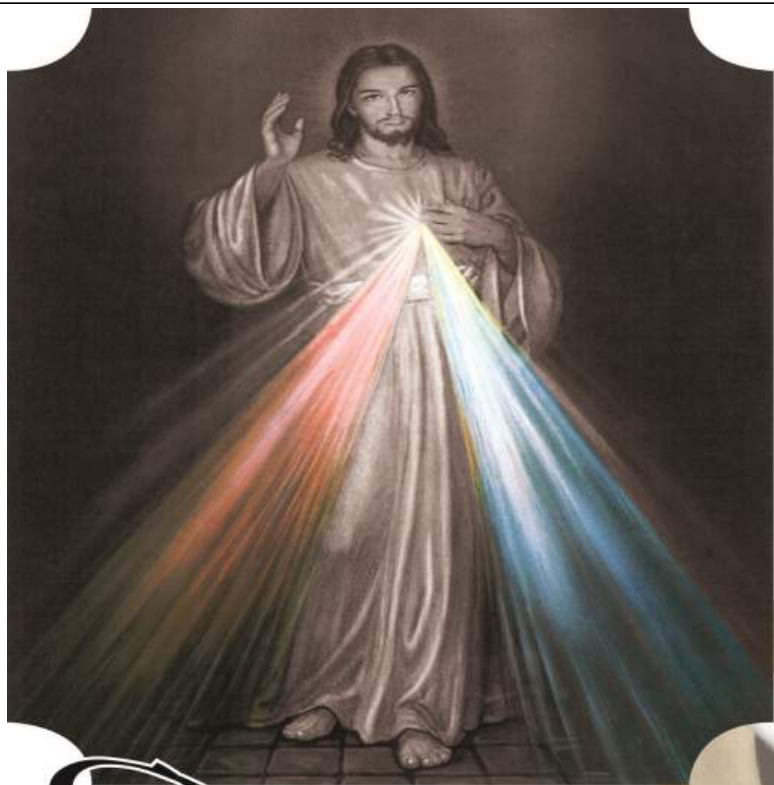


# Sacred Heart Parish

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## Divine Mercy

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*Sacristan*

### Holy Mass:

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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**Joe & Jeff Houseal**  
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



## *Save The Date!*

Our parish's Feast Day Dinner will be held at Spring Mill Ball Room in Conshohocken on **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 4:00pm. We have contracted with PTG caterers to prepare and serve the meal. Fasano entertainment will provide the music. Further details to follow.



**CONFESS** *and* **RECEIVE**  
*Reconciliation* *Holy Eucharist*

## **CARING FOR FRIENDS**



It's time to get cooking! Mark your calendars for this Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the Parish Hall 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



## *Welcome!* **NEW Parishioners**

*We extend a warm welcome to*  
**Leonard & Sharon Brzoska**

**Dawn Tinoco**

**Vincent & Nadia Zinno**

*who recently registered in our Parish!*

We are grateful for donations received  
in memory of

**Theresa Romahn**

from:

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## FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Doors open 6:00 PM

Games at 7:00 PM

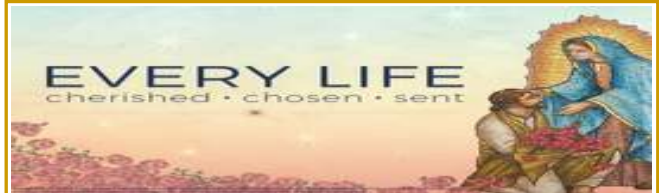
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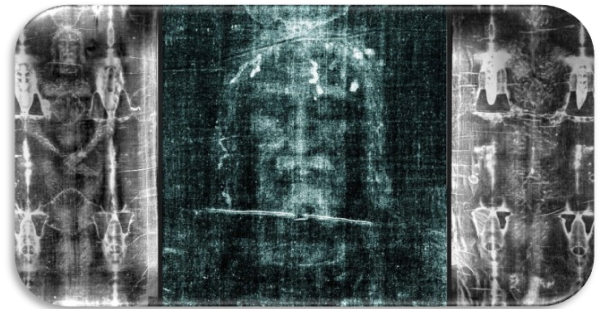


Thanks to the generosity of donors to the recent fund drive to support Special Olympics, Bridgeport-area parishioners' total contributions were matched by Holy Family Council to a total gift of \$1,712.

Sacred Heart parishioners contributed \$572. to the cause. Thanks for your support.

Special Olympics was founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in 1968. She was the brother of the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy and wife of Sargent Shriver, founder of the Peace Corp. Both men were members of the Knights of Columbus.

### The Shroud of Turin



*Believed to be the burial cloth of Jesus, the Shroud of Turin is the most scientifically-studied object in history.*

*Come learn about the scientific evidence supporting its authenticity and the truths of our Faith that it reveals.*

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.**  
**in the coffee hour room**  
**(enter hall from Ford Street lot)**  
**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
**502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA**

**Parking available in the Ford Street lot, adjacent to the rectory & hall.**

***(No Commitment – Meetings are Monthly – Come When You Can!)***

The Society of Patricians is sponsored by the Legion of Mary.

More info: [r.edel.lukens@gmail.com](mailto:r.edel.lukens@gmail.com)  
or 610-256-7125

*The society of the Patricians is an informal group of adult Catholics who meet monthly under the direction of Fr. Sam Keyes to learn more about the Catholic Faith so that they can better share it with others.*

**Please come, and bring a friend!**

*Refreshments will be served and free literature will be available.*



### April is Abortion Recovery Awareness Month

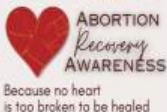
Are you or someone you love suffering from a traumatic pregnancy loss and experiencing:

- Depression
- Anxiety and panic attacks
- Intense grief, sadness, rage
- Feelings of shame and guilt
- Suicidal thinking and behavior
- Drug or alcohol abuse
- Problems maintaining intimate relationships
- Eating disorders
- Nightmares, flashbacks

*you can find healing*

Experience forgiveness and be freed from shame. Confidential, compassionate, non-judgmental help is available. You're not alone:

- For an in-person weekend retreat:  
[RachelsVineyard.org](http://RachelsVineyard.org)
- For online and/or in-person\* Bible-based programs:  
[HerChoiceToHeal.com](http://HerChoiceToHeal.com) (part of [RamahInternational.org](http://RamahInternational.org))  
[SaveOne.org](http://SaveOne.org)  
[SheFoundHisGrace.org](http://SheFoundHisGrace.org)



Because no heart is too broken to be healed

### Monday Night Rosary



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



**Saturday, April 6**

**4:00pm Joseph & Concetta Pizza**

*Requested by Bob & Theresa Wagner*

**Sunday, April 7**

**8:00am For the People of Our Parish**

**10:15am Edward Keszczyk**

*Requested by Wanda Opielski & Family*

**Monday, April 8**

**8:00am Philomena Kurcik**

*Requested by The Family*

**Tuesday, April 9**

**8:00am Archdiocese of Philadelphia Priests**

*Requested by Frank & Dottie Hendzel*

**Wednesday, April 10**

**8:00am Brian McQuaid**

*Requested by Jo-Ann & Kevin Lawler*

**Thursday, April 11**

**8:00am Lorraine Alexander**

*Requested by Barbara Roskos*

**Friday, April 12**

**8:00am Barbara Bores**

*Requested by Barbara Pupek & Family*

**Saturday, April 13**

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

**4:00pm Josephine Murphy**

**(10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)**

*Requested by Husband, Joe, Children & Grandchildren*

**Sunday, April 14**

**8:00am John Mateja**

*Requested by Mike Yanchocik*

**10:15am For the People of Our Parish**



*Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!*

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

**Saturday evening, April 13:**

**4:00pm**

**Lector:** Michelle Efthimiadou

**Sunday morning, April 14:**

**8:00am**

**Lector:** Connie Capaldo

**10:15am**

**Lector:** Daniel Fahy, Jr.



**Weekly Report**

**Due to an early bulletin deadline, financial information will appear in next weekend's bulletin.**

*Thank you for your support of Our Parish!*

**Marriage  
Enrichment Day**

Speakers:

Ryan & January Donovan

Peter & Tricia DeMaio



**SAVE THE DATE  
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| Elaine Fertal          | Tom Kavanagh          |
| Barbara Pruskowski     | Michael Martin        |
| George Minnis          | Theresa Seiders       |
| Al Cowling             | Betty Lilick          |
| John Puzio             | Margaret Halas        |
| Helene(Puzio) Dulaney  | Ronald Halas          |
| Mary(Puzio) Stephenson | Marge Leszczynski     |
| Monica Pocelujko       | Dolores Burton        |
| Mary Boyle             | Fran & Rob Worrall    |
| Rosemary Giovinco      | Rose Coscia           |
| Fran Toth              | Marion Raup           |
| Jane Puzio Sharma      | Joseph Saboe          |
| Joan Birely            | Irene Elliott         |
| Evelyn Horning         | Stanley Leszczynski   |
| Martha Smoczylo        | Ayden Boone           |
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| Patricia Gaffney       | Nicholas Janicki      |
| Andrew Andreyko        | Catherine Bankowski   |
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**April 7, 2024**

**Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson**



It starts in the childhood playground and often lingers through adolescence and even to adulthood. I refer to nicknames. Red-headed Renee or Ricky become known as “Reds.” Other such labels derive from a person’s usual behavior or some event in the classroom or the ballfield, or whatever event that everybody else remembers.

Case in point: the naming of St. Thomas as “The Doubter.” In retrospect, it’s an unfair nickname given to this Apostle who makes a beautiful act of faith to the risen Jesus. (Imagine him doing so on his knees.) Ever since then, Thomas’ statement “My Lord and my God” makes a perfect prayer to say as the priest elevates the sacred Host right after its consecration as the Body of Christ at every Mass.

At any rate, this incident surely makes St. Thomas the patron saint of those who have doubts, especially about our holy Faith. I presume that includes a lot of us from time to time. Let’s start with doubt about the Eucharist truly being the Body and Blood of Christ. Sadly, that embraces a lot of surveyed Catholics these days. Then there are those who doubt our Church’s teachings, sometimes only because they don’t like them. Moving on from there, we have people who doubt the goodness of life here “below heaven.” Doubt their own goodness as God’s creatures. That means they doubt the person in their mirror as having value.

We must always remember that doubt itself is morally neutral. It spurs on a healthy “proing” into what our Church teaches. That, in turn, can lead to a renewed faith. Open-minded research into this or that teaching provides previously untapped evidence. Of course, some teachings, like the Holy Eucharist, ultimately depend on faith, nurtured by prayer. We can be sure St. Thomas prayed.

Today is the Octave, or the eighth day of Easter. Pope St. John Paul II designated it as “Divine Mercy Sunday.” This is a beautiful devotion based on the visions of a holy Polish nun named Sr. Faustina, wherein Our Lord Himself bids us to trust in Him. That’s what St. Thomas did with renewed vigor in that Upper Room. We can do the same. As an anonymous writer put it: “Doubt makes the mountain which faith can move.”

God love you and give you His Easter peace.

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