


Sacred Heart Parish

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Unless a grain
of wheat falls to
the ground and
dies, it remains
just a grain
of wheat.

JOHN 12:24

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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:

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, MARCH 17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



***Lenten Eucharistic
Adoration &
Stations of the Cross***

Join us each Wednesday of Lent there will be Eucharistic Adoration starting at 6:00 pm and ending with Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 pm each week.



Confessions:

Saturday, March 23	3:00 pm - 3:45 pm
Tuesday, March 26	1:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Tuesday, March 26	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Wed., March 27	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Good Friday, March 29	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

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

HOLY SATURDAY

March 30 @ 1:00 PM

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**EASTER MASS
SCHEDULE**



Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday
8:00 am & 10:15 am



EASTER DECORATING

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Easter. We will assemble in the Church at 7:00 pm

on Good Friday to decorate. Many hands make light work!

Suddenly Seniors will meet at the Swedesburg Fire House on Jefferson St. at 12:00 on Thursday, March 21st.

BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) and please provide a dessert if possible. Coffee, tea, water will be available.

Be ready to vote for Board members and the Events Committee.

God bless!

Sister MaryAnne



Monday Night Rosary

There will be a public recitation of the rosary in church each Monday at 7:00pm. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Ed DiGinto at 610-202-0069.



Swedesburg Fire Co's

Fridays during Lent through to March 29

5:00 to 8:00 PM



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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.



Holy Saviour Church Holy Name Society is running a trip to see the new production of **DANIEL** at Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster on **Saturday, April 13th**.

The price per ticket is \$180 and includes:

- Round trip motor coach transportation.
- Orchestra seating.
- All you can eat family style lunch at Miller's smorgasbord following the show.

The bus leaves Holy Saviour church parking lot at 9am. Show time is 11am. Lunch after the show. Home approximately 5pm.

For tickets, please contact Michael Angelucci @ vangelucci@verizon.net or call 610 213 1196.



EASTER KOLACHKY

Pre-Orders can be picked up in the Rectory garage before or after all Masses **next weekend.**

Any questions, contact Helen Surman
610-272-4249

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16

4:00pm Ben Cornacchio
(90th Birthday Remembrance, March 7th)
Requested by Wife, Christel

Sunday, March 17

8:00am Edward Keszczyk
(1st Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Wife, Lorraine & Family

10:15am For the People of Our Parish

Monday, March 18

8:00am The Deceased Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Requested by The IHM Sisters of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, March 19

8:00am Edwin "Ed" J. Gear
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by The Dunleavy Family

Wednesday, March 20

8:00am Jack Grabowski
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Wife, Eleanor

Thursday, March 21

8:00am Jack Guziewicz
Requested by Lenore McQuaite

Friday, March 22

8:00am Terence Cabrey
Requested by Wife, Helen

Saturday, March 23

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Daniel & Dorothy Burke
Requested by Son, Tom & Cindy Burke

Sunday, March 24

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Cary Turner
(Birthday Remembrance, March 25th)
Requested by Brother, David & Brenda Turner



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!
The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, March 23:

4:00pm

Lectors: Michelle Efthimiadou & Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, March 24:

8:00am

Lectors: Eileen Bralski & Rich McVoy

10:15am

Lectors: Alex Kalivas & Chris Kilian



Weekly Report

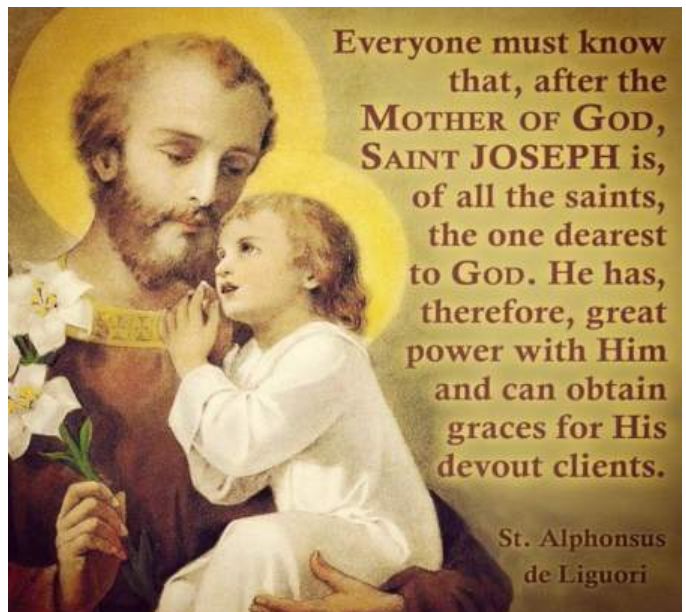
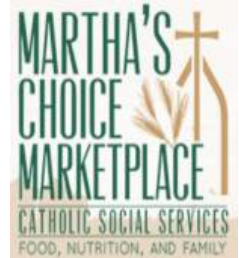
March 9 - 10, 2024

\$5,867.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!

Cereal Sunday

We collected 183 boxes of cereal for March which were given to Martha's Choice Market. Thanks to all who generously support our monthly cereal drive.





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

Ben Cornacchio

90th Birthday Remembrance,

March 7th

at the Request of Wife, Christel



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** (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.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!
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DON'T WAIT!

PREP
Parish Religious Education Program
REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION

What is Summer-Session Parish Religious Education?

The Summer-Session Program is an intensive (5 day) Religious Education Program designed as an alternative model to the traditional weekly program. Each day your child will work on a different unit of the curriculum and complete their level text in the week. Our students will also engage in faith-based group activities.

PREP Summer Session for the 2024 will run June 17–21 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Forms are available on the parish website or can be found in the back of the church. Please return it with the applicable fee (see below) to the Rectory office, Attention PREP, Sacred Heart Parish, 120 Jefferson Street, Swedesburg, PA 19405 or place in the collection basket in an envelope marked PREP.

PREP fees for 2024-2025 are as follows: \$100 for one child, \$150 for two or more children. Any concerns, please contact the PREP Coordinator. (An additional \$15.00 late fee will apply for all registrations received after April 1.)

- Michael Martin
Theresa Seiders
Kerry Link
Betty Lilick
Margaret Halas
Ronald Halas
Marge Leszczynski
Dolores Burton
Fran & Rob Worrall
Rose 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
John Smoczylo
Laurie Ronan

Barbara Pruskowski
George Minnis
Al Cowling
John Puzio
Helene(Puzio) Dulaney
Mary(Puzio) Stephenson
Monica Pocelujko
Mary Boyle
Rosemary Giovinco
Fran Toth
Jane Puzio Sharma
Joan Birely
Evelyn Horning
Martha Smoczylo
Kelly Benedict
Patricia Gaffney
Andrew Andreyko
Angela Desmond
Fred Zugay
Mike Piskai
Eileen Brandt
Denise Kavanagh
Tom Kavanagh



LOCATION: SCHOOL HALL

APRIL 28, 2024

3 PM - 5 PM

COST OF ADMISSION: (PER PERSON)

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March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Thinking of your early school days, you likely remember the name of "that kid." He or she was the one who, by dint of personality and intelligence you just know, had caught the eye of the teacher. Of course, unknown to us at the time, the teacher had to make the professional effort not to categorize that one student as a "pet."

Later on in life, you saw the same dynamic in action when a certain co-worker was favored by the boss. In times past the boss might make his favoritism obvious. Not so today, where an HR office would pounce on the perpetrator quickly. Even to the point of dismissal.

On a much higher plain of observation, we could easily imagine Our Lord being the envy of His peers for what He said and did. Careful as He was to preclude praise let alone adulation of any kind, the people He ministered to knew instinctively that He had favor with Yahweh. Their wish to honor Him was a constant problem for Jesus, requiring Him to take action. At one point He even fled the crowd lest they make Him a king.

Jesus modeled the virtue of humility, but at the same time He knew God the Father in a way we never will. His respect for the Father was so obvious that the later unknown writer of the Letter to the Hebrews that we hear in today's Mass could write that "He was heard because of His reverence when He prayed.

Reverence. There is a word. A state of being. A quality worth developing in our lives. It is a habit of being that begins with God and applies to the things of God but reaches down to our relations with our neighbor. Most often we in our present day can know reverence as the missing element in our common culture as we daily witness the opposite of it.

Something is terribly wrong about the way we freely murder our fellow man in the streets of our cities, and on the battlefields of our wars.

Add this the coldness with which our society wants to erase God from being a deciding factor in all we say and do. We've made other gods, often enough. Gods of power, wealth and fame.

As the waning days of Lent 2024 are upon us, may I suggest a project that will take us all way past Easter? It's to develop our reverence for God and our neighbor.

God love you and lead you to betterment and a better Lent.



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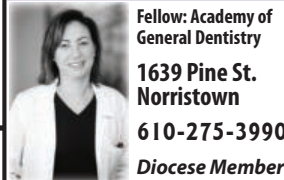
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