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poor, for the kingdom of
God is yours.

Luke 6:20



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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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FEBRUARY 16, 2025
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The book club will meet this **Tuesday, February 18th** in the rectory meeting room at 1:30 pm.

Discussion will be on the second half of the book, *The Little Liar*.

New members are always welcome to join.



SUDDENLY SENIORS

will meet on Thursday, February 20th @ the Swedesburg Firehouse on Jefferson Street beginning at 12. Bring your

own lunch. Water, coffee & tea will be provided. Anyone able to bring a dessert, this will be greatly appreciated.

Guest speakers will be Upper Merion Fire Chief James Johnson & 2 EMS paramedics to discuss emergencies and display some equipment.

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.

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come let us adore him

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LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
| FEBRUARY 26 | MARCH 26

CONTACT KENNEDY BUCKO W/ ANY QUESTIONS KENNEDYBUCKO@GMAIL.COM



We are in need of a few more lectors for the weekend Masses. If you would like to proclaim the Word of God at Mass and have a confident and clear speaking voice, please contact Father DiMaria at frdimaria@shswedesburg.org.

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

During the Wednesdays of Lent, beginning on March 12th, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from Noon until 7:30pm.

Please consider spending some time with the Eucharistic Lord. There will be a sign-up sheet available for people to commit to certain time periods to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended.

Come, let us adore Him!

Biography of Russ Breault

RUSS BREAUTL has been researching and lecturing on *The Shroud of Turin* for over 30 years. His highly acclaimed presentation known as **Shroud Encounter** makes use of over 200 superb images and unfolds like a *CSI investigation*.

Russ Breault has presented to hundreds of audiences from New York to Hawaii. College and university presentations include Duke, Johns Hopkins, Penn State, Cal State, West Point, and many others.

Russ recently published his highly acclaimed book, *Shroud Encounter: Explore the World's Greatest Unsolved Mystery*.

He has appeared in several nationally televised documentaries including Mysteries of the Ancient World on **CBS**. Most recently, he appeared in the highly acclaimed, Uncovering the Face of Jesus —A two-hour documentary on **The History Channel**. Mr. Breault was both advisor and a primary expert for this groundbreaking program. He was a primary expert for **EWTN's** documentary, The Holy Winding Sheet. He has also been interviewed for **Good Morning America**, **World News Tonight** and was a consultant for **CNN's Finding Jesus** episode on the Shroud.

He was a featured expert on **History's Greatest Mysteries** seen on the History channel in February of 2024.

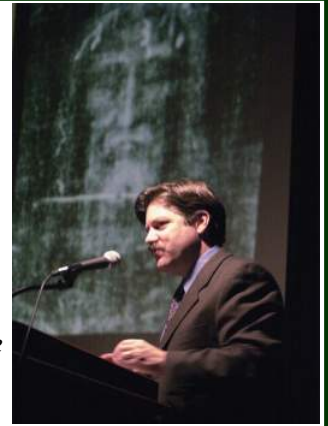
He was a key consultant to the **Museum of the Bible** in Washington DC for the development of a high-tech interactive exhibit on the Shroud in 2022.

He has participated in over a dozen international conferences since 1981 and three public exhibitions in Turin, Italy in 1998, 2000 and 2010.

He is a long-time member of the **Shroud Science Group**, an international consortium of scientists and scholars dedicated to further research.

Mr. Breault is the president and founder of the **Shroud of Turin Education Project Inc.**, the mission of which is to: *"Advance the knowledge of the shroud to a new generation."*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 15

4:00pm Martha Opielski

Requested by Wanda & Family

Sunday, February 16

8:00am For the Intentions of Virginia Dudas

Requested by Patrick Dudas

10:15am Madeline Kuras

Requested by Barbara Roskos

Monday, February 17

8:00am Thomas Emery

Requested by MaryCatherine Murphy

Tuesday, February 18

8:00am Rosemary Giovinco

Requested by Wanda Opielski & Family

Wednesday, February 19

8:00am Frank & Sarah Barainyak

Wedding Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by The Family

Thursday, February 20

8:00am Bill Knisely

Requested by Amanda Bui

Friday, February 21

8:00am MaryAnn Brzoska

Requested by Ken & Sheldon Opielski

Saturday, February 22

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Domenic Dugas

Requested by Barbara JanFrancisco

Sunday, February 23

8:00am Frank Opielski

3rd Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Wife, Wanda & Family

10:15am Josephine & Donald Pierce

Requested by The Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, February 22:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Marjorie Pruskowski

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

Sunday morning, February 23:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Joan Koeck

Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Lector: Sal DiNenna



Weekly Report

February 8 - 9, 2025

\$6,737.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!

HAPPY
President's
day





*This week the bread
and wine for the
celebration of the
Holy Sacrifice of the*



*Mass as well as the Sanctuary
Lamp in the Church burns in memory of*

Philomena & John Kurcık, Sr.

*Wedding Anniversary Remembrance,
February 19th*

at the request of Their Family



**Pray For Our
Military Personnel**

*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** (Sergeant, 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; **Jack Razin** (1st Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force), son of Rich & Julie Razin; **Luke Razin** (Captain, U.S. Air Force), son of Rich & Julie Razin; **Jeffrey Seamans** (Captain, U.S. Army), son-in-law of Dolores Burton; **Stephanie Zugay** (National Guard), granddaughter of Greg & Grace Zugay.

4th Annual
**Marriage
Enrichment Day**

Speakers:
Dr. Laura Sicola &
husband, Larry DeMarco



**SATURDAY
MARCH 29, 2025
9 AM - 4 PM**

*For Engaged and Married Couples of all ages to
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\$85 per couple / \$45 per person

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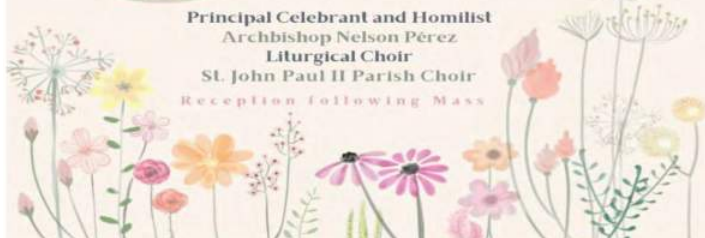
MARCH 30, 2025

3:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul
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Principal Celebrant and Homilist
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St. John Paul II Parish Choir
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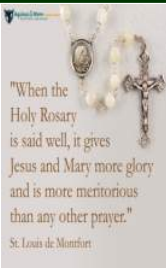
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Fran Toth
Joan Birely
Martha Smoczylo
Kelly Benedict
Patricia Gaffney
Angela Desmond
Fred Zugay
Mike Piskai
Eileen Brandt

Denise Kavanagh
Tom Kavanagh
Michael Martin
Ronald Halas
Marge Leszczynski
Dolores Burton
Fran & Rob Worrall
Marion Raup
Joseph Saboe
Irene Elliott
Stanley Leszczynski
Ayden Boone
Butch Rodenbaugh
Nicholas Janicki
Michael Myers
Melissa (Myers) Sillah
George Estock
Barbara A. Burkert
John Smoczylo
Laurie Ronan

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



DINNER THEATER BUS TRIP LANCASTER

**WHEN: Tuesday,
April 15**

**WHERE: Dutch Apple
Dinner Theater**

SHOW: Fiddler on the Roof

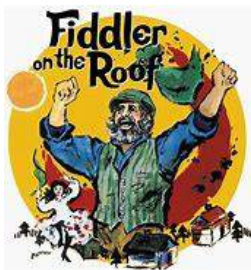
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(due upon making reservation)**

**TIME: Departs 9:30 AM Sacred Heart
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**Checks payable to:
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Any questions, contact June @ 610-247-4398

**Tickets are still available. Get yours
today!!**



Eucharistic Miracles - In order to dispel doubts, God has provided many instances throughout Church history where the

Consecrated Bread and Wine have become Human Flesh and Blood. These events are called **Eucharistic Miracles** and more than 150 such cases have been approved by the Vatican! Learn about some of these wondrous occurrences at the next Patricians discussion on **Wednesday, February 19th** from 6:45-8:45pm at **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA.** The program is sponsored by the Legion of Mary. For more info: call 610-256-7125 or email: r.edel.lukens@gmail.com

Women of Hope (formerly known as Dominican Women)

Retreat: March 14-16, 2025

Come to Malvern Retreat House to renew and strengthen your relationship with our Lord. Take time to deepen your faith, in the company of other women who seek more from their faith lives. The theme is **"The Eucharist- Food for the Journey."**

Speakers include: Jeannine Peters, Sr. Shiela Galligan, IHM, and Nicky Verna. Visit and learn about the first Archdiocesan Shrine dedicated to Blessed, soon to be Saint, Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint of the youth. Mary Bea Damico will speak about him in the shrine and a first class relic can be venerated.

Please consider the gift of this weekend retreat for yourself and other women in your lives. The cost is \$275 and a \$75 deposit minimum is requested to secure your spot. For additional information, call Sunny Dougherty @ 484-744-3920. To register, call 610-644-0400 or visit: www.malvernretreat.com.



Rachel's Vineyard
March 28 - 30, 2025
IHM Spirituality Center,
Malvern, PA

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CONTACT OUR TEAM TO REGISTER OR FOR QUESTIONS:

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Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

You've most likely seen the scene. In a dark room sits a group of diverse people around a covered table with a crystal ball in its center.

The group leader, a female with heavy eye makeup and long fingernails darkly painted, makes odd intonations. Allegedly she calls the dead forward to speak through her or otherwise signal their presence. At other times, she might predict the future with confidence. Her audience is expected to make a generous contribution to the handy receptacle. Call this a seance. Or a clever scam.

Our blessed Lord occasionally spoke about the future life in wide open outdoor spaces. Here a plain. At another time from a hilltop. His predictions opposed the Sadducees of His time, who did not believe in an afterlife. On both occasions, His great sermon was more about the right behavior to live as preparation for the next life and not too many detailed descriptions of it. He wanted our imaginations to soar upward in delights indescribable.

We who listen to Jesus every year on a given Sunday, and often enough at funeral Masses know that He beckons us to call it "Decision time," no matter our ages or circumstances. First, do we believe and trust Him? Here we are, in a time and place best, living in a free society and in a high-tech age redolent with gadgets that feed our desire to be in control. That gives us a form of relief from some cares. But not all. Does your smartphone tell you how your relationship with your Maker is going? Or is it a kind of gearbox to work the engine of your time on this earth? Hardly.

If we allow ourselves to fall for that hoax, we're no better than needy souls at a seance. In today's Scriptural context, we're no better off than the people of Judah compared by Jeremiah to a desert shrub lacking water. Or like the skeptical Corinthians St. Paul addresses about the resurrection of the body after death.

On this winter Sunday, it seems best to keep your child-like faith and trust intact. Do it with daily prayer and ready resolve to behave as we know we should. That alone will give us entree to the bright room where Christ's holy table is set for you in the kingdom, we all hope to share with Him. Until then, believe that "when God measures a person, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head."

God love you and give you His peace.

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