

Sacred Heart Parish

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Sacramental Schedule

Holy Mass:

Saturday: Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 am

Sacrament of Penance:

Each Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm

Wednesdays:

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

or by request

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SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



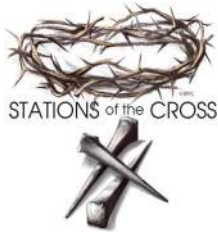
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each Wednesday of Lent. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the conclusion of the 8:00am

Mass and will remain exposed until 7:00pm. A sign-up sheet for Adoration may be found in the back of Church.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Join us on Wednesday for Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00pm.



Pro-Life Holy Hour

Prayers will be recited together starting at 1:00pm during Lent.



holy week

Confessions:

Saturday, April 1 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm
 Tuesday, April 4 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
 Wednesday, April 5 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Good Friday, April 7 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
 The Church will remain open until 11:00 pm for visits to the repository

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 2:00 pm
 The Church opens at 8:00 am for visits to the repository

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday

8:00 am & 10:15 am



The 40 Days for Life Campaign is a Nationwide life-saving event.

This effort consists of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils outside Planned Parenthood locations. Would you please join us and other local churches to pray for one hour outside the Planned Parenthood in Norristown, PA? Our scheduled day is **Monday, April 3rd anytime from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.** Through 40 Days for Life, it is prayerfully possible to change hearts! A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Korpel at 610-291-1138. Thank you for helping to build a culture of life. Sign up for daily devotionals at:

www.40daysforlife.com/norristown

The Blessing of the Easter Food

Join in the tradition of breaking the Lenten Fast with blessed food.

"And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him."



HOLY SATURDAY
APRIL 8 @ 1:30 PM
SACRED HEART CHURCH



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; **LCDR Matthew J. Capaldo** (U.S. Navy) son of John & Connie Capaldo; **Michael DeStefano, Jr.** (Sergeant U.S. Army) grandson of Jack & Sue DeStefano; **Michael Gutkowski** (Lieutenant, U.S. Navy), grandson of Pat Gutkowski; **Samuel Hoey** (Private, 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 3 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.



Michael Martin
Theresa Seiders
Kerry Link
Barbara Bores
Barbara Vernitsky-Hebal
Betty Lilick
Margaret Halas
Ronald Halas
Marge Leszczynski
Dolores Burton
Fran & Rob Worrall
Rose Coscia
Francis Coscia
Jeff Simmons
Joan Coscia
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
Melonie Mitchell
John Smoczylo
Teddy Swede
Laurie Ronan

Adding names of persons to parish prayer list can only be made by the sick person or an immediate family member.

When your loved one recovers, please notify the Parish Office.



EASTER DECORATING

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Easter. We will assemble in the Church at 6:30 pm on Good Friday to decorate. Many hands make light work!

Super Seniors



Our pilgrimage to Barto, and our meeting with Vera Calandra at Barto, is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2023, (a week before originally planned). We will travel by means of carpool, planning to arrive at Barto 10:15 – 10:30. A buffet lunch will be provided for us with the cost being \$20.00 per person. This cost will need to be cash which we ask be delivered to the Rectory before March 29th. Vera assured us that she will be available to us on this pilgrimage and Padre Pio's glove will be a part of this pilgrimage visit.

Even though March 29th is the deadline for letting us know (we need at least 20 people to attend in order to take advantage of the buffet lunch) – may I urge you to let us know as soon as possible that you are planning on making this pilgrimage. I thank you for that consideration.

God bless you!

Sister MaryAnne



Companions in Prayer and Ministry

The meeting for April has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 7th. We will meet in the Convent Meeting Room after the 10:15 am. Please consider joining us as we grow in our spiritual lives and learn more about the charism of our IHM Sisters.

Blessings on all during Holy Week and prayers of rejoicing at Easter!

God bless!

Sister MaryAnne

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 25

4:00pm Edward Gunsalus

Requested by His Family

Sunday, March 26

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Donald Kinckner

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by His Son, Hilary & Family

Monday, March 27

8:00am Daniel DiRado

Requested by Elisa Sarro

Tuesday, March 28

8:00am Lorraine Farrell

Requested by Ed & Lorraine Keszcyk

Wednesday, March 29

8:00am Ernest Hedrick

Requested by Barbara Pupek & Family

Thursday, March 30

8:00am Elizabeth Gambacorta

(Birthday Remembrance, March 31st)

Requested by Lenore

Friday, March 31

8:00am Watson J. Zadroga

Requested by Son & Family

Saturday, April 1

8:00am Kim Rupp

Requested by Ken Klicka

4:00pm Edward & Blanche Muzyka

Requested by Daughter, Cindy & Tom Burke

Sunday, April 2

8:00am Arlene Pohransky Smith

Requested by The Smith Family

10:15am For the People of Our Parish



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, April 1:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Pat Moletzsky

Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr. & Danielle Cantando

Sunday morning, April 2:

8:00am

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou & Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Margie Pruskowski

Lector: David Turner & Rich McVoy

Celebrant's Mass Schedule

Saturday evening, April 1:

4:00pm - Father DiMaria

Sunday morning, April 2:

8:00am - Father Shea

10:15am - Father DiMaria



Weekly Report

March 18 - 19, 2023

\$6,368.00

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*

Emma Paul

Who was called from this life on March 16, 2023

Edward J. Keszcyk

Who was called from this life on March 17, 2023

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

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



*Charles H. Turner, IV
Birthday Remembrance, March 25th*

at the Request of The Turner Family



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

Kathleen "Kass" Reid

*9th Anniversary Remembrance - March 30th
at the Request of Her Daughter, Donna &
Jim Falcone*



We are grateful for a donation
received
in memory of

Ann M. Leahan
from:
Barbara Roskos



Our Summer Vacation Bible School is back!

The program will be held from June 26th until
June 30th. Each day will begin at 9:30 am and
conclude at 2:00 pm. It is for children grades K
through 8 and will be comprised of instruction,
crafts, and games.

Registration forms are now available at the back
of church or visit our parish website at:

unitedinthesacredheart.com

EASTER KOLACHKY SALE!



Kolachky will be on sale
next weekend, April 1 & 2, before and
after each liturgy in the entrance of the
rectory garages.

**Nut, Poppy seed, Lekvar, Apricot and
Raspberry rolls**

All \$17.00

Any questions, contact Helen Surman
610-272-4249

**Plan ahead for Kolachky at your Easter
dinner!**



Join us for Stations of the Cross
in the church on Saturday, April 1st
at 1:00 p.m.

This counts as a PREP Family
Activity

PREP Registration is open for 2023-24

Summer Session for 2023-24 will be held
June 19th-23rd, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sacred
Heart Parish follows a Summer-Session.
PREP Summer-Session is an intensive
weeklong program where the entire
textbook is completed in a week. During
the school year all PREP families are
expected to participate in a minimum of five
(5) activities at Sacred Heart.

PREP fees for 2023-2024 are as follows:
\$100 for one child, \$150 for two or more
children. A late fee will be added for
registrations received after April 1, 2023.
Any concerns, please contact the PREP
Coordinator. The registration form can be
found on the parish web site under the
PREP forms tab.

We're on a Roll

Sacred Heart Social Club

JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY OF BOWLING
SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2023
2PM - 4PM

\$10.00 PER PERSON
INCLUDES SHOE RENTAL

FOOD & BEVERAGES
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE AT THE LANES

OUR TOWN ALLEY
SWEDE ST
EAST NORRITON

Space is limited
All reservations
MUST be in by
April 16th!!

To reserve your spot, text
Lisa Pagnotti at 610-639-7704
or email to suburbantravel.com

CEREAL SUNDAY

DONATIONS FOR
MARTHA'S CHOICE MARKETPLACE



BRING YOUR CEREAL
DONATIONS ON THE



1ST WEEKEND
OF EACH MONTH



LEAVE THEM IN THE
BACK OF CHURCH

GENERIC CEREAL IS GREAT!
ALDI OR LIDEL ARE FANTASTIC SHOPPING OPTIONS AS WELL!

Thank you for your generosity!



Wedding Anniversary
Mass Saturday, May 6 -
Cathedral Basilica of Ss.
Peter and Paul at 5:15pm.

The annual Wedding Anniversary mass is celebrated with couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who have been married 1-5 years, 25 years, and 50 years. To RSVP, visit <https://phillycatholiclife.org/> or call 215-587-0500.



Quo Vadis Days 2023

"Dearest God, Give Me Holiness"
- St. John Neumann -



A WEEK OF FUN, PRAYER, DISCERNMENT.

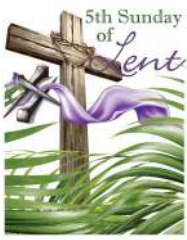
For high school men: Incoming freshmen to graduating seniors

Scan for registration
details or visit:
HeedtheCall.org/
QuoVadis



Camp Days: June 26-29, 2023
Registration Due: May 31, 2023
Where: Black Rock Retreat Center
Registration: \$25-300 sliding scale

Questions? Jmnnich@archphila.org ~ 610-667-5778



MARCH 26, 2023

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Identity theft is scary, as is any widespread evil. We either know that from personal experience, or from a friend who has shared his/her story and its residual effects. Millions of dollars have been spent on insurance policies whose purpose is to provide protection from it. All of us have become acutely aware of guarding our Social Security number as if it were a talisman against this new type of thievery.

Why the worry? Because in this high-tech world of interlocking data there lurks the opportunity for evil plotters to succeed in wiping out our bank accounts. Instantly gone then is our status as financially stable. Of greater moment is our loss of confidence and peace of mind. I know of what I write in this instance.

Raising all of this concern about personal identity to a higher level brings us to consider it at the supernatural level. There our identity is based on our baptism. As Christians, we are thus bonded by our connection to Jesus Christ. He becomes our purpose in being. In turn, His identity with us is paramount.

We live in a time and place where His Church's teaching has had the added benefit of accumulated wisdom stemming over 20 centuries. The people present for this long ago miracle recorded in this amazing Gospel scene of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. These witnesses had to choose the name of His identity. All the evidence then available pointed one way, but that was impossible for them. The fact that a man so like themselves could possibly be God. One person looked at the evidence and concluded rightly. Her name was Martha. Saint Martha for us.

Yes, it's the same Martha who at one of Jesus' prior visits to her home complained about her sister's choice, and who becomes right here a real hero of the faith. Listen to her: "If You (Jesus) had been here my brother would never have died." Where did that sure identification of Jesus come from? Observation of Him surely. Pondering over Him likely. But I vote for the influence of the Holy Spirit in her life.

To be sure, Satan prefers his influence in our life. Because He does not believe in Our Lord's credentials, and because of his intense hate of God Wants to steal our identity not with just one way at his disposal but with at least a thousand. So he goes about his own thefts. With just a toehold on the world wide web he wreaks havoc through the widespread use of pornography by both sexes, trapping the addicts of it, ruining marriages and family life with the infection that reaches down to snare ever younger children.

Never make the mistake, by the way, of thinking the devil is passe. That no sophisticated person thinks he's real. He loves when that happens because then it is much easier to steal our identities as friends of God.

The Lazarus story, read to us this last Sunday before Holy Week, is meant for us to keep before our minds as we soon enough watch Jesus killed on a cross. It is so tempting to tear up our spiritual ID card as Christ's follower. But so rewarding is it to stand next to His Mother at the foot of that cross and staying faithful to the end. Fully knowing who we are and carrying proof of it.

God love you and give you His peace.

"Nearly half of all U.S. citizens became a victim of some form of identity theft in 2020. In 2021 there were 5.7 million reports of identity theft and fraud, up from 4.7 million in 2020. With a \$500 median loss, the cost to victims is growing as we become more digitally dependent."