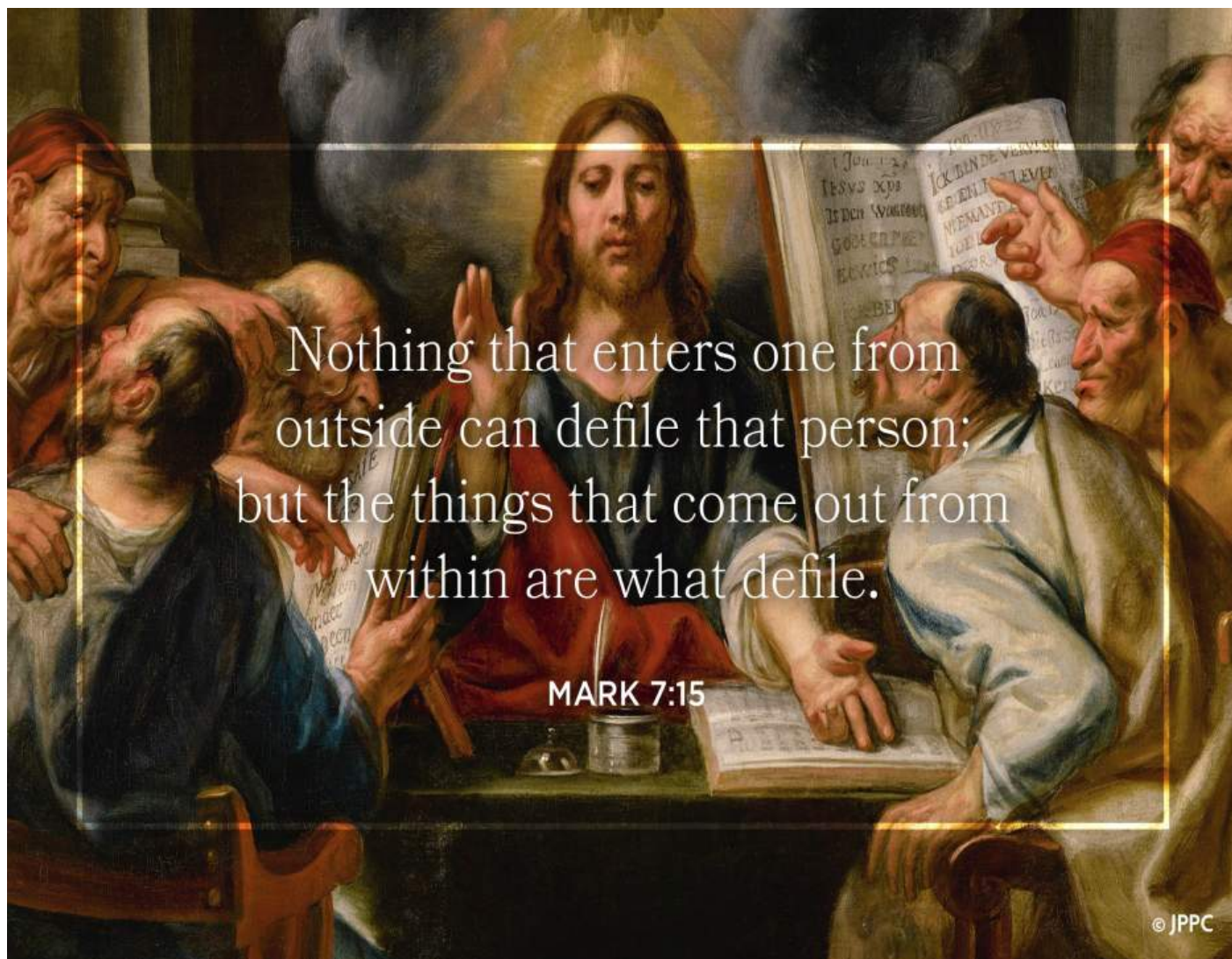


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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Companions in Prayer & Ministry

will meet on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:15 Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room. *Special Note:*

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.



*We extend a warm welcome to
Krista McCue-Heileman & Kevin Heileman
Yasmine Kreidie
who recently registered in our Parish!*

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Women's Daytime Discipleship Group

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All you need to do is make a pot of your favorite homemade soup, a hearty batch of chili, some mac and cheese or your favorite "comfort food" that can be scooped into a 16 oz. container. It needs to be able to be frozen so extra sauce or broth should be brought to keep it juicy!

Hope to see you Wednesday!

*Your CFF Team, Pat, Nadine, Karen & Lisa*



**COME JOIN SACRED HEART PREP IN THE GROTTO** on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for 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](http://www.unitedinthesacredheart.com)

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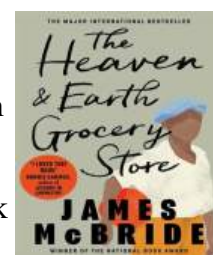


**"Suddenly Seniors"** will have its first meeting on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Swedesburg Fire House on Jefferson St. beginning at 12:00. Bring your own lunch. Water, tea, coffee will be provided. Anyone able to bring a dessert, this will be greatly appreciated. The speaker will be 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<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:00 am 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.



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 31**

**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*

**Monday, September 2**

**9:00am Gaetana Capone Romano**

*Requested by Family*

**Tuesday, September 3**

**8:00am Edward Keszczyk**

*Requested by Donna & Patrick McCloskey*

**Wednesday, September 4**

**8:00am Jack Guziewicz**

*Requested by Pamela Kuras*

**Thursday, September 5**

**8:00am Deceased Members of the Springer Family**

*Requested by Kass Perretta*

**Friday, September 6**

**8:00am Deceased Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

*Requested by IHM Sisters of Sacred Heart*

**Saturday, September 7**

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

**4:00pm Mary & Stanley Sugalski**

*Requested by Jeanette, Jas, Jennifer & Families*

**Sunday, September 8**

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

**10:15am Donald & Patricia Kinckner**

*Requested by Son, Hilary & Family*



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

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

**Saturday evening, September 7:**

**4:00pm**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Larry Kilian

**Lector:** Walt Fromm, Jr.

**Sunday morning, September 8:**

**8:00am**

**Lector:** Eileen Bralski

**10:15am**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Pat Moletzsky

**Lector:** John Keidel



***Weekly Report***

**August 24 - 25, 2024**

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



***Labor Day Mass***

***Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be no 8 am Mass that morning. Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m. Come and offer thanks to God for those who have given their time, best efforts and work hard in their lives for this blessed country.***

***The parish office will be closed for the day.***



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

**Robert Dayoc, Sr.**

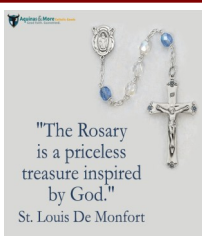
**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance**

*at the Request of Wife, Sue, Children & Grandchildren*

**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!**



*"In moments when fever, agony, and pain make it hard to pray, the suggestion of prayer that comes from merely holding the rosary - or better still, from caressing the Crucifix at the end of it - is tremendous!"*

*~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen*



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>. For more info, contact: [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, September 10:** Bible Study @ St. David's, Willow Grove

**Tuesday, September 17:** Theology on Tap @ Local Tap Lansdale

**Doors Open at 7, Presentation begins at 7:30**

**Saturday, September 21: Picnic @ Plains Park, Hatfield, 12pm - 4pm**

**Tuesday, September 24:** Prayer, Penance, Pub @ Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales



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

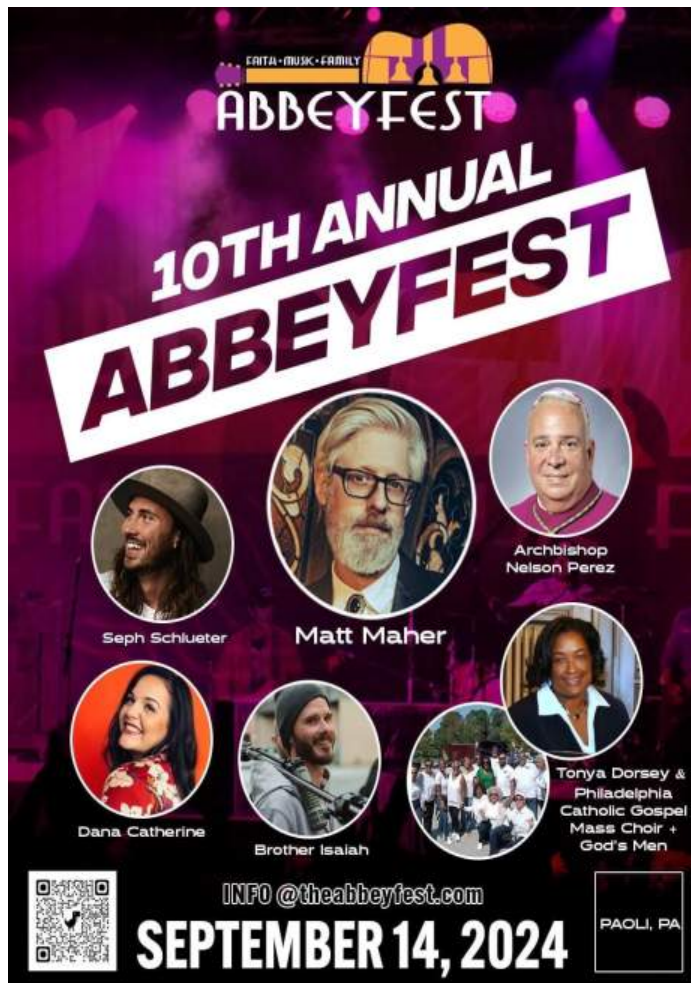
**John F. K. Benedict** (Major, USAF ANG), son of Christine & Vince Benedict; **Anthony C. Brandt** (CW3 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army Reserves), son of Eileen Brandt; **Zachary T. Brandt** (Sergeant U.S. Army), grandson of Eileen Brandt; **Matthew J. Capaldo** (Commander, U.S. Navy) son of John & Connie 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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**ONLINE GIVING**

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**or Simply click on the QR Code below.**



**READY. SET. GIVE!**

### ***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**



### ***A Prayer for Labor Day***

Lord on this Labor Day,  
we thank You for the blessing of work.  
We ask for strength to complete each day.  
We ask for rest when we are weary.  
We ask Your guidance  
for everyone seeking employment,  
and we ask that  
You be with those whose faces  
we might never see  
but who work tirelessly each day  
for the good of us all.  
Amen.

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*



I'm sure that many of you have seen that disconcerting sign posted in many restrooms, especially in restaurants: "Employees must wash their hands before returning to duty." Or words to that effect. Is the possibility so real of restaurant employees not washing before going back to handling food? I suppose so. Just from what I have observed often enough of the non-washing of hands that occurs in men's rooms, I can understand why the sign.

For the observant Jews of Our Lord's time, ritual washing was a hallmark of their culture. As the guardians of that culture, our meticulous friends the Pharisees would justifiably pounce upon any miscreants. This whole matter must have struck people of other cultures as a peculiarity. Of course, back then nobody knew or even imagined the existence of something called "germs."

But the Pharisees mentioned in our gospel episode for today saw a chance to pose a loaded question to Jesus, hoping to label Him and His followers as "unclean." Little did they know with whom they were dealing. It took them a seemingly long time to catch on. In this instance, Our Lord made what for them may have been a somewhat startling observation: "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

Now none of us were present at this scene, of course. But it doesn't strain our imaginations to picture the look on the Pharisees' faces. It was a combination of anger and resentment for being bested by a young rabbi from Nazareth of all places, with no formal credentials to claim. But this story is included in the gospels by the intent of the Holy Spirit for all of us who hear it in our particular space and time.'

We know all about the occasional presence in us of what has to be called "evil." Dark thoughts about others that manifest in rash judgment of them. Perverted imaginings in the sexual order. Even unexpressed anger against God. Or His Church. Or anything that we know deep down should have no place in our hearts. Especially if we want to be in sync with the Sacred Heart.

Moses had told the people of his time that observance of God's Law would give "evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations (Gentiles)." Our world at the present time needs our Christian evidence of wisdom and intelligence even if it first reacts with mockery and cynicism. When all is said and done, all of us want a fullness of life, free from guilt. We have the key to that life in the bible, especially in the gospels.

This extended weekend we honor the goodness of work and those who do manual labor for a living. The witness of hands dirty from honest work certainly enhances creation. As does all human work. The cleansing of hands before coming up the aisle to receive the Holy Eucharist is a mark of our respect. But after Mass, it is a "hands on" approach to God's will that we acknowledge in praying the "Our Father" prayer that this civic holiday hints at to be spiritually alert and fully alive.

God love you and give you His peace.



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