

Sacred Heart Parish

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Everyone
is **looking**
for you.

MARK 1:37

Rev. Peter J. DiMaria

Pastor

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Sacristan

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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Director of

Liturgical Music

Joe & Jeff Houseal

*Directors of Parish
& Cemetery Facilities*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**SACRED HEART'S
SOCIAL CLUB**
**SPAGHETTI
DINNER**
(Featuring P & S Pasta)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Dinner served in the Parish Hall

Starting @ 3:30PM

Adult - \$12.00

Children - \$7.00 (9 and under)
Under 3 - Free

Tickets are on sale **NOW** after all the weekend Masses. Tickets can also be purchased at the rectory.

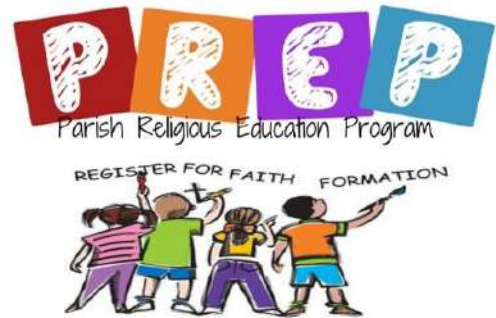
Sitting limited to the first 150 people

Cost of ticket includes the following:

- ◆ *Spaghetti and Meatballs*
- ◆ *Italian Bread*
- ◆ *Salad*
- ◆ *Dessert*
- ◆ *Soft Drinks*
- ◆ *BYOB*



**FAMILY, FRIENDS &
FELLOWSHIP!**



Registration for Sacred Heart PREP Summer Session is open!

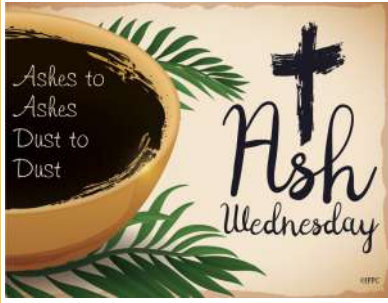
What is Summer-Session Parish Religious Education?

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 under the PREP forms tab or can be found in the back of the church. Upon completion of the form, 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.)



Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on February 14th with the observance of Ash Wednesday.

Holy Mass and the distribution of ashes will occur at 8:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes will take place at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

Beginning on Wednesday, February 21st and on each Wednesday of Lent there will be Eucharistic Adoration starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending with Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7:30 p.m.



Stations of the Cross and Benediction

During the Wednesdays of Lent, we will have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction will begin at 7:30 p.m. each week. The service will last for approximately one-half hour. There will be no Wednesday afternoon Stations of the Cross this Lent.



16th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference

Saturday, March 2, 2024

From Death Into Life (1 Jn3:14)

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **16th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 2nd at Cardinal O'Hara HS.** Speakers include **Phillies Hall of Famer, Mike Schmidt**, acclaimed author of **Back to Life**, **Danny Bader**, That Man is You VP, **Mark Hartfiel**, and Coordinator of Young Life, **Deacon Nathan Gunn**. And back by popular demand, **Mark Forrest**, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our **Eucharistic Adoration**. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available, and the Conference will conclude with **Mass** celebrated by our archbishop **Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez**.

For more information and to register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com



EASTER KOLACKI SALE

\$17.00 Each

Please fill out and return this order form along with your payment (checks made payable to Sacred Heart Parish) to the Rectory by Sunday, February 11.

PLEASE NOTE: Only pre-orders will be accepted. Orders can be picked up in the Rectory garage before or after all Masses the weekend of March 23 & 24.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

<u>Flavor</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Nut _____	
Poppyseed _____	
Lekvar (Prune) _____	
Apricot _____	
Raspberry _____	
Total Enclosed: _____	



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 3

4:00pm Marjorie Egges

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Burke

Sunday, February 4

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Domenico Zaccardi

(1st Anniversary Remembrance, Feb. 6th)

Requested by Wife, Adriana & Family

Monday, February 5

8:00am Jane Zadroga

Requested by Son, Thomas

Tuesday, February 6

8:00am Francis Coscia

Requested by Lou Puco

Wednesday, February 7

8:00am Jack Guziewicz

*Requested by Lorraine Alexander &
Richard Prostack*

Thursday, February 8

8:00am Jack McQuaid

Requested by Jo-Ann & Kevin Lawler

Friday, February 9

8:00am Nicole Marie Levinsky

Requested by Vince & Kim DeCerio

Saturday, February 10

8:00am John Mateja

Requested by Barbara Pupek & Family

4:00pm Martha & Frank Opielski, Sr.

Requested by Wanda & Family

Sunday, February 11

8:00am Fred Zugay

Requested by Rebecca Sparacino & Family

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, February 10:

4:00pm

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

Sunday morning, February 11:

8:00am

Lector: John Keidel

10:15am

Lector: Danielle Cantando



Weekly Report

January 27 - 28, 2024

\$5,543.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!

Notice Regarding Saturday 8 am Masses

Father James Shea has regularly celebrated the Saturday morning Mass for us for almost ten years. At the end of November Fr. Shea became ill and has been hospitalized on a few occasions during this time. Because of his condition Father Shea has not been able to celebrate Mass for us.

While the scheduled 8 am Saturday Masses will continue throughout the month of February, beginning on March 2, Saturday morning Masses will be discontinued unless and until Father Shea is able to return.

The Masses intentions which have been accepted for those Saturdays will be sent to the Piarist Fathers (Fr. Shea's community) and other retired priests for their satisfaction. Given the fact that our Mass book is almost completely full, it will not be possible to reschedule these Masses. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Giving Hope
TO ALL

CATHOLICCHARITIESAPPEAL.ORG



This weekend marks the kick-off of the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal. Please join us in supporting the Appeal as it continues to impact those in need all over the Greater Philadelphia Area. Visit: www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org to make your donation today!



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.



Caring & Friends

WEDNESDAY, February 7
Doors open at 6:00PM

Bring a pot of your favorite homemade soup or savory chili, or pasta. You can scoop it the night of the gathering or if you need containers to scoop at home and bring that evening, Call: Lisa Pagnotti at 610-639-7704.

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

Friday, February 9th

Doors open 6:00 PM

Games at 7:00 PM

Parish Hall

Chance to win up to \$500.00

Sponsored by:



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OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



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.



George Minnis	Theresa Seiders
Al Cowling	Kerry Link
John Puzio	Betty Lilick
Helene (Puzio) Dulaney	Margaret Halas
Mary (Puzio) Stephenson	Ronald Halas
Monica Pocelujko	Marge Leszczynski
Mary Boyle	Dolores Burton
Rosemary Giovinco	Fran & Rob Worrall
Fran Toth	Rose Coscia
Jane Puzio Sharma	Marion Raup
Joan Birely	Joseph Saboe
Evelyn Horning	Irene Elliott
Martha Smoczylo	Stanley Leszczynski
Kelly Benedict	Ayden Boone
Patricia Gaffney	Butch Rodenbaugh
Andrew Andreyko	Nicholas Janicki
Angela Desmond	Catherine Bankowski
Fred Zugay	Michael Myers
Mike Piskai	Melissa (Myers) Sillah
Eileen Brandt	George Estock
Denise Kavanagh	Helen Bednar
Tom Kavanagh	Barbara A. Burkert
Michael Martin	John Smoczylo
	Laurie Ronan



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Your Impact



**DID YOU KNOW
1 IN 5 PEOPLE**

in the Greater Philadelphia area count on the Catholic Charities Appeal for help and hope? We may not notice them, but they are there in every county, town, parish, and neighborhood.

It's time we focus on the women and children looking for shelter, focus on those experiencing poverty and looking for a meal, and focus on individuals with special needs looking for opportunity.

Every year, the Catholic Charities Appeal impacts nearly one million lives. But this is not possible without your help. Your gift matters more than you know.

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Ways to Give

The Catholic Charities Appeal is recognized as a non-profit institution. As such, all gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. It has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and receives a separate financial audit. Besides gifts of cash, donors to the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal may contribute in many other ways, each offering tax advantages according to their circumstances:

- Pledge Gift
- Gifts of Cash
- Matching Gifts
- Electronic Fund
- Transfer (EFT)
- Gifts of Securities
- Planned Gifts

For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal, please call The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at 215.587.5650 or email cca@thecfcp.org.



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Social Services:

MARTHA'S CHOICE MARKETPLACE AND COMMUNITY FARM



"The person who waited on you at breakfast. The nurse who took care of your elderly mother. Your neighbor. All these people are clients at Martha's Choice Marketplace and Community Farm. These are people who are working every single day but need to decide between paying their rent or putting healthy, nutritious food on the table. That is where Martha's comes in. Martha's Choice Marketplace and Community Farm is the largest food pantry in Montgomery County. Last year, we distributed 2.3 million pounds of food to 4,000 different families. This equates to approximately 17,000 people – half of which are children. We recently acquired a farm, and we are now able to grow fresh produce for our clients. We have so many amazing volunteers who help us at the farm – growing food items we would normally not have available at the pantry. **A significant portion of our funding comes from the Catholic Charities Appeal, and we are so grateful to all the donors who have supported us. You make this vital work possible.**"

– Patrick Walsh, Director of Programs, and Eli Wenger, Director of Operations, Martha's Choice Marketplace and Community Farm



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ February 4, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Does your bank advertise itself on TV? If not, it may go to other outlets to make sure you know its ultimate message: "You can trust us." In doing so, the hope is that you will soon open an account with them. In this time of so much thievery going on, either by a masked and hooded thug approaching a victim at gunpoint across a store counter, or by the clever and callous online hacking that uses deceit as a method, pointing out the guaranteed trustworthiness of any institution is a surefire way to promote hope. In this inflationary context, do we not need to trust any entity that manages our money?

If we move over to consider our spiritual lives, which involve both a relationship with God and with our neighbor, we can easily see that we need hope, which is to trust God. That trust, which on His part neither falters nor fails, demands that we do our part to reciprocate. Our major threat is from the devil. The devil you say. Hasn't he been put on the back shelf? Out of place in our technological sophistication? Ah, but never forget that his chief strategy is to convince us that he doesn't exist. Our Lord Himself had no such doubt. He referenced Satan over thirty times in the New Testament.

God knows we see the devil's handiwork all over the place. Look how well he has done with the widespread use of pornography. The ease with which pro-abortion devotees have made the murder of children in the womb into a "women's health issue."

As we read or hear about the miraculous healings Jesus performs, both among His inner circle of friends and with anyone in need, we know He can meet any need we may have of healing. Do not be lulled into doubt by the fact that these stories took place over 2,000 years ago. That kind of thinking only damages our trust. For God a thousand years are like a day. And the Bible tells us that "Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever." If doubt starts to damage your trust, remember that the word "gospel" means "good news." That's such a matter of fact that-pardon the pun-you can "bank on it."

Once upon a time two young girls were talking and one said that she had ten pennies. The other girl looked at her hand and only saw five. She said, "You only have five pennies, silly." Then the first girl replied "I have five and my father told me he would give me five more tonight. So I have ten." She understood that her father's promise was as good as done.

God love you and give you His peace.

