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"Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them."

Mark 6:10-11



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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, JULY 14, 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Thanks, Nick!

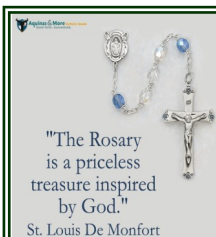
The tremendous beauty of our parish campus is owed to the dedicated services of our parishioner Nick DeRosato who generously gives of his time on a daily basis to tend the flower gardens and grounds of Sacred Heart. Nick is also a very skilled mason who recently built two stone pedestals for the statues of St. Anthony and St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother.

These two statues, which for years sat on the front property of the former Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, were generously donated to us by Father Keyes who is the pastor of St. John the Baptist Church. These beautiful marble statues were donated by OLMC parishioners many years ago. These statues now sit between the rectory and our church. You are welcome to walk around the side of the church to view them. Additionally, the original bronze memorial plaques were also restored and affixed to the walls.

On the day that these six-hundred-pound statues were hoisted onto their pedestals, Nick was assisted by the following six parishioners: Jacob Bucko, Victor Kalivas, Colin Mohan, Brian Reardon, Mike Shannon, and Jim Wittmer. We thank all these men for the gift of their time and energy.



*We extend a warm welcome to
Daniel & Joan Reardon
who recently registered in our Parish!*



**Monday Night
Rosary** will resume
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.*



YOUNG ADULTS

HOLY HOUR

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

7 - 8 PM

On the Last Wednesday of the Month:

**Plan to
join us!**

July 31

August 28

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

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

 **METANOIA** - is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our upcoming events are listed below and begin at 7:30 pm on most Tuesdays unless otherwise noted. As gathering circumstances are always changing, please be sure you are subscribed to our newsletter to receive access to our latest information by heading to <http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org>. Questions? Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults).

July 2024:
Tuesday, July 16: Theology on Tap @ Local Tap Lansdale
 Doors Open at 7, Presentation begins at 7:30
Tuesday, July 23: Prayer, Penance, Pub @ Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales
 Date TBD: Mini Golf @ Freddy Hill, Lansdale

 Are you going to be traveling?
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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT WHILE YOU ARE AWAY

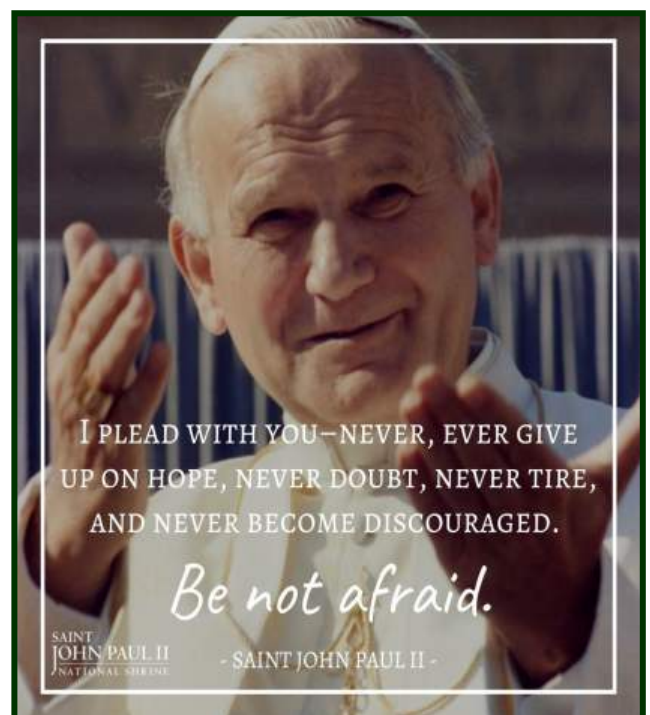
Even though you may be away for vacation, please continue to financially support us as we are dependent upon your offerings to operate the parish. You may always mail your contribution or place it in the letter box outside the front door of the rectory.

Thank you for your generosity to the parish!



 We are grateful for donation received in memory of
Rosemary Giovenco
 On behalf of:
 Maureen Dunlap

We are grateful for donation received in memory of
Carolyn Roberto
 On behalf of:
 Joe & Antonette Fabrizio
 Stan & Robin Riddle



 **The 2025 Mass Book will open on Monday, July 15th. Please call or stop by the parish office to schedule your intentions.**
Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 13

4:00pm Jack Guzewicz

Requested by Laureen Wisniewski

Sunday, July 14

8:00am Judith Narke

Requested by MaryCatherine

10:15am For the People of Our Parish

Monday, July 15

8:00am Evelyn Finnegan

Requested by The Dunleavy-Rokita Family

Tuesday, July 16

8:00am John Cellucci

Requested by Vince & Christine Benedict

Wednesday, July 17

8:00am Aimee Fromm

Birthday Remembrance

Requested by Mom & Dad

Thursday, July 18

8:00am Antoinette Hildebrand

Birthday Remembrance

*Requested by Phyllis & Anthony Tarantino
& Friend, John*

Friday, July 19

8:00am Jack Guzewicz

Requested by Erik, Nikki & Jaxon Bendekovitz

Saturday, July 20

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Jerry Brady

Requested by Kathy Brady & Family

Sunday, July 21

8:00am Sandra Wilkinson

Requested by Joe & Kathy Gasko

10:15am For the People of Our Parish



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, July 20:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Barbara JanFrancisco

Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, July 21:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Joan Koeck

Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Pat Moletzsky

Lector: Daniel Fahy, Jr.



Weekly Report

June 29 - 30, 2024

\$5,161.00

July 6 - 7, 2024

\$5,233.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



*This week the bread and wine
for the celebration of the Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass is in
loving memory of*



Aímee Fromm

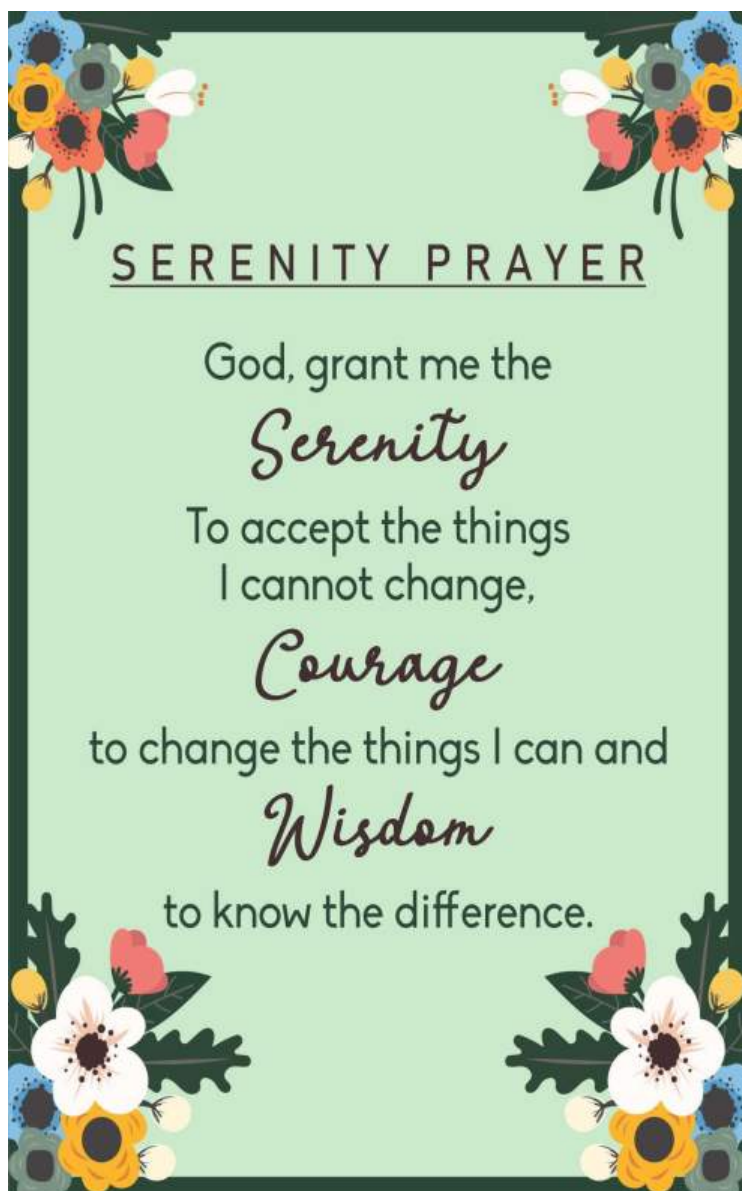
at the Request of Mom & Dad

*This week the Sanctuary Lamp in
the Church burns in loving
memory of*



Domenic Dugas

at the Request of Barbara JanFrancisco



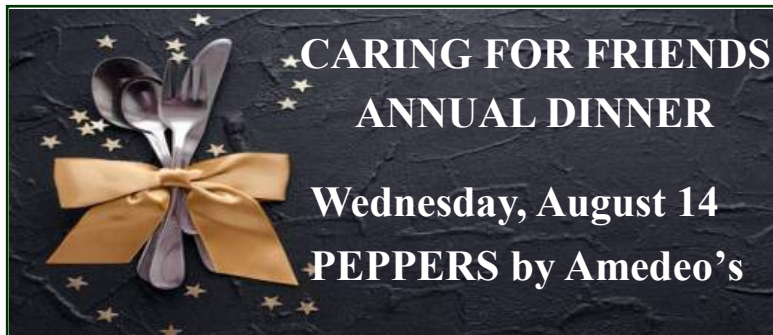
*Please Pray For All Who Protect Our
Country, especially...*

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.



Carol Katkowski
Tom Burke
JoAnn Prinzivalli
Chester Kowalski
Elaine Fertal
Barbara Pruskowski
George Minnis
Al Cowling
John Puzio
Mary(Puzio) Stephenson
Monica Pocelujko
Mary Boyle
Fran Toth
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
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



CARING FOR FRIENDS ANNUAL DINNER

Wednesday, August 14
PEPPERS by Amedeo's

All are invited to join our Caring for Friends ministry for our annual night at Peppers by Amedeo's, Wednesday, August 14. Peppers supports our ministry each month with homemade soup. Now it's our turn to return

the support of our generous neighbors. Please plan on joining us for an evening of food and fellowship and hear what CFF is all about.

Dinner Includes:

- Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- Roasted Peppers and Italian Bread
- Entrée Choice of:
 - Stuffed Pork Tenderloin
 - Crab Cakes
 - Chicken Piccata
- Broccoli
- New Potatoes Rosemary
- Vanilla Ice Cream
- Taxes and Gratuities
- Cost: \$45.00 per person
- Cash Bar



You choose your entrée the evening of the dinner and pay in cash that night.

Kindly RSVP by August 7.

Text to Lisa Pagnotti 610-639-7704 OR

Email – suburbantravel@yahoo.com



JULY 14, 2024 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The Twelve hear the message of Jesus and are sent forth to preach the Good News. His instructions are a checklist for missionaries that includes how to react to hospitality and its opposite.

"Travel light" is the watchword when you pack not only for a summertime trip but also for any trip any time. For a lot of us, including me, there is always a looming temptation to pack for the unknown event, as well as for the known. Airlines demand that we adhere to weight restrictions. Railroad baggage cars are less strict, but they still have their own rules. Our SUVs permit more luggage than a sedan trunk does, but there are limits.

This weekend's Gospel from St. Mark finds Our Lord Jesus providing a travel checklist for His first missionary disciples. After all, they depended on what their backs and bare feet could bear. Our Lord even included a strategy for handling hospitality or its opposite.

I believe that traveling light is a good way to ply the task of being Christ's missionaries. There are imaginary travel restrictions here as well. If, for example, we unwittingly were to pack an immature faith that we never nourished after our elementary school religious education, we could do harm to our message. When so much good information is out there, including the Catholic Catechism and many other sources, misinformation is criminal if not sinful.

Take for example, how you have educated yourself about car insurance or buying a house. Your knowledge of the faith should have kept up if you are to be a knowledgeable Catholic prepared to answer questions from inquiring outsiders.

One obstacle we need to overcome. That's when we let the devil convince us that we're not worthy to be Christ's partners in spreading the Gospel. Or allow him to convince us that we have too much baggage for making our faith journey.

Notice how Amos proclaims that he was chosen for his prophetic task. So does the first and best missionary St. Paul about his being chosen to be full of love. We need to remember that when we start packing.

Of course, packing without a plan can also be a problem. Once upon a time a man named Tom set off on a globetrotting adventure across five countries. He was too busy daydreaming about exotic destinations to remember the most basic essentials. Lo and behold, he arrived at his first destination only to realize he had forgotten his trusty toothbrush. In a desperate attempt to find a replacement, he ended up using everything from his finger to a twig that he found by a riverbank.

God love you and let Him help you pack.



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