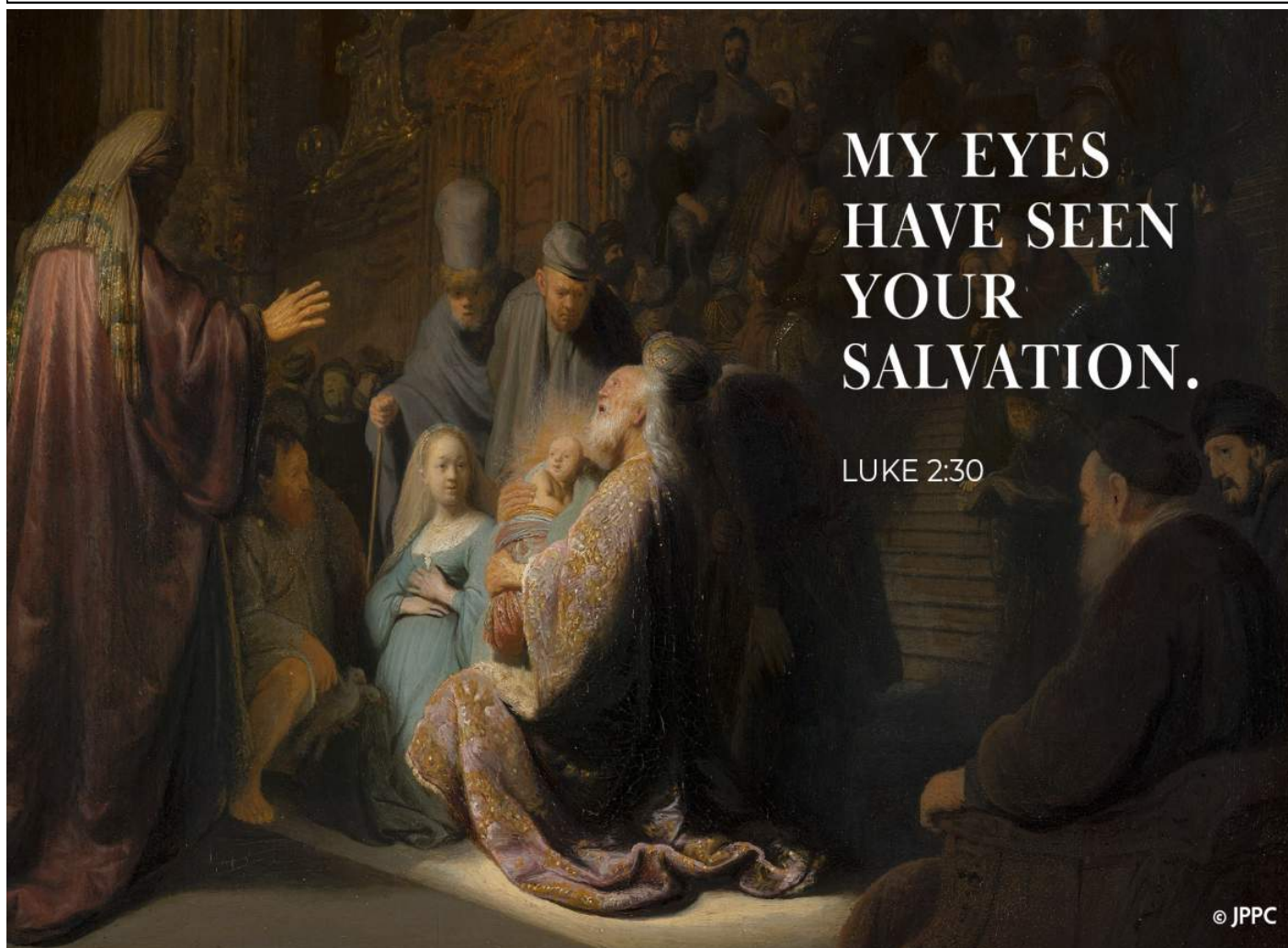


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Saturday: Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

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Monday through Friday at 8:00 am

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Sunday: 9:30 to 9:50 am

Wednesdays:

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

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FEBRUARY 2, 2025
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



**Sanctuary Crucifix
Memorial**

Thanks to the generosity of one of our parish families, the new corpus for the Sanctuary has been memorialized.



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!

Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday,
February 16, 2025
3:30 - 6:00 pm**



**Adult: \$ 12
Child: (3-9) \$7
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**Ticket sales start Jan. 18th
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**Spaghetti &
Meatballs
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Caesar Salad
Italian Salad
Beverages
Desserts
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CARING FOR FRIENDS

It's time to get cooking!

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, February 12th**, at 6:00pm and come out and join

our Caring for Friends Ministry. Do God's work and at the same time make new friends from our parish.

All you need to do is make a pot of your favorite homemade soup, a hearty batch of chili, some mac and cheese or your favorite "comfort food" that can be scooped into a 16oz container. It needs to be able to be frozen so extra sauce or broth should be brought to keep it juicy!

Hope to see you Wednesday!

Your CFF Team,

Pat, Nadine, Karen and Lisa



THE BLESSING OF THROATS

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 1

4:00pm David Cabrey

19th Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by His Mom, Helen Cabrey

Sunday, February 2

8:00am Jose Arias

Birthdays Remembrance

Requested by His Mom

10:15am Ken & Sophie Gunsulas

Requested by The Family

Monday, February 3

8:00am Carl Farrell, Sr.

Requested by Tom & Mary Ellen Kester

Tuesday, February 4

8:00am Jane Zadroga

Requested by Son, Thomas

Wednesday, February 5

8:00am Dot & Nicholas Puco

Requested by Lou Puco

Thursday, February 6

8:00am Rosemary Giovinco

Requested by Helen Cabrey

Friday, February 7

8:00am Lizzy Musi

Requested by Nick Vance

Saturday, February 8

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm JoAnn Prinzivalli

*Requested by Bud & Joanne D'Alessandro
& Family*

Sunday, February 9

8:00am Alice Hann

Requested by The Moser Family

10:15am For the Intentions of Louisa Arias
& Family

Requested by Lourdes Kalivas



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, February 8:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Andy Moletzsky

Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, February 9:

8:00am

Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Larry Kilian

Lector: Elisa Pagnotti



January 25 - 26, 2025

\$8,935.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

We are happy to report that our Christmas collection totaled \$22,714.00.

Sincere thanks are extended to all of our people for their generous gifts to the parish. May God who is never outdone in generosity bless your goodness to Sacred Heart.



In Loving Memory

We are grateful for donations received in Memory of

Helen Bednar

On behalf of:

Mary Beth Amoroso, Michele Andrews, Maria Falco, Carolyn Herrera, & Vicki Williams



Pray For Our Military Personnel

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

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We are grateful for donations received in Memory of

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On behalf of:

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Karaoke Party Wing Night

**Swedesburg Fire Co., Jefferson St,
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Saturday, February 8, 2025
Wings - 6pm - til...
Karaoke - 7pm - 11pm
Karaoke by Joe DiBattista
No Cover Charge
Additional Information - 610-272-9853

February



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.

DINNER THEATER BUS TRIP LANCASTER

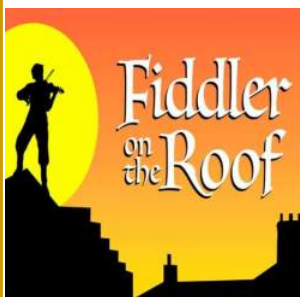
WHEN: Tuesday, April 15, 2025

WHERE: Dutch Apple Dinner Theater

SHOW: Fiddler on the Roof

COST: \$119.41 Per Person
(due upon making reservation)

TIME: Departs 9:30 AM Sacred Heart Church parking lot promptly
Returns 4 PM (buffet lunch 11:30, show 1PM)



Checks payable to:
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Any questions, contact June @ 610-247-4398

Tickets are still available. Get yours today!!



Lectors

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.

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.



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FEBRUARY 2, 2025 - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



You may know the long-running TV series 'Law and Order' and its trademark 'plink plunk' sound between scenes. Each show featured an incident of law violation followed by the court trial. Evidently a winning formula as the franchise has continued to produce spin-offs.

Generally speaking, in real life, most people prefer to live under authentic law and consistent order. It's the criminal element among us who "ply their trade," so to speak.

Joseph and Mary, the holy parents of a Holy Child, certainly knew the law of their nation and kept them in good order. That is why they entered the great Temple on a day long ago to participate in the established rite of presentation that all Hebrew mothers had to go through forty days after the birth of their male child. Obviously, Mary did not have to undergo any purification, but she, with Joseph, did so to preclude any scandal. So, in all humility they lined up with the other couples and their boys.

The topic of law and order enters our thinking from time to time. It often proceeds from "something out there" to something personal. We believe that Our Lord Jesus provided us guidelines. He fulfilled the Old Testament Law. He passed on the same to what would eventually become His Catholic Church through His Apostles and their successors. Twenty-one centuries later the obligation to obey remains, even if the idea of obedience these days is culturally foreign.

Sad to say, a growing number of those who call themselves Catholic have chosen not to agree. So, we note their absence from Sunday Mass in a downward trend that underscores the prediction of our late pope Benedict XVI that the Church will grow smaller and poorer.

It is difficult to understand how a rational person could decide to ignore Christ's words 'Do this in memory of Me,' spoken at the Last Supper to His Apostles is beyond the scope of this reflection. I will just say the words "relativism" and "self-referential morality" for the time being. You can explore them.

Honestly though, a person's bias against law in general certainly threatens order. How safe would it be to cross a busy street? Or board a plane? Or ride a New York City subway?

I began this piece with reference to a popular TV show. Let me close with some homespun wisdom I found that recognizes the problem. "Many people believe in law and order as long as they can lay down the law and give the orders."

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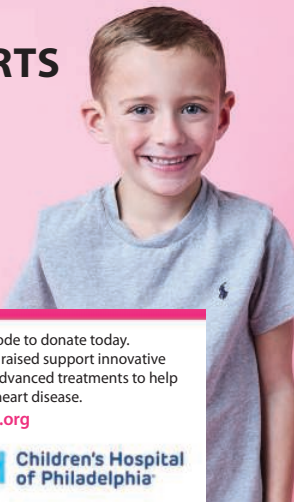
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