

Sacred Heart Parish

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Come
AFTER ME
I will make you
FISHERS
of Men.

MATTHEW 4:19

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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, JANUARY 22, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



On January 14, 2023, a Mass of Thanksgiving for Religious Educators followed by the annual Catechetical Awards for Catechist was held at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter and Paul. Several of our Catechists celebrated their Anniversaries:

Michelle Efthimiadou	30 years
Brenda Turner	30 years
Joan Koeck	15 years
Linda Moser	10 years
Barbara JanFrancisco	5 years

We are deeply thankful for the selfless dedication of our Sacred Heart PREP team!



The Geese of St. Augustine Cemetery

Presently a flock of about 75 geese have been regular visitors to St. Augustine Cemetery. Their unmistakable green droppings are literally all over the cemetery property. The roads, grass, and even the flat markers give evidence of their continual presence. It is almost impossible to walk among the graves without encountering their mess. Additionally, in search for food, they have pulled several pieces of the recently planted ivy around the mausoleum. I have been told that the geese have been a years' long problem for the cemetery but these last several months the geese seem to be even more present. We have investigated some methods to rid ourselves of the problem and the one solution which seems most effective is to hire a company which specializes in this problem, and which involves the use of Border Collies who chase the geese away.

The company which we have selected will charge us \$500.00 a month for their services which include several visits to the cemetery each day to chase the geese away. They are asking for a six-month contract for their services which amounts to \$3000.00. Because we did not budget for this expense we are turning to the cemetery patrons to seek your input and solicit donations for this expense. If you think that it would be a good idea to use this dog service and if you would be willing to monetarily assist us, we would be most grateful.

Much time and expense has gone into improving the cemetery property and I would really like to rid it of the geese which are quite a nuisance. If you are favorably inclined toward this endeavor, kindly make your checks payable to St. Augustine Cemetery and either drop them in our offertory basket or mail them to the rectory. Cash donations are also gratefully received.

God love you!
Father DiMaria

CFF Ministry Update

These days we are all feeling the pinch at the grocery store. Our friends at Martha's Marketplace are as well.

As the needs of the community grow, funding has been reduced exponentially. For the past several weeks deliveries of milk and butter and produce have not be available.

Therefore, in lieu of our homemade soups our CFF Ministry will now concentrate on helping Martha's Marketplace to provide the basic needs for the community.

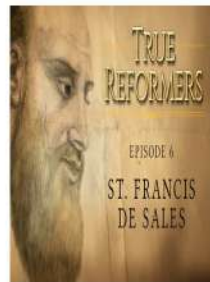
You can support this effort by placing a small monetary donation in the collection basket and mark CFF on the envelope or purchasing the following items and place them in the vestibule of the church.

- *Shampoo, body wash, bar soap
- *Feminine Hygiene products
- *Ensure



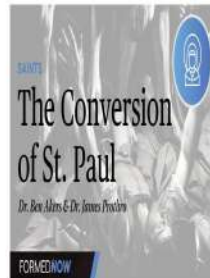
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Week of January 22, 2023



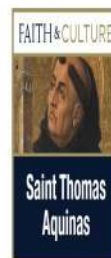
Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!



The Conversion of Saint Paul

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.



Saint Thomas Aquinas with Randall Smith

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.

SAVE THE DATE!



SPAGHETTI DINNER

**FEATURING PASTA FROM
P & S RAVIOLI COMPANY**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

PARISH HALL - 3:00 PM

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  spicuous press



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21

4:00pm Benito Cornacchio

Requested by Wife, Christel

Sunday, January 22

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am William E. Weber

Requested by Elisa Pagnotti

Monday, January 23

8:00am Richard Demers

Tuesday, January 24

8:00am Lorraine Farrell

Requested by Pat Gutkowski & Family

Wednesday, January 25

8:00am Roselle Sucharski

Requested by Cindy & Tom Burke

Thursday, January 26

**8:00am Annunziata DiNenna
(1st Anniversary Remembrance)**

Requested by Children

Friday, January 27

8:00am Robert D'Ginto

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Francis Coscia

Saturday, January 28

8:00am Elizabeth "Betty" Pierce

Requested by Bill & Bridget Maruszczak

4:00pm Loretta Valerio

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Her Family

Sunday, January 29

8:00am Martha Opielski

(Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Wanda & 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, January 28:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Valencia Zarembo

Lector: Pete Wisniewski

Sunday morning, January 29:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Lisa Pagnotti

Lector: David Turner

10:15am

Lector: Rich McVoy

Celebrant's Mass Schedule

Saturday evening, January 28:

4:00pm - Father DiMaria

Sunday morning, January 29:

8:00am - Father DiMaria

10:15am—Father Shea



Weekly Report

January 14 & 15, 2023

\$5,307.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

We are happy to report that our Christmas collection totaled \$24,881.00.

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.





Companions in Prayer and Ministry - our next meeting will be on **Sunday, February 5th** in the **Convent Meeting Room** after the **10:15 Mass**. For

those who wonder what this is, please consider joining us as we grow in our spiritual lives and learn more about the charism of our IHM Sisters.



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

Matthew D. Baxter (*Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force*), grandson of Peg Palmer; **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 & Nesbur Brandt; **Zachary T. Brandt** (*Sergeant U.S. Army*), grandson of Eileen & Nesbur 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; **Darius A. Garey** (*E3, U.S. Navy*), great-grandson of Peg Palmer; **Michael Gutkowski** (*Lieutenant, U.S. Navy*), grandson of Pat Gutkowski; **Noel Irizarry** (*Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps*), son of Patricia Epright; **Shane Jones** (*Sergeant US Marines*), grandson of Fran Toth; **Gregory Kantz** (*Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force*), grandson of Rose Kantz; **Stephen Kantz** (*Commander, U.S. Navy*), grandson of Rose Kantz; **Matthew McNulty** (*Chief Warrant Officer 3 U.S.M.C.*), son of Irene McNulty; **Michael McSweeney** (*Commander, U.S. Navy*); **Rick McVoy** (*Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy*) son of Rich McVoy; **Jonathan D. Palmer** (*Sergeant, U.S. National Guard*), grandson of Peg Palmer; **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.

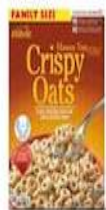
CEREAL SUNDAY

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 AND GOD BLESS YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

In Your Charity, Please Pray For Our Sick



Barbara Bores; Barbara Vernitsky-Hebal (*Friend of Chris Strohm*); Baby, Bruce Vogelei, Jr.; Betty Lilick (*Sister of Eileen Bralski*); Ronald S. Smith; Margaret Halas, Ronald Halas, Michael Martin (*Friend of Ronald & Margaret Halas*); Marge Leszczynski; Michael Dulaney (*Brother-in-law of John Puzio, Jr.*); Dolores Burton; Fran & Rob Worrall (*Sister & Brother-in-law of Joe Murphy*); Rose Coscia; Francis Coscia; Jeff Simmons (*Son of John & Fran Simmons*); Joan Coscia (*Sister-in-law of Francis & Rose Coscia*); Marion Raup; Joseph Saboe; Margie Martin (*Friend of Lee Ann Kinckner*); Irene Elliott; Stanley Leszczynski; Ayden Boone (*Great Great-Grandson of Armando Delmoro*); Butch Rodenbaugh; Nicholas Janicki; Catherine Bankowski; Michael Myers and Melissa (Myers) Sillah (*Grandchildren of Dora & Armando Delmoro*); George Estock; Helen Bednar; Barbara A. Burkert (*Daughter of Dora & Armando Delmoro*); Melonie Mitchell; John Smoczylo; Teddy Swede (*Brother of Gloria Swede*); Laurie Ronan (*Niece of Gloria Swede*); Edward Keszczyk.

Welcome!

NEW Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to the following families who recently registered in our Parish:

Jocelyn Jekel

Michael Piskai

The Sanchez Family

Sacred Heart Pro Life Holy Hour

All are welcome to join us at 12:00 pm noon each Wednesday to gather in prayer to ask for God's help on issues affecting our nation and families.



PHILADELPHIA'S 15th ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

03.04.2023

"The Road to Emmaus - Finding Christ in the Breaking of the Bread"

Man Up Philly 2023 invites the men of the Archdiocese Of Philadelphia to the 15th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference to be held IN PERSON on Saturday, March 4th at Cardinal O'Hara High School.



Cardinal Timothy Dolan
 Archbishop of New York, Author
 James Wahlberg
 Producer, Writer, Film Director
 Deacon James Mahoney
 Homiletics Instructor, St Charles Seminary
 Mark Forrest
 Globally Acclaimed Irish Tenor
 Archbishop Nelson Perez
 Archbishop of Philadelphia



Supper at Emmaus by Michelangelo Caravaggio - National Gallery, London

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

COST \$60.00/PERSON

VISIT MANUPPHILLY.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER



RACHEL'S VINEYARD

A PLACE TO HEAL FROM ABORTION

DATES: MARCH 3 – 5, 2023

LOCATION: IHM SPIRITUALITY CENTER
 210 IHM DRIVE MALVERN, PA 19355

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion – no matter how much time has past – please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into a hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

Contact our team to register or for questions:
 Susan – 610-716-4795
 Georgeann – 484-955-4278

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JANUARY 22, 2023 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

In these inflationary times, anyone buying gas or groceries really appreciates a “twofer”, or two for the price of one. Today’s Gospel is like that kind of bargain in offering us two answers to the question “How did our beloved Church begin?” First, by the initiative of Jesus and second, by the people He chose.

The God Man was simply strolling seaside one fine day when He came upon two brothers, Simon (later Peter) and his brother Andrew. He looked into their surprised eyes and simply said “Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men.” From our perspective, we realize that not only was this meeting as described was stylized somewhat by St. Matthew, but also that it was part of God’s plan.



Considering all that we know and have experienced as a Church some 21 centuries later, it was a remarkably small start. But then again, we should be familiar with how God works in other aspects of that plan. The mighty oak tree begins with an acorn.

The stroll of the Savior moves along for Him to make the same invitation to two other brothers, James and John. But that’s it. The Church has begun. One of the two main images in the New Testament for ministry is the idea of fishing for men. The other image is that of the shepherd. The future Apostles will be both.

This to me is encouraging, in that any small step we take to be a better disciple of Christ can be fruitful, depending on our motivation. A simple resolve to add minutes to our daily prayer time can turn out to be marvelous if not monumental. We ordinary souls can derive encouragement and know that we are not insignificant to the Lord by the life we lead. In our time we have the Little Flower St. Therese as our example “par excellence.” As we read this Gospel scene we catch the ordinariness of Peter, Andrew, James and John long ago and far away but easily reachable by prayer.

The story is told that when Jesus ascended into heaven after His mission on earth, the angels asked Him: “Did You accomplish Your task?” “Yes, all is finished,” the Lord replied.

“We have a second question”, said the angels. “Has the whole world heard of You?” “No,” said Jesus. The angels asked, “Then what is Your plan?” Jesus said, “I have left twelve men and some other followers to carry the message to the whole world.” The angels looked at Him and asked: “What is your Plan B?”

Friends, there is no Plan B. Jesus desires to reach the world through men and women like you and me. God love you and give you His peace.