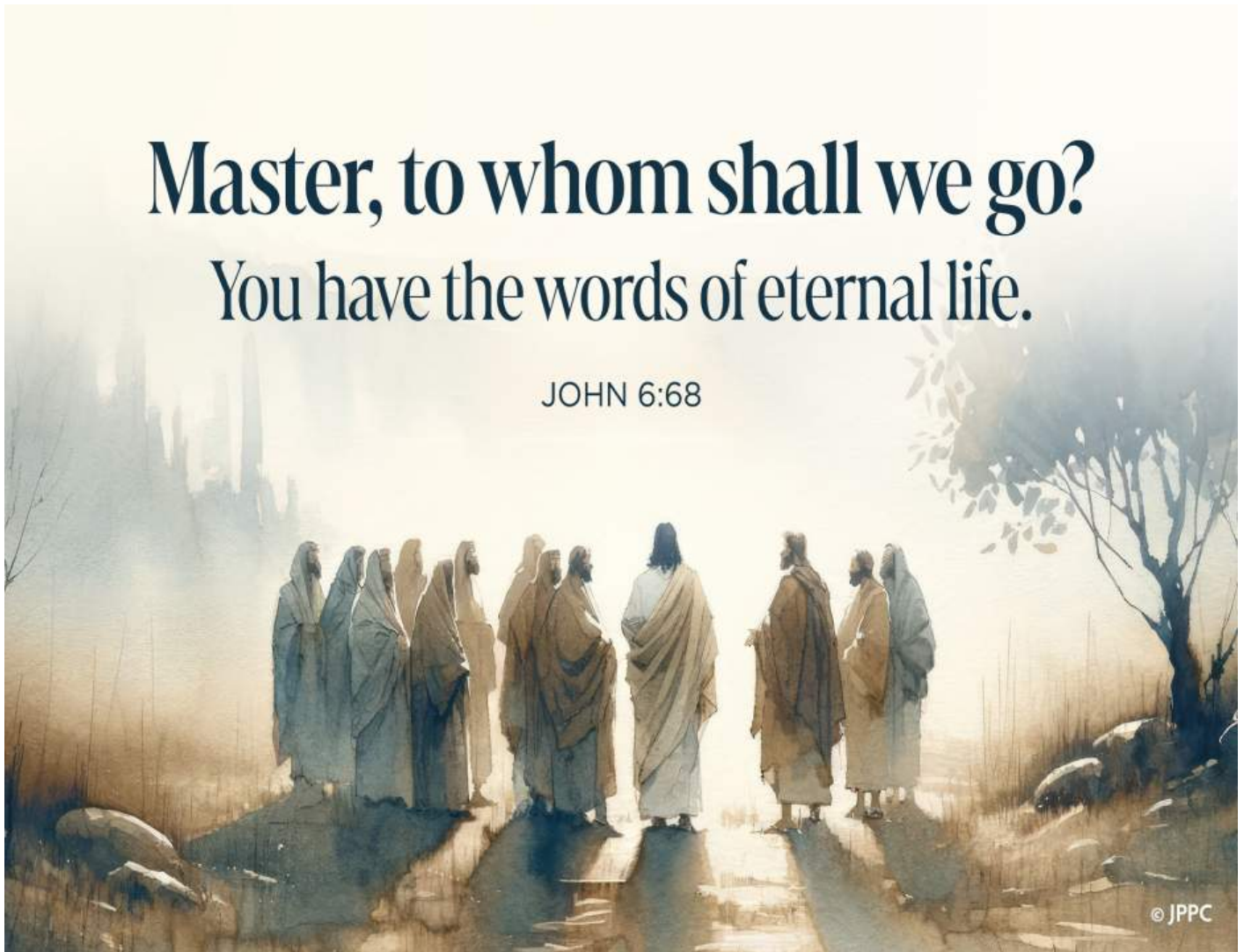


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Master, to whom shall we go?
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JOHN 6:68



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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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August 28

Contact Kennedy Bucko with any questions!

kennedyabucko@gmail.com

†*Every present moment is the opportunity to make good decisions for the future of the country and the world. Your decisions to avoid sin strengthen your own response to righteousness and makes clear the path for those around you. Avoid compromise of any sort. This is the best way to be a good example to your neighbor. There is no small decision. The desire to please only yourself threatens your soul and therefore the heart of the world.*



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UPDATE TO BABY BOTTLE SUCCESS!

We received a correspondence on behalf of Guiding Star Maternity Home and Pro-Life Union with an updated total from this year's Mother's Day Baby Bottle program. This updated total collected includes cash, checks and coins amounting to a grand total of \$3,440.53. Thanks to those who contributed and to everyone who assisted in making these efforts successful!

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

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# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 24**

**4:00pm Jack Guzewicz**

*Requested by Rich & Madeline Kuras*

**Sunday, August 25**

**8:00am For the People of Our Parish**

**10:15am Frank Opielski**

*Requested by The Opielski Family*

**Monday, August 26**

**8:00am Mary Ann Barainyak**

*Requested by Peter & Linda Korpel*

**Tuesday, August 27**

**8:00am Lewis & Alice Springer**

*Requested by Daughter, Kass & Carl Perretta*

**Wednesday, August 28**

**8:00am Rose Lewis Hughes**

*Requested by MaryCatherine Murphy*

**Thursday, August 29**

**8:00am Jack Grabowski**

**Anniversary Remembrance**

*Requested by Wife, Eleanor*

**Friday, August 30**

**8:00am Kerry Foy Link**

*Requested by Janet Kita*

**Saturday, August 31**

**NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays**

**4:00pm Della Woyden**

*Requested by Clorinda Giangiulio*

**Sunday, September 1**

**8:00am For the People of Our Parish**

**10:15am Deceased Members of the Toth & Woloszyn Families**

*Requested by The Kinckner Family*



***Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!***

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

**Saturday evening, August 31:**

**4:00pm**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Marjorie Pruskowski

**Lector:** Peter Wisniewski

**Sunday morning, September 1:**

**8:00am**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Joan Koeck

**Lector:** Rich McVoy

**10:15am**

**Lector:** Daniel Fahy, Jr.

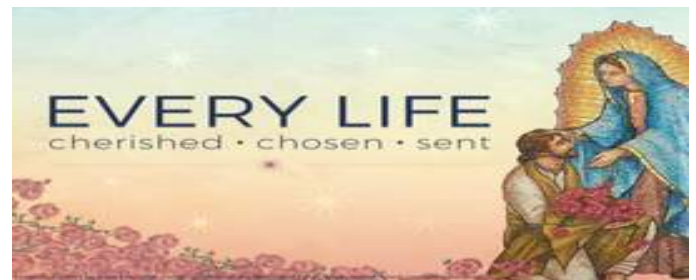


***Weekly Report***

**August 17 - 18, 2024**

**\$5,722.00**

***Thank you for your support of Our Parish!***



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

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

**Daniel Paciello**

*Who was called from this life on  
August 17, 2024*

**Lorraine Strizziere**

*Who was called from this life on  
August 19, 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 loving memory of*

*Anthony DiSanto, Sr.*

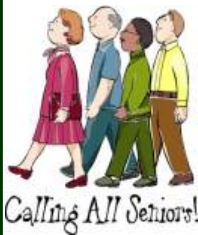
*27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance*

*at the Request of Sue Dayoc & Family*

**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!**

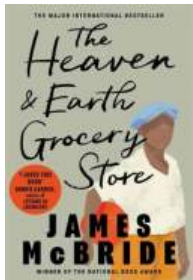


**"Suddenly Seniors"** will have its first meeting on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Swedesburg Fire House on Jefferson St. beginning at 12:00. Bring your own lunch. Water, tea, coffee will be provided. Anyone able to bring a dessert, this will be greatly appreciated. The speaker will be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

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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.



*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 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.



## MDP Fall 2024 Grief Support

Beginning Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> we will meet weekly for six (6) consecutive weeks ending on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will be from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM in the MDP Parish offices. (meeting dates are listed below)

Grief Support is a program for those who have lost a loved one and are looking for support on their grief journey. This program provides tools for coping, a safe place to cry, a listening ear, time for reflection and support for your new reality. All conversations are confidential.

Registration required. Email Maureen at [mbmask571@gmail.com](mailto:mbmask571@gmail.com) to register or for more information.

Sept. 11 ~ Sept. 18 ~ Sept. 25 ~ Oct. 2 ~ Oct. 9 ~  
Oct. 16



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**AUGUST 25, 2024**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

The cause of our disappointment can be anything from a car to a carnival; a rest stop or a restaurant; a movie or a meeting. The frustration with whatever letdown happened ultimately makes us say, at least to ourselves, "I'm never going to buy, or buy into, that item again.

Something akin to that decision must have formed in the minds and hearts of many of Our Lord's early followers on that fateful day when He announced the Eucharist. It was altogether "too much" for them to accept what He said. Time to walk away, back to their former way of life.

In the wake of their shuffling sandals and their overheard murmurs, the Apostles were stunned into silence and confused by the mystery. Then Jesus asked: "Do you also want to leave?" For a few moments, there was a "loud silence," if you get my meaning. The birds still chirped overhead; the breeze still tousled their hair; images still troubled their thoughts. Eating flesh and drinking blood broke every law of Moses they knew.

But in the nick of time, our bold, brash, and impetuous first pope St. Peter broke the silence and asked the same question we sometimes ask, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Indeed, He did and still does forever.

Yet, here was the perfect opportunity for Jesus to ease their minds and say: "My people, I was only speaking figuratively!" Or "I mean for the bread and wine to be symbols. Not my actual body and blood!" But He never did. In fact, that mistaken understanding is the very one that anchors every non-Catholic Christian church up to today. With due respect for the goodness in those churches, their founders exemplify what happens when hearers of the truth don't like what they hear.

The Bible stands strong here, when human weakness finds this teaching of Jesus unacceptable. How ironic that fundamentalists, who prefer to take literally what they read in Scripture, will not do so with words that Jesus said on Holy Thursday night.

At any rate, here is a powerful quote from the talk that Pope St. John Paul II gave at Phoenix Park during his three-day visit to Ireland in the Fall of 1979. He unknowingly but prophetically describes the situation we find right now in our own country:

"When the moral fiber of a nation is weakened, when the sense of personal responsibility is diminished, then the door is open for the justification of injustices, for violence in all its forms and for the manipulation of the many by the few. The challenge that is already with us is the temptation to accept as true freedom what in reality is only a new form of slavery. And so, it becomes all the more urgent to steep ourselves in the truth that comes from Christ...It is especially in the Eucharist that the power and the love of the Lord are given to us"

Thank you, St. John Paul, for pointing out the locus of true Love.





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