

# *Sacred Heart Parish*

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## “Your REWARD will be great in HEAVEN.”

MATTHEW 5:12



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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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**Joe & Jeff Houseal**

*Directors of Parish  
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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



***St. Michael's Garden***

When we approached Upper Merion township for approval of our new electronic sign, one of the conditions for their approval was the removal of our previous sign. The removal of the old sign gave us the opportunity to reimagine how the space could be used. We decided upon creating a new garden in that space featuring a water fountain called the St. Michael Fountain.

Nick DeRosato has graciously designed and has been busily creating this new garden space. Nick has volunteered his time and labor for this project and most of the project materials have been donated. We anticipate having the garden finished in time for Easter. This garden will be inspirationally beautiful.

The stone which was used for the original sign will be repurposed to build a small Crucifixion shrine between the church and the rectory. Nick, too, has designed this shrine and has been busily working toward its completion. Nick has given of his time and talent to beautifying the parish grounds over the course of the last year. We are most grateful to Nick and offer prayers of thanks to God for Nick's goodness and generosity toward our community.

Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners:

Thank you for your support of the Padre Pio Prayer Center. Your donation allows us to help people like Maria. She is 21 and moved to the U.S. from the Dominican Republic a couple of months ago. She had a baby in December. She gets diapers from our center and is learning English in our ESL class. Thank you again for your support; you're in our prayers.  
~ The Capuchin Franciscans



**Companions in Prayer and**

**Ministry** - will meet next Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Caring for Friends Gathering**

**Save the Date**

**Wednesday, February 8**

**6:00PM**

**Please join our CFF ministry to help make Snack Bags for our less fortunate neighbors. Many hands make light work!**



**Caring  
for Friends™**



**SPAGHETTI  
DINNER**

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**PARISH HALL**

**\$12.00 Adult**

**\$7.00 Children under 12**



## 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

# 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!**



## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

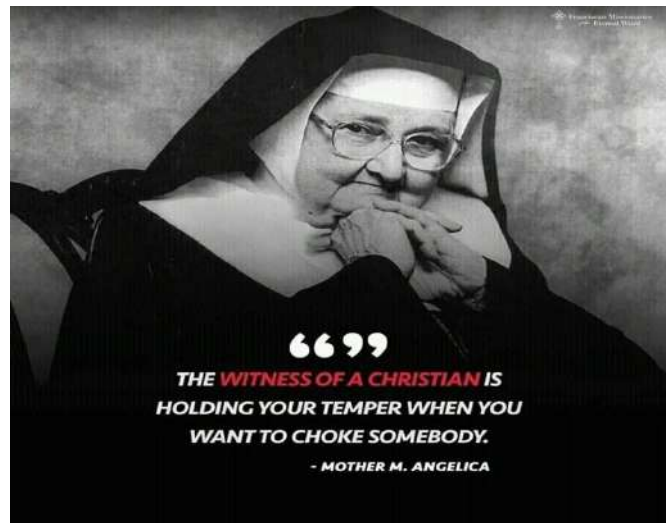
A PLACE TO HEAL FROM ABORTION

**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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**THE WITNESS OF A CHRISTIAN IS  
HOLDING YOUR TEMPER WHEN YOU  
WANT TO CHOKE SOMEBODY.**

- MOTHER M. ANGELICA



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 28**

**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**

**Monday, January 30**

**8:00am Daniel DiRado**

*Requested by Walter & Mary Willihnganz*

**Tuesday, January 31**

**8:00am Lorraine Farrell**

*Requested by Jas, Melissa, Jay & Gabby*

**Wednesday, February 1**

**8:00am David Cabrey**  
**(16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)**

*Requested by His Mother*

**Thursday, February 2**

**8:00am Walter Grzywacz**

*Requested by Linda Korpel & the MDP  
Prayer Group*

**Friday, February 3**

**8:00am Deceased Members of the Keller &  
Surman Families**

*Requested by Helen Surman*

**Saturday, February 4**

**8:00am Jane Zadroga**

*Requested by Son, Thomas*

**4:00pm Jerry Brady**

*Requested by Regina, Ian & Emily Janoski  
& Family*

**Sunday, February 5**

**8:00am Helen Mardi**

*Requested by Lou Puco*

**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, February 4:**

**4:00pm**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Joan Koeck

**Lector:** Helen Surman

**Sunday morning, February 5:**

**8:00am**

**Lector:** Eileen Bralski

**10:15am**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Pat Moletzsky

**Lector:** John Keidel

### Celebrant's Mass Schedule

**Saturday evening, February 4:**

**4:00pm** - Father DiMaria

**Sunday morning, February 5:**

**8:00am** - Father Shea

**10:15am**—Father DiMaria



*Weekly Report*

**January 21 & 22, 2023**

**\$5,759.00**

**Catholic Relief Service**

**\$1,328.00**

*Thank you for your support of Our Parish!*



*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.*



ST. BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS

Feast of Saint Blaise - The Blessing of Throats will take place at the 8:00 am Mass on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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.



LOCAL COMMUNITY

All Proceeds go to Your



Date: Friday, February 10, 2023

Registration: 6pm

Game Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm



Location: Sacred Heart Church Social Hall  
633 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bridgeport, PA 19405  
\* Hall / parking lot around backside of building

Registration Fee: \$25.00

Minimum age requirement is 18

New location: Hall with AC - cafeteria - 70 inch television screen - sound system and much more

Food & Free door Prizes - 50/50 - Scratch Off - Raffle

15 games chance to win \$25 - 4 games chance to win \$50

1 game chance to win \$100

GRAND PRIZE \$100.00

Sponsored by:



Holy Family Council #3327, Bridgeport, PA

Questions Please call Jake at, 858-337-1953

Please pay with Cash only

NO ALCOHOL BEVERAGES PERMITTED

Please PRAY for the sick of our parish and their caregivers

Barbara Bores; Barbara Vernitsky-Hebal; Baby, Bruce Vogelei, Jr.; Betty Lilick; Ronald S. Smith; Margaret Halas, Ronald Halas, Michael Martin; Marge Leszczynski; Michael Dulaney; Dolores Burton; Fran & Rob Worrall; Rose Coscia; Francis Coscia; Jeff Simmons; Joan Coscia; Marion Raup; Joseph Saboe; Margie Martin; Irene Elliott; Stanley Leszczynski; Ayden Boone; Butch Rodenbaugh; Nicholas Janicki; Catherine Bankowski; Michael Myers and Melissa (Myers) Sillah; George Estock; Helen Bednar; Barbara A. Burkert; Melonie Mitchell; John Smoczylo; Teddy Swede; Laurie Ronan; Edward Keszcyk.

When your loved one recovers, please notify the Parish Office.

**FORMED**

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.



### Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.  
Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



An offering from the ARGENTINE INSTITUTE and gracious press

*"Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord:  
and let light perpetual shine upon him"*



### SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS

ON THE MONTH'S MIND, COMMEMORATING

### POPE BENEDICT XVI

FRIDAY, 3 FEB at 7 PM

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

A Parish of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter

502 Ford Street, Bridgeport, PA 19405



### 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 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Spirituality Conference to be held **IN PERSON** on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 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](https://manupphilly.com) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER**

## **JANUARY 29, 2023 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Slackers in any endeavor, but particularly in the world of business, are forthrightly told by their bosses to “get with the program.” There is an implied “or else” in their directive. Immediate compliance is the only alternative. No time for a listing of offenses. The slacker now knows that he has been watched; his behavior noted; this reform essential to the overall success of the operation.

In today’s Scriptures, particularly the well-known Gospel passage about the Beatitudes Jesus gives notice to the world, and also His Church, of His program for salvation. It is a way of life. Without being explicit, Our Lord’s beatitudes leave up to our discernment what refusal to comply will yield us.

The first few of the eight are special components of Jesus’ mission to Israel. They are essential, and free of any later add-on by the nascent Church. Do you see why the Church in our time claims “a preferential option for the poor?” And that the option is basic?

Poverty in all its dimensions is an evil. The financial aspect of course comes to our minds first, perhaps because we are part of a culture of consumers. Consuming costs money. Amazon sends a bill. But there is also a poverty of education, of proper life goals and behaviors, and of generosity of heart.

Hunger stalks this land of plenty we live on, but it haunts our overfed routine. Mourning grows more widespread in the way elements of our society have cheapened life itself. It is a violent world we live in now, as people use weapons to express anger, jealousy, hate and revenge. We have managed to create almost a “sub-society” of mourners in our midst. These three negatives obviously get the bulk of divine attention. The Scriptures urge you and me today to do the same. How? In genuine, consistent outreach in both prayer and practical decisions of assistance. No slackers allowed.

A bold commentator wrote this about the Apostles’ reaction to hearing the beatitudes:

Then Simon Peter said, “Are we supposed to know this?”

And Andrew said, “Do we have to write this down?”

And James said, “Will we get a test on this?”

And Philip said, “I don’t have any paper.”

And Bartholomew said, “Do we have to turn it in?”

And John said, “The other disciples don’t have to learn this.”

And Matthew said, “I have to go to the bathroom.”

And Judas said, “What does this have to do with real life?”

And one of the Pharisees present asked to see Jesus’ lesson plans, and inquired of Jesus, “What is your terminal objective? Have you completed a task analysis? What about a diagnostic survey?”

And Jesus wept.

God love you and give you His peace.

