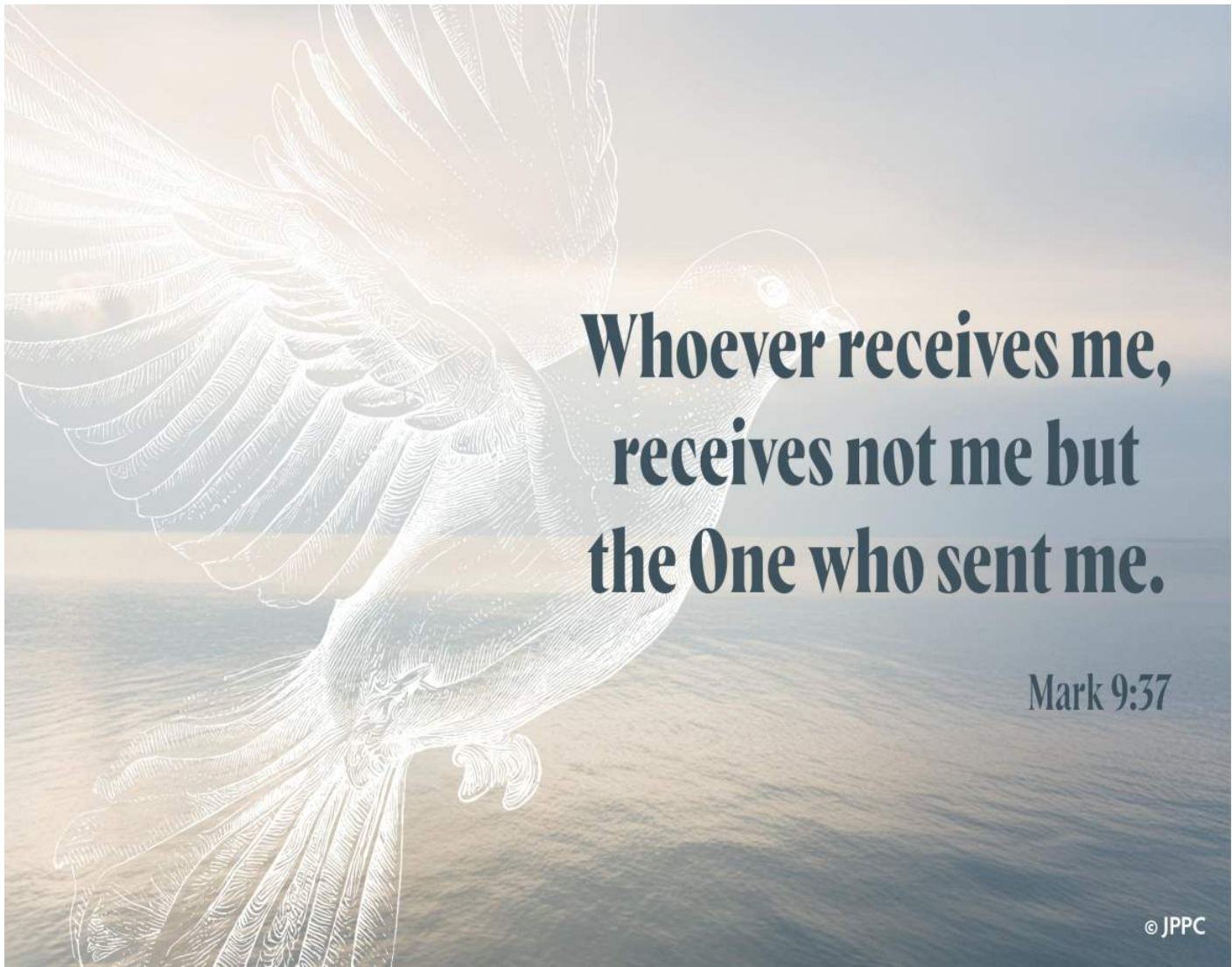


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**Whoever receives me,
receives not me but
the One who sent me.**

Mark 9:37

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Saturday: Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:15 am
Monday through Friday at 8:00 am

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Wednesdays:
7:30 to 7:50 am & 6:30 to 7:00 pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm

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Thank you to our PREP Staff for a beautiful evening of praying the Rosary.



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A Wonderful Afternoon!

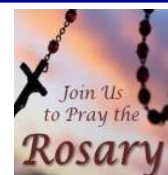
THANK YOU!

Blessed with gorgeous weather, delicious food, and the opportunity to spend time with family and friends, two hundred people gathered on the rectory lawn last Sunday for our parish picnic. We would like to especially thank the Holy Family Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the picnic. They contributed the hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, and all the fixings. Under the leadership of the Grand Knight, Jake Smith, the men also grilled the hotdogs and hamburgers.

We would also like to extend a word of gratitude to the members of our parish social committee who coordinated the entire event. Under the direction of Pat Moletzsky, chairwoman of the committee, many people worked very hard to make the event a success.

Events such as the picnic require the cooperation and dedication of multiple people to make such events a success. May God bless our parishioners who played a role in making last Sunday's gathering a marvelous success.

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!



Companions in Prayer and Ministry will meet on Sunday, October 6th after the 10:15 Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room.

At our meetings we explore and discuss the charism of the IHM Sisters which leads us to expanding our knowledge of virtues of our faith and making them practical in our lives.

Please consider joining our Companions Group on the first Sunday of the month after the 10:15 Mass. All are welcome!

Sister Francis Helen

ETERNAL REST, GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!

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

Dr. Peter David Ganime

Who was called from this life on September 11, 2024

Evelyn Horning

Who was called from this life on September 15, 2024

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 21

4:00pm John Kurcik, Sr.

Requested by Family

Sunday, September 22

8:00am Jack Janoski

Requested by Regina, Ian & Family

10:15am For the People of Our Parish

Monday, September 23

8:00am Samuel & Carol Stango

Requested by Carl & Kass Perretta

Tuesday, September 24

8:00am Anthony & Donna Portello

Requested by Carl & Kass Perretta

Wednesday, September 25

8:00am Jack Guzewicz

Requested by Margaret & Ronald Halas

Thursday, September 26

8:00am For the Intentions of

Cassandra Morales

Requested by Mom & Pop

Friday, September 27

8:00am Barbara Bores

1st Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by The Bores & Stalker Families

Saturday, September 28

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm John & Mary Czapla

46th Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Sunday, September 29

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Ed Gunsalus & Steve Barainyak

Requested by The Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, September 28:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Pat Moletzsky

Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, September 29:

8:00am

Lector: Rich McVoy

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Larry Kilian

Lector: Caitlyn Sechuk

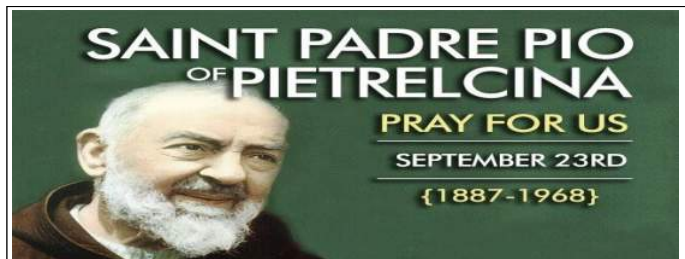


Weekly Report

September 14 - 15, 2024

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Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



"The souls in purgatory pray for us, and their prayers are more effective than ours, because they are accompanied by their sufferings."

~ St. Padre Pio

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LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN US!

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Welcome!
NEW Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to

The Detwiler Family

Thomas & Kristen Horlander

who recently registered in our Parish!



Rose for Life

Sunday, October 6, 2024 is Respect Life Sunday. At all Masses on October 5 & 6, the Knights of Columbus will be requesting your contributions and offering a Rose for Life emblem or prayer card. Your generous support benefits our area pro-life pregnancy centers such as Birthright in Coatesville & Pottstown and A Baby's Breath in Collegeville, Jeffersonville, and Phoenixville. Your gift helps these agencies provide needed baby and maternity items, plus volunteer staff will train young mothers to give care and love for their babies. These works of charity help vulnerable mothers choose life for their babies.



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Our Parish is now offering Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor. Please visit:

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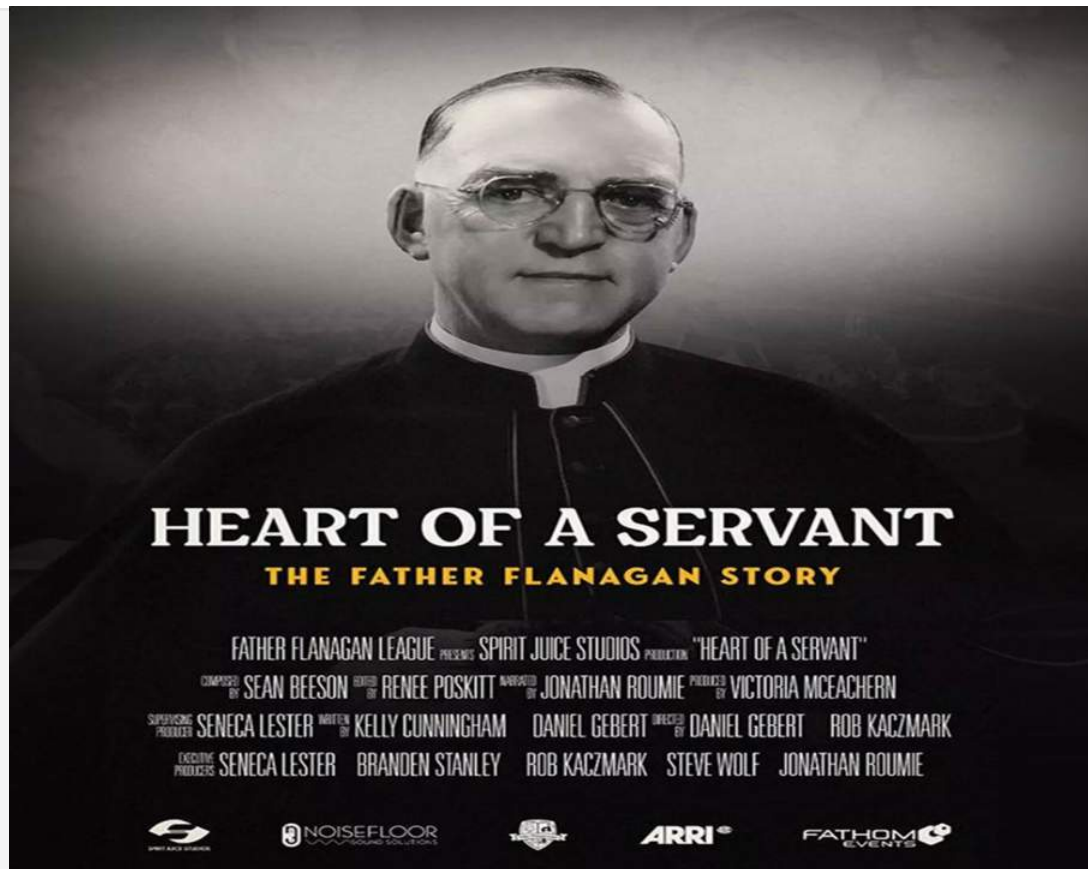
READY. SET. GIVE!



40 Days for Life is a peaceful pro-life effort to help protect mothers and children from the harm of abortion. From 9/25 to 11/3/2024 our area will be uniting with hundreds of other cities for 40 days of prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigils. With God's help this campaign has saved over 22,000 babies from death by abortion, 247 abortion workers quit, and 132 abortion centers closed.

Won't you please join us to pray for one hour outside Planned Parenthood in Norristown? Our parish scheduled day is: **Monday, September 30, 2024.**

The sign up-sheet can be found on the table near the ramp entrance to the church. Please help build a culture of life by getting involved. Your peaceful and prayerful presence can help save lives! Feel free to contact Linda Korpel at lindaskorpel@gmail.com or 610-291-1138 with questions.



Be Part of This Historic Special Event

Don't miss your chance! Join us in theaters nationwide on Tuesday, October 8th for this one-time showing. Experience the moving story of Father Flanagan's life and his profound impact on the children of Boys Town. Learn about his legacy that continues to inspire generations and discover why he remains a hero, not just in his time, but in ours, as well.

Father Edward J. Flanagan is a familiar name to many Americans, often for the Oscar-winning 1938 film starring Spencer Tracy about Flanagan's groundbreaking child welfare organization. But the story extends far beyond that, to a man whose name and legacy are still well-known as far as Germany and Japan.

Flanagan gained influence and admiration over the course of his life from Presidents, CEOs, celebrities and more, but none mattered more to him than that of the children for whom he tirelessly worked. A sobering reminder of this was during WWII, as Flanagan saw droves of former Boys Town citizens go off to war. In fact, so many former Boys Town boys named Father Flanagan as their next of kin that the American War Dads Association named him as America's No. 1 War Dad.

Father Flanagan was a hero for his times, and for ours, too: his approach to child welfare remains a top influence in the field, and his frequent outspokenness against injustice showed he was always willing to tell the truth, regardless of risk.

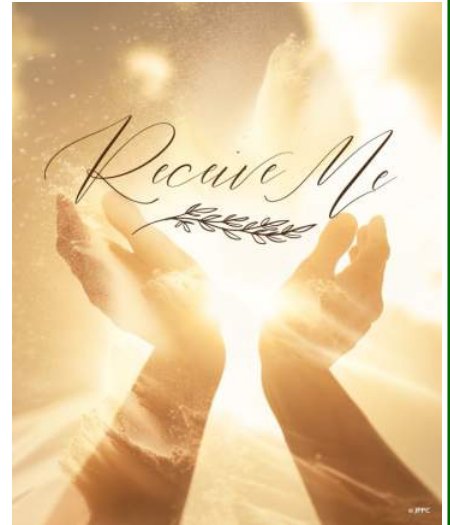
The film will be shown on **Tuesday, October 8 at 7 p.m.** at the Regal VA King of Prussia, Goddard Boulevard, King of Prussia.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Let's pretend for a bit and project our times backward to the days of the Apostles before the resurrection where our gospel passage finds us. A young reporter named Rebekah for "Action News Jerusalem" is dispatched to interview ordinary people who have become followers of Jesus. Given a tip by Mordecai, the assignment editor, about a group of 12 who are currently in town, she asks a certain man named Thomas what the group is discussing at their meeting. Thomas shyly replies, "We're trying to decide which of us is the greatest?"



Rebekah replies, "Our sources tell us that's the kind of question that your Leader disdains. Isn't that true?" Just then the Leader Himself comes into camera range. Rebekah notes the man's good looks and regal bearing despite His drab clothes and asks him straight away "Sir, don't you dislike talk of privilege and position among your followers?" "Surely", He replies, in a voice that could enrapture any audience. These men are good people, but they have a lot to learn about My perspective on things."

He goes further. "Rebekah, may I call you that?" "Certainly," she says, "our viewers call me that, and we're anxious for your thoughts."

Jesus at this point calls a little boy over from a group playing tag. Putting His arms around the boy's shoulders, He looks into the camera while also addressing His young followers and says, "Look, guys, and those of you watching on TV or online right now, "If you really want to be first, you've got to choose the last place. And if you receive a child like this boy here in My Name, respecting His innocence and his not angling for a position, you will be really receiving Me. Or even better, you will be receiving the One, the Person I call "Father" or "Abba" (Daddy) who sent Me. And we will always have your back."

TV reporter Rebekah, taking back her mike, says into the camera, "Well, there you have it, everybody, an unexpected drop- in conversation with the Man himself, Jesus of Nazareth. Now back to our studio. I'm Rebekkah in Jerusalem for Channel 144, Action News."

I trust that you here and now can see the major point of the gospel that I tried to dramatize. True greatness comes from acknowledging who we are in God's eyes, not the eyes of fellow human beings. Setting goals like climbing social or corporate ladders, wishing for fame and fortune, or flaunting our possessions is so much a pursuit of nonsense. As for so many other teachings in Christ's Church, humility is key. "The person with true humility never has to be shown his place; he is always in it."

God love you and give you His peace.



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