the Baptist Church.

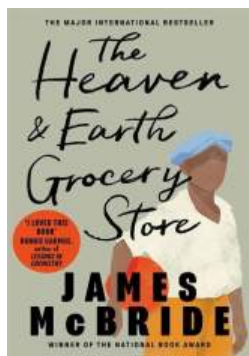


Anyone who is not yet a member of "Suddenly Seniors" please consider joining. We would love to have you join our group. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month.

Board Members and Event Planners for "Suddenly Seniors" will meet on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 9:00 in the Rectory Meeting Room.



Companions in Prayer & Ministry will meet on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:15 Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room. In September the first meeting will be on Sunday, September 8th. Sharing of our faith through the virtues of the IHM Community is the focus of each meeting. Think about joining this group and see how spiritually enriching the sharing becomes.



The **"Book Club"** will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings will be held in the Rectory Meeting Room beginning at 1:30. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17th. The book for September is The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride. It takes place in Pottstown which should make the

book even more interesting. Please consider coming and joining in the sharing of insights. This book should be read in its entirety for the meeting.



Cereal Sunday Collection

We collected 195 boxes of breakfast cereal during the weekend of June 1 and 2. Thanks for such a great response. The cereal has been given to Martha's Choice Market for distribution to the poor.

Remember, we are going to cancel the July cereal collection and pick it up again in August.



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.



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**Bishop Kenrick High
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60th Year Reunion

**Friday, September 20, 2024
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June 23, 2024 - TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

We are approaching the 24th anniversary of a thrilling, gripping, and terrifying film called "The Perfect Storm."

Based on a true story, the film tells of the courageous men and women who risk their lives every working day, pitting their fishing boats and rescue vessels against the capricious forces of nature. It's the story of the "Andrea Gail" a commercial fishing vessel that was lost at sea with all hands on Halloween of 1991, when they were confronted by 3 raging weather fronts which unexpectedly collide to produce the greatest, fiercest storm in modern history – "The Perfect Storm."

Mark's gospel is often sparing in detail, but we can well imagine the fear in the hearts of even these professional fishermen later to be called "Apostles" when such a storm arises with them in a relatively small fishing boat. But Mark adds that someone else was with them in the boat. We know Him as Our Lord and God, a most powerful person whom we know can take away all fears. And He's asleep, of all things! (May I observe that "Even God can take a nap"?) And so, He is forced to wake up and then scold the very wind and waters that He created and tell them to quiet and still. Of course, the men had to ask themselves "What sort of man is this?" Later, they would learn about Him for sure.

Now what about us? What do we do with all our twenty plus centuries of Christian dogma tucked away somewhere? We can't just regard this episode as a fun story for a Summer's Day.

One reaction we could have, with not a little effort on our part at select times, is to pack up all our fears and figuratively lay them at Christ's feet. If it's too difficult to do it at once, do it one step at a time.

Here's a little story I like called "The Bishop." One Saturday night a newly ordained priest received a last-minute assignment from his bishop to deliver the Sunday homily at the bishop's cathedral. "But how can I do this?" he asked the bishop. "I've never before preached to a large congregation such as yours, and I have nothing prepared!" To which the bishop replied, "Trust the Lord, young man. Just trust the Lord."

Later that night the young preacher leafed through the bishop's bible, searching for inspiration. He came upon some typed notes the bishop had tucked in the bible. After reading them over the priest liked them so much that he took them to the pulpit next morning. The young priest impressed the congregation with words having a wisdom in them beyond his years. After Mass, many people thanked him for his excellent preaching. Then the bishop himself came through the crowd and said "Young man, you preached the homily I was going to deliver tonight. Now what shall I do?" "Trust the Lord, bishop," said the young man. "Just trust the Lord!"

God love you and give you His peace.



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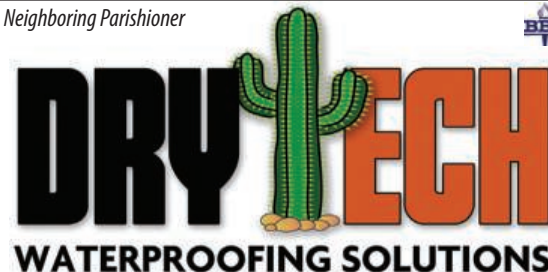
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