

Sacred Heart Parish

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Happy Father's Day



*For I have chosen him,
so that he will direct his children...
to keep the way of the Lord.* ©JPPC

Genesis 18:19

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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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SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Dad

Anonymous

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called it **Dad**.



A Wrench and a Screwdriver

Next Sunday, June 23 immediately following the 10:15 Mass we will need volunteers to help us unbolt the pews, move the pews, remove the carpet, and place it in the dumpster. Please bring a 7/16 wrench, flat head screwdriver, and sidewalk ice scrapper for the job.

Your assistance with this project will help substantially defray the cost of the new flooring project for our church. Thanks for your help!



Luke Reardon

Baptized on Saturday,
June 8, 2024

Congratulations to Luke's Parents:

Brian & Mary

*May your Child's Baptism be just the
start of a life filled with blessings!*

Daily Mass During Church Renovation

Beginning on Monday, June 24 and lasting until the new flooring project in Church is completed, daily Mass will be held in the annex located next to the large bus garage behind the convent. The gates for the school parking lot will be open each day for your convenience. Please enter the annex through the door closest to the basketball court.

**Different Mass Location for the
Weekend of June 29/30**

The flooring project for our church will begin after the 10:15 Mass next Sunday, June 23rd. It will take approximately 2 work weeks to complete the project. Therefore, we will be unable to have Mass in church on June 29/30 and possibly the weekend of July 6/7.

The 4:00 p.m. Mass on June 29 and the 8 a.m. Mass on June 30 will be held at the former Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (St. John the Baptist) on Ford Street in Bridgeport. The 10:15 Mass on the morning of June 30th will be held in Sacred Heart School Hall.

We hope that the flooring work will be completed by July 5th so that we can resume Mass on July 6th. However, we will need to wait and see how the workmen are progressing before a decision can be reached regarding where Mass will be on July 6/7.

YOUNG ADULTS

HOLY HOUR

with Eucharistic Adoration,
Confession, & Music. Drinks to follow!

7 - 8 PM

On the Last Wednesday of the Month:

Join us!

June 26

July 31

August 28

Contact Kennedy Bucko with any questions!

kennedyabucko@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 15

4:00pm Jack Guzewicz

Requested by Children & Grandchildren

Sunday, June 16

8:00am Robert Murphy

Requested by MaryCatherine

10:15am Thad & Stella Zubkiewicz

Anniversary Remembrance, Thad

Requested by Son & Family

Monday, June 17

**8:00am For the Intentions of
Alexander Kalivas, Sr.**

Requested by Wife, Ruth

Tuesday, June 18

8:00am John Kurcik, Sr.

Requested by Family

Wednesday, June 19

8:00am Vern Krueger

Wedding Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Wife, Jan

Thursday, June 20

8:00am Arlene Dobbs

Requested by Nephew, Ronald, Angel & Alexa

Friday, June 21

8:00am John J. Kubas

Requested by The Zubkiewicz Family

Saturday, June 22

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Jack Guzewicz

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Burke

Sunday, June 23

8:00am Joseph & Mary Gasko

Requested by Kathy & Joe Gasko

10:15am For the People of Our Parish



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, June 22:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Barbara JanFrancisco

Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, June 23:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Joan Koeck

Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Lector: Danielle Cantando



Weekly Report

June 1 - 2, 2024

\$5,772.00

June 8 - 9, 2024

\$6,694.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



*“A man of prayer is
capable of everything.”*

~St. Vincent de Paul



Feast Day Dinner Dance

**Our parish's feast day dinner
dance was a smashing success!**

Approximately 100 people

**attended and enjoyed the excellent cuisine,
dancing, and socializing. We hope that more
people will be able to join us next year.**

**Special thanks are extended to members of the
Social Committee who put the event together.
We are especially grateful to *Pat and Andy
Moletzsky, Nadine Dennis, Karen Hinchey and
Lisa Pagnotti.***

This week the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns in Memory of

Kenneth Barber

at the Request of Joyce & Rich Lauer



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

Nick & Carol Roberto

at the Request of Carolyn Roberto



We are grateful for donation received in memory of

Anna Mae Daloisio

On behalf of:

Jennifer Kertzsak & James Keller Families



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.



Golfers and non-golfers...have fun and protect life!

The Valley Forge Chapter, and Fr. Bally Council #1192 Knights of Columbus, is holding their Annual Pro-Life Golf Tournament on Friday, August 9, 2024, at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville, PA. The event includes breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, golf and individual/team skill prizes. Cost per golfer is \$150. Dinner only tickets available for \$40/person. Sponsorships are welcomed. Contact Gary Huster at 610.972.0356, (thebighue@aol.com); or Mark Nunan at 610.772.1734, (marknunan6614@gmail.com).



Tom Burke
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Dolores Burton
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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

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.



*Important
Dates You
Don't Want to
Miss!*

Updates on Suddenly Seniors, Companions in Prayer and Ministry, Book Club

"Suddenly Seniors" will have its first meeting on Thursday, September 19th 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.

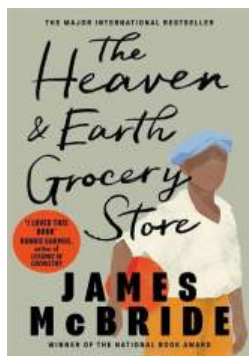


Anyone who is not yet a member of "Suddenly Seniors" please consider joining. We would love to have you join our group. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month.

Board Members and Event Planners for "Suddenly Seniors" will meet on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 9:00 in the Rectory Meeting Room.



Companions in Prayer & Ministry will meet on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:15 Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room. 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.



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 17th. 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.



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.



Monday Night Rosary

There will be a public recitation of the rosary in church each Monday at 7 p.m. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Ed DiGinto at 610-202-0913.

7 Secrets of the Eucharist



"I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world." - JN 6:51-52

As the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress approaches, Catholics are encouraged to delve more deeply into the doctrine of the Real Presence and to personally encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. Vinny Flynn's book 7 Secrets of the Eucharist introduces some "hidden" truths that can help us better understand the Holy Eucharist. Come learn more as we discuss "the greatest treasure of the Church" (Pope St. John Paul II).

Wednesday, June 19th from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
502 Ford St., Bridgeport, Pa

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.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

"Now this is how it is." That is what He said. That is what Jesus the Son of God said. The people at that time listened to Him but did not all hear. We in our time must both listen and hear, for our lives in heaven depend on it.

In this case He was speaking about the kingdom of God. We already know that He was not speaking of landed territory. We heard Him say to Pilate: "My kingdom is not of this world." What He spoke of here was the beginning of the kingdom being very small, but it would grow and grow until its reach was worldwide.

We also know that the Kingdom of God is not limited to the Roman Catholic Church, but that it subsists there. Just as we see the growth of our Church over more than 20 centuries, so we see the spread of God's kingdom in multiple places. It really exists in the hearts and minds of all people who honor God by a godly life full of truth and justice.

We do not know what God has in mind for those who outrightly reject the kingdom when they hear of it but that is hardly our judgement to make. What is our duty, beginning with our baptism, it is to live as Jesus taught.

The problem we have in choosing the way of Christ is that it is often very difficult. Difficulty is abhorrent to a soft culture like ours that prefers easy living. In a recent conversation I had with a funeral director, he spoke of occasional family groups who do not gather after the burial for a family meal. They want the whole matter of a loved one's funeral to be over and done with quickly, presumably so that they can all return to preferred choices of separate lives with little connection.

I grant you that such happenings are rare. Most families come together after the burial to celebrate their loved one's journey home to God and to experience their common union. But this is just one small example of how the values of God's kingdom can be so decidedly denied. Our present-day culture makes it easy to forget the kingdom because it denies that God has any place in our lives.

So, we come to the point in any conversation about God's kingdom where we must not only remind ourselves of our membership in it but also to examine how we have exhibited our acceptance of it. Then we know where we can improve on doing our lifetime task, which is to respond to God's inimitable love for us. Ours to love Him back with a generous return.

Once upon a time a father went into a toy store to buy his son a birthday present. The salesman showed him a new educational toy. It came unassembled, but no matter how the child put the pieces together, they wouldn't fit. You see, the toy was designed to teach the child how to deal with life.

Such is the predicament of a person who chooses to live without God. He is never able to really put his life together.

God love you and give you His peace.

Keith J. Murphy
Supervisor
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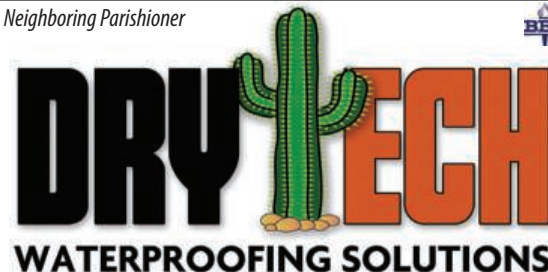
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