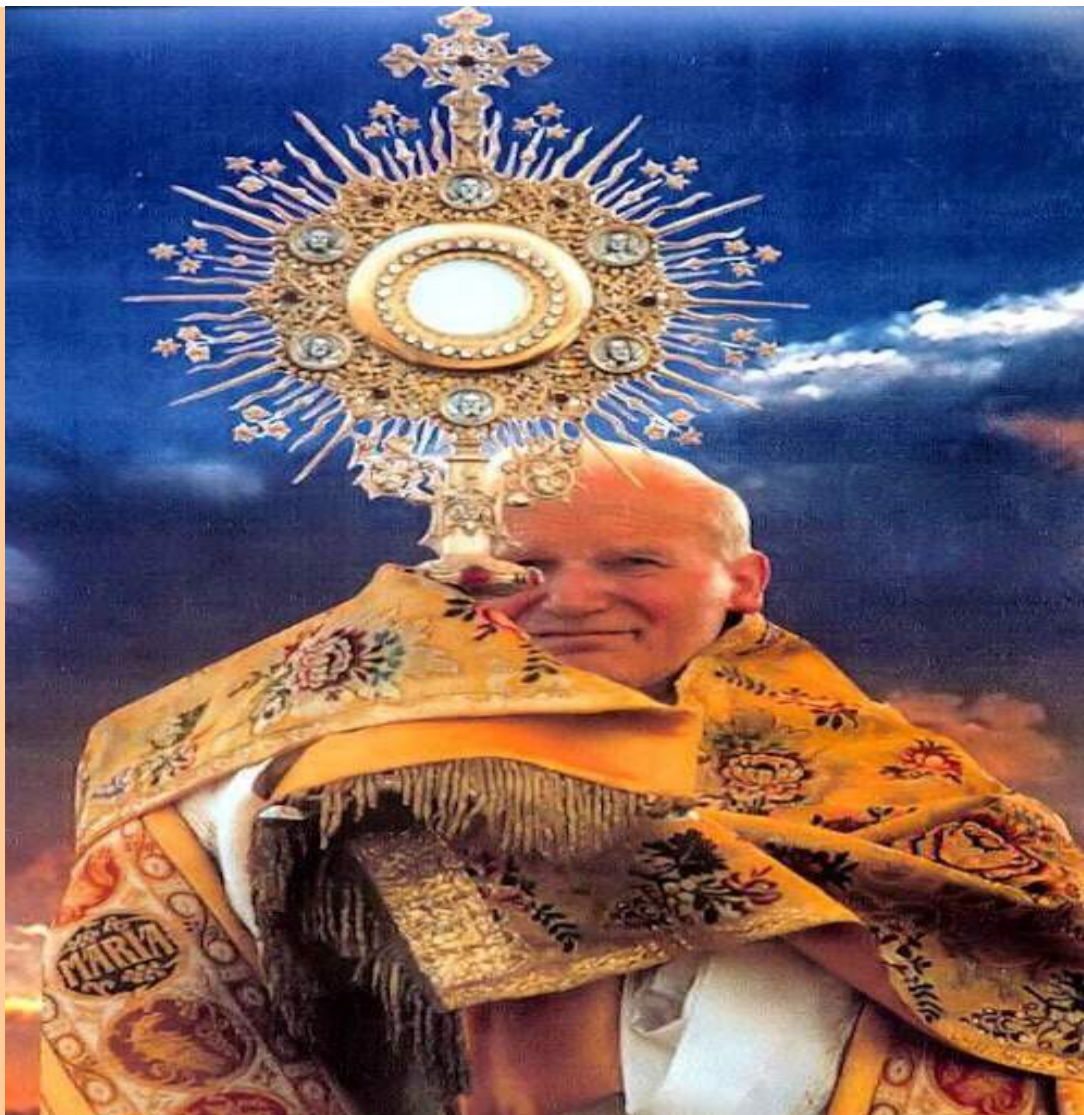


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Monday through Friday at 8:00 am

Sacrament of Penance:

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Wednesdays:
7:30 to 7:50 am & 6:30 to 7:00 pm

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**COME JOIN SACRED HEART PREP IN THE GROTTTO** 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:

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# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 17**

**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**

**Monday, August 19**

**8:00am Virgilio D'Amore**

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

*Requested by Wife, Barbara*

**Tuesday, August 20**

**8:00am For the Intentions of Raymond Kalivas**

*Requested by Mom & Pop*

**Wednesday, August 21**

**8:00am Francis Bazela**

*Requested by Chester Kowalski*

**Thursday, August 22**

**8:00am Philomena Kurcik**

*Requested by Her Family*

**Friday, August 23**

**8:00am Diane & Richard Duda**

*Requested by Barbara Pupek & Family*

**Saturday, August 24**

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

**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*



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

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

**Saturday evening, August 24:**

**4:00pm**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Barbara JanFrancisco

**Lector:** Michelle Efthimiadou

**Sunday morning, August 25:**

**8:00am**

**Lector:** Rich McVoy

**10:15am**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Andy Moletzsky

**Lector:** Sal DiNenna



***Weekly Report***

**August 10 - 11, 2024**

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

The purpose of our lives  
is to reveal God to men.  
And only where God is  
seen does life truly  
begin. Only when we meet the  
living God in Christ do we know  
what life is.



***~Pope Benedict XVI***

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

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

**Madeline M. Kuras**

*Who was called from this life on  
August 10, 2024*

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

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



*Carolyn Roberto*

*at the Request of Michael & Gina Fabrizio*



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

*Domenic Dugas*

*Birthday Remembrance, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>*

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- Date: Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 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](mailto:pland@malvernretreat.com) or 484-321-2538



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

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Mary Boyle  
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Joan Birely  
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Dolores Burton  
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### Cereal Sunday Success!

We collected 145 boxes of breakfast cereal for the month of August, which was given to Martha's Choice Market, a food pantry operated by Catholic Charities. Thanks for your generous response in helping others.

### 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!**



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, August 20:** Theology on Tap @ Local Tap Lansdale. Doors open at 7:00 PM, Presentation begins at 7:30pm.

**Tuesday, August 27:** Prayer, Penance, Pub @ Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales.



The Annual Pilgrimage of Polish American faithful to Doylestown, PA will take place once again on the feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa on August 25, 2024.

This year's pilgrimage will focus on the theme: "May the values of Truth, Freedom, Love, Justice,

and Conscience, which define our nation and were articulated in John Paul II's encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, be restored and guide Polonia and our Country again."

This pilgrimage is a vital occasion for us to gather at this significant Shrine and pray that the values St. John Paul II emphasized will guide our lives, especially in this important year of national election.

Your support is essential! We encourage everyone to travel to Doylestown and participate in the meaningful event.

On Saturday, August 24, our Committee, along with Archbishop Thomas Wenski, who is this year's recipient of the "Pride of Polonia" award, will hold a meeting to discuss future pastoral plans for Polonia. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please communicate them to us. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

Let us come together in faith and unity to uphold the values that shape our community and nation.

- **Date:** August 25, 2024 at 11:00 am Visitor's Center - Mass at 12:30 pm
- **Location:** Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA
- **Special Meeting:** August 24, 2024 with Abp T. Wenski

For more details, call the Our Lady of Czestochowa office at 610-345-0600.



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**AUGUST 18, 2024**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Algebra class was the origin of real high school stress for me. At the time I wouldn't have called it that. It had another identifying label not suitable for presentation here. All I remember was that a whole bunch of numbers and letters on the left somehow equaled the same pile on the right. The name of the item was "equation."

Our Lord never had to study algebra as far as the Bible is concerned. Nor should we be. Yet there are examples aplenty of His non-mathematical "equations." He called Himself "the Good Shepherd" on one occasion. "The Son of Man" several times. So too for our purpose today "The Bread of Life."

John chapter six expands on that last title by letting us hear Jesus say that the unleavened bread and the cup of wine in front of Him on the table at the Last Supper through His saying so became equated (there's that word again) with His very flesh and blood. The better expression is that those two elements were transformed into His Body and Blood.

Our physical senses don't detect any change. The bread looks, acts and tastes like bread on the outside, but it is no longer bread, but His Body. "Corpus Christi." Same for the wine as our senses yield. But at the words of consecration, pronounced in our time by the ordained priest, as God's representative, turn it into His Blood.

In another Gospel section, Jesus declares that the eating and drinking of His Body and Blood is our guarantee of living forever. That is, unless we forfeit the guarantee by unrepentant sin. That's when we really can appreciate Sacrament of Penance as another gift from our loving God.

One of the most intriguing new advocates for loving the Holy Eucharist is a young man named Carlo Acutis. Carlo was born in England and was raised in Italy. He died when he was only 15 from leukemia. He was up until then a normal happy boy, liked by his many friends; good at playing soccer but especially skilled with a computer. From an early age he was attracted by the Eucharistic Lord and went to daily Mass even converting his own mom to the faith.

He designed a web page on which he posted information on all the Eucharistic miracles that he could. A traveling exposition of these has traveled the world. He matched his devotion with service to the poor. After he died his body was unearthed intact for what was to be burial in Assisi. So now you can view the body enclosed in glass, with Carlo dressed in a sports jacket and sneakers. The first millennial soon to be canonized. What an inspiration! A young disciple telling us that holiness is so possible in our ordinary lives. Google his name for more details.

In the meantime, remember that "the world will not be convinced of your faith by the sourness of your face."

God love you and give you his peace.



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