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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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"Grandparents
are a treasure"
-Pope
Francis



SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



"The church and the world have a great need of eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease." ~ Pope John Paul II



Poor Box Offerings

We collected \$528.00 in the poor box during the month of September which we have given to the Padre Pio Prayer Center located at the former St. Joachim Parish in North Philadelphia. The Capuchin Franciscans operate this

center which offers a variety of services to the poor. We thank you for your generosity and ask the Lord to bless all who give generously in His Name.



We extend a warm welcome to

Megan Vareha

William & Susan Leighton

who recently registered in our Parish!



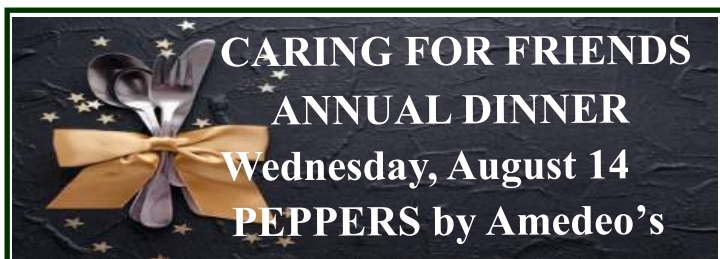
**Our Parish is now
offering Online Giving
through Our Sunday
Visitor.**

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Code below.**



- 1. Select Fund**
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READY. SET. GIVE!



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 on 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



Baby Bottle Success!

On Mother's Day we distributed one hundred baby bottles to collect cash and coinage to assist with a crisis pregnancy center. We just received word from the Pro Life Union of Greater Philadelphia that our parishioners donated a total of \$1,068.53 for this important work. Well done! Thank you for supporting this beautiful pro-life apostolate.



CEREAL SUNDAY

DONATIONS FOR
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 27

4:00pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday, July 28

8:00am Marjorie M. Egges

Anniversary Remembrance, July 26

10:15am Marianne Levinsky

Birthday & Anniversary Remembrances

Requested by Daughter, Lenore

Monday, July 29

8:00am Helen Kreska

Tuesday, July 30

8:00am Jack Guziewicz

Requested by Patty Houseal

Wednesday, July 31

8:00am John Nelson, Sr.

9th Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Wife, Roberta, Children & Grandchildren

Thursday, August 1

**8:00am 32nd Wedding Anniversary Blessings
for Frank & Dottie Hendzel**

Friday, August 2

8:00am James Sukenik

Requested by Vincent & Christine Benedict

Saturday, August 3

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Barbara Bores

Requested by Laurie Peluso-Kauffman

Sunday, August 4

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

**10:15am For the Deceased Members of the
Kuroczko Family**

Requested by Spike & Joan DeStefano



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, August 3:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Barbara JanFrancisco

Lector: Connie Capaldo

Sunday morning, August 4:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Joan Koeck

Lector: Rich McVoy

10:15am

Lector: Chris Kilian



Weekly Report

July 20 - 21, 2024

\$4,670.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!

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.**



***Upcoming Monthly
Special Collection***

**In your generosity, please
remember**

**The Weekend of
August 3 - 4, 2024**

Mission Co-op Appeal

Thank you for your generosity!

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



Carmella & Anthony DiSanto, Sr.

*Wedding Anniversary Remembrance,
July 26th*

*at the Request of Daughter, Sue Dayoc &
Family*

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

Ed Keszczyk

Birthday Remembrance

*at the Request of His wife, Lorraine
& Family*



*Oh, taste
and see
that the LORD
is good:
Blessed
is the man
who trusts
in Him!
Psalm 34:8*

THE LORD'S REAL PRESENCE

We are fortunate enough to
worship in a Church in which the
Body of Christ is reserved. It is
right to acknowledge the **Lord's Real Presence**
with a brief act of worship on entering or
leaving the Church and every time passing by
the Sanctuary.

Normally, a **genuflection** in the direction of the
place of Reservation is enough. One who is
physically unable to genuflect may substitute a
profound bow at the waist.



Have you supported Vision 26?
Your generous giving to the
Sacred Heart Stewardship
Campaign helps us to invest in
building improvements, as well
as more ministry and outreach
opportunities to serve our parish family.



*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.



Francis Rodenbaugh III
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
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



**If you CANNOT Be on Time,
Then Be EARLY.**

**Making Time for Prayer
Strengthens our Connection
with God.**

Please make every effort to arrive on time for the start of Holy Mass and remain until the end after the priest has passed your pew during the recessional hymn.



**Monday Night
Rosary** will be recited
in church each Monday
at 7 p.m. Join us!





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
Limerick, PA 19468
484-938-7082



**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.

“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.” ~**St. Gianna Molla**

JULY 28, 2024

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Tests are the bane of student life. So much so that young people do not even want to talk about them on a summer vacation day in late July. But tests, we know, are a necessary component of the education process. It starts out slowly in kindergarten and stretches to graduate school.

Interestingly enough, tests of various kinds even have their place in the Bible. Even the holy Apostles had to endure them. Case in point: the perplexed apostle Philip in today's well-known episode. Jesus, who is, after all, the Master teacher observes the crowd of some ten thousand people (allowing for wives and children) who have followed Him. So, he turns to Philip and asks, "Where can we buy enough food for them?" (Please note, with a touch of humor, the complete absence of something called a "supermarket.") And then our author writes the six-word comment: "He said this to test him."

Not surprisingly, we were not given Philip's answer. But very surprising for sure was the follow up action of Jesus for both him and the other Eleven. Philip and the others will soon learn that this miracle was only a preview of another one to follow on Holy Thursday night.

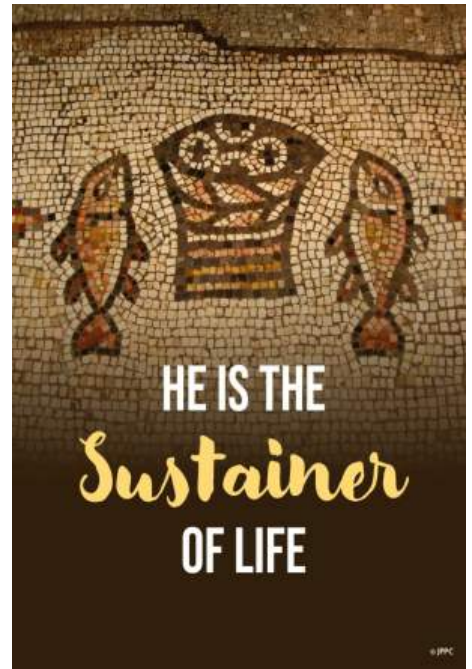
For us, living some two thousand years later, we have the benefit of at least three consoling facts to hold dear in resisting the pull of our Western culture that pushes the false idea that truth is relative. First consolation: numbers are never an obstacle for almighty God's strategy. He can and does feed billions of Catholics now around the world spiritual food to energize their (and our) living out the Gospel.'

Second consolation: the Eucharist, as the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus is the true treasure of our Church, having nothing to do with real estate or any other measurement.

Third consolation: Jesus has kept His promise to be with us "all days until the end of the age." Each holy Mass is proof. Each of us is its beneficiary. Therein lies the fact of the matter and the core of our belief. It does not change with the passage of time. Nor does it ever need updating. Only in our hearts.

There is a story of a man who came to his old friend, a music teacher, and asked him, "What's the good news today?" The old teacher was silent as he stood up and walked across the room, picked up a hammer, and struck a tuning fork. As the note sounded out through the room, he said, "That is **A**. It is **A** today; it was **A** five thousand years ago, and it will be **A** ten thousand years from now. The soprano upstairs sings off-key, the tenor across the hall flats on his high notes, and the piano downstairs is out of tune." He struck the note again and said, "That is **A**, my friend, and that's the good news for today."

God love you and give you His peace every day.



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