

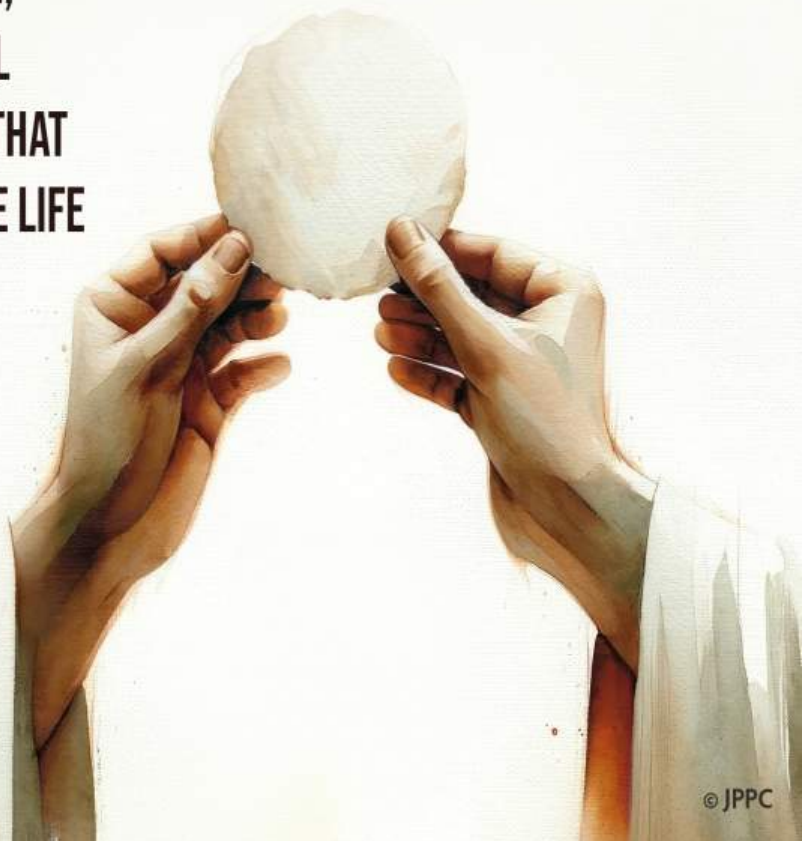
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I AM THE LIVING BREAD

**THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN;
WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD WILL
LIVE FOREVER; AND THE BREAD THAT
I WILL GIVE IS MY FLESH FOR THE LIFE
OF THE WORLD.**

JOHN 6:51



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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, AUGUST 11, 2024
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Assumption
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary,
Thursday,
August 15*

*Our Mass schedule
for the Holy Day*

of Obligation is as follows:

Wednesday, August 14 at 4:00 PM

Thursday, August 15 at 8:00 AM

Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 PM



Mary, Mother of God hear our prayers

PRAYER IS POWERFUL

ETERNAL REST,
GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!

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

Carl Farrell, Sr.

*Who was called from this life on
August 1, 2024*

Margaret Halas

*Who was called from this life on
August 3, 2024*

JoAnn Prinzivalli

*Who was called from this life on
August 3, 2024*

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

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our Glow Stick Rosary. **All are welcome!**
How does a Glow Rosary work? You will
be given a glow stick and a booklet
marked with the reading and/or prayer
you sign up for when you arrive. We will
spread out in the shape of a rosary.
When it comes to your turn, you crack
and shake your glow stick to light it, then
recite your reading and/or prayer.
We are using Sign Up Genius; it provides
you with the available slots and
shows the readings and/or
prayers. If your family would
like to have more than one glow
stick, we ask that you sign up
for consecutive slots.



Please check the Parish Facebook page or
find the link to sign up at the bottom of
the PREP forms page on our website:
www.unitedinthesacredheart.com

Questions?

Please email Imoser@shswedesburg.org



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- 1. Select Fund**
- 2. Configure Gift**
- 3. Fill in Your Information**

READY. SET. GIVE!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 10

4:00pm Edward & Blanche Muzyka

Requested by Thomas & Cindy Burke

Sunday, August 11

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

**10:15am For the Deceased Members of the
Kinckner & Burke Families**

Requested by The Kinckner Family

Monday, August 12

8:00am Theresa Romahn

Requested by Linda & Peter Korpel

Tuesday, August 13

8:00am Mary Beth Coscia

Birthday Remembrance

Requested by Her Mom

Wednesday, August 14

8:00am Ernesto DiGenova

Requested by Wife, Placida

4:00pm Jack Guziewicz

Requested by Colleen Bale

Thursday, August 15

8:00am Antoinette DiMaria

7:00pm Assunta Hand

Friday, August 16

8:00am Francis Bazela

Requested by Mike & Lori Zadroga & Family

Saturday, August 17

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Edward Keszczyk

Requested by Patty Houseal

Sunday, August 18

8:00am Robert Murphy

Requested by Wife, Pat

10:15am For the People of Our Parish



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

**Feast of the Assumption, Wednesday evening,
Aug. 14:**

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Andy Moletzsky

Lector: Helen Keller Surman

Feast of the Assumption, Thursday, August 15:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Barbara JanFrancisco

Lector: Daniel Fahy, Jr.

7:00pm

Lector: Sal DiNenna

Saturday evening, August 17:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Marjorie Pruskowski

Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, August 18:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Joan Koeck

Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Lector: Chris Kilian

July Poor Box

We collected \$264.00 in the Poor Box during the month of the July. The money has been sent to St. Mary Franciscan Center in Phoenixville, PA.



Thank you for your continued support of our outreach efforts to the poor.



Weekly Report

August 3 - 4, 2024

\$7,507.00

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*



Mary Beth Coscia

Birthday Remembrance

at the Request of Her Mom, Sal & Casey



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

Mary Ann Barainyak

at the Request of

Aunt Katherine Barainyak & Family



Malvern
Retreat House



**The Glory of God is
Man Fully Alive Young
Adult Retreat at
Malvern Retreat House**

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to Malvern Retreat House for a weekend retreat with Fr. Ambrose Christe, O.Praem, a priest of St. Michael's Abbey in California. Fr. Ambrose will explore the Catholic teaching on the human person, the relationship between grace and nature, the sacramentality of the world and the Four Last Things. The weekend will include Holy Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual direction, testimonies and time for fellowship and prayer. Guest appearances by the Sisters of Life and local Catholic musicians!

- Date: Friday, September 20th – 22nd
- Location: St. Joseph's Hall
- Time: Friday 6p – Sunday 1:30p

For more information or to register: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/calendar>

Questions? Contact Peter Land at pland@malvernretreat.com or 484-321-2538



*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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Tom Burke
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Barbara Pruskowski
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Monday Night Rosary will be recited in church each Monday at 7 p.m.

Pro Life Holy Hour at 12:00 noon each Wednesday in church.

All are welcome!



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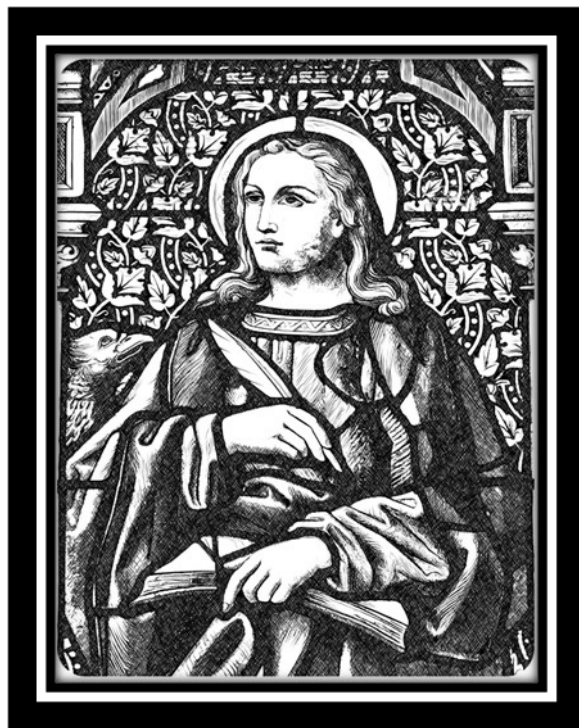
M.S.S. Feast - The Madonna del Soccorso Society (M.S.S. Society) invites everyone to join them as they celebrate the 120th Annual Feast of our Lady of Perpetual Help (Maria S.S. Del Soccorso) on **Sunday, August 18.**

Highlight of the Festivities is a Solemn Concelebrated Mass at Holy Saviour Church, Norristown on Sunday, August 18 at 11:30 a.m.

Immediately after the Mass, the traditional Street Procession will be held, followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Following the procession and benediction, there will be food stands and festival open on the ground of Holy Saviour Club from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with live music.

The traditional feast with social activities, including traditional feast food and live entertainment will take place on Saturday evening, August 17 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the feast grounds of Holy Saviour Club, 436 E. Main Street, Norristown, PA.

The Gospel of John



Have you ever wondered what makes John's Gospel different from the three Synoptic Gospels? Find out at the next Patricians discussion!

**Wednesday, August 21st
from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.**

in the coffee hour room (enter hall from Ford Street lot)

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA**

Parking available in the Ford Street lot, adjacent to the rectory & hall.

(No Commitment – Meetings are Monthly – Come When You Can!)

The Society of Patricians is sponsored by the Legion of Mary.

More info: r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or 610-256-7125

The society of the Patricians is an informal group of adult Catholics who meet monthly under the direction of Fr. Sam Keyes to learn more about the Catholic Faith so that they can better share it with others.

Please come, and bring a friend!

Refreshments will be served and free literature will be available.

AUGUST 11, 2024

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

A popular hobby these days is searching for one's ancestors. You might know of the hit show about it on Public TV. Why the popularity? Many reasons, I'm sure. But one of them is that our ancestors establish our place in the lineup of history. Who is ahead of us in the human procession God continues to form?

Obviously, this subject was a primary interest of Jesus' contemporaries. So, when He stepped out of the ordinary by the things He said about His ancestry, His listeners perked up with questions. The cynics among them took aim.

Our Gospel section from St. John tells us that Jesus ignored the latter and went on to talk about Himself as the "Bread of life." He reminded them about one certainty in this life: eating the miraculous manna in no way prevented their deaths. He was telling them about a certain holy bread that would.

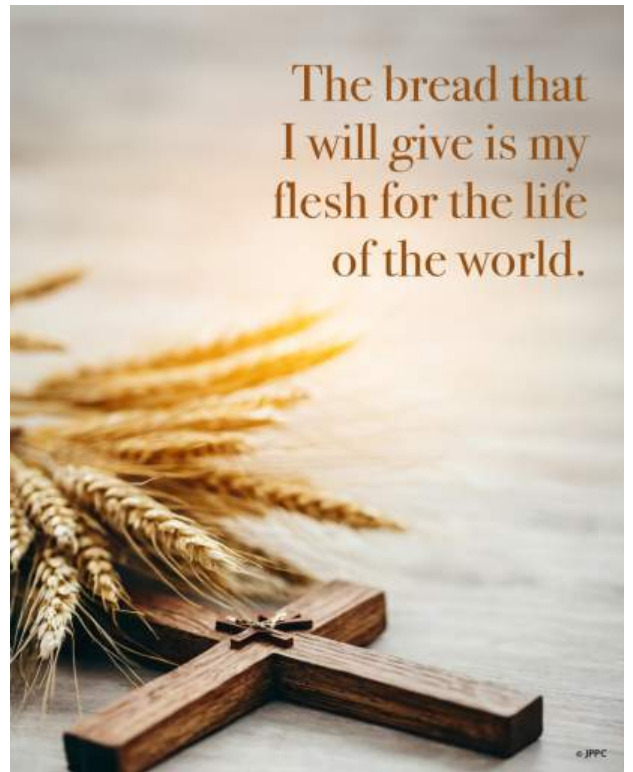
Joining this gospel with our First Reading from the Book of Kings we detect the theme of life as a journey. We often ignore that fact, especially when we're young. Most of the time we focus on the here and now. Just after breakfast we might wonder "What's for dinner?"

Readers of the Bible, at any age, know better. We are journeying to somewhere, and it's just on the other side of our death. Logically, we know that for any journey to be successful we humans need nourishment. So, the smart road traveler has food and drink packed and ready. But what do we pack enroute to eternity? We believers in Jesus know for sure that He has provided both for us in the incomparable Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

The modern world has a big problem accepting as true anything which the 5 senses do not deliver to our minds. So much for the existence of angels, for example, which Our Lord surely acknowledged. What He said and did at the Last Supper, replacing the substance of a piece of bread and a cup of wine, and making it easily available to us, is both Gift and Guide for our journey.

Baseball great Yogi Berra once warned, "If you don't know where you're going, you'll wind up somewhere else." The logic may appear muddled, but the truth is clear. Unless we have a positive, worthwhile goal, life can become a series of wrong turns and dead ends. Our Church's saints, our ancestors in the Faith, knew this. Try to learn their stories, and choose a few favorites, so you too will know the way home. Home, that is, to Heaven.

God love you, as He walks with you on your journey.



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