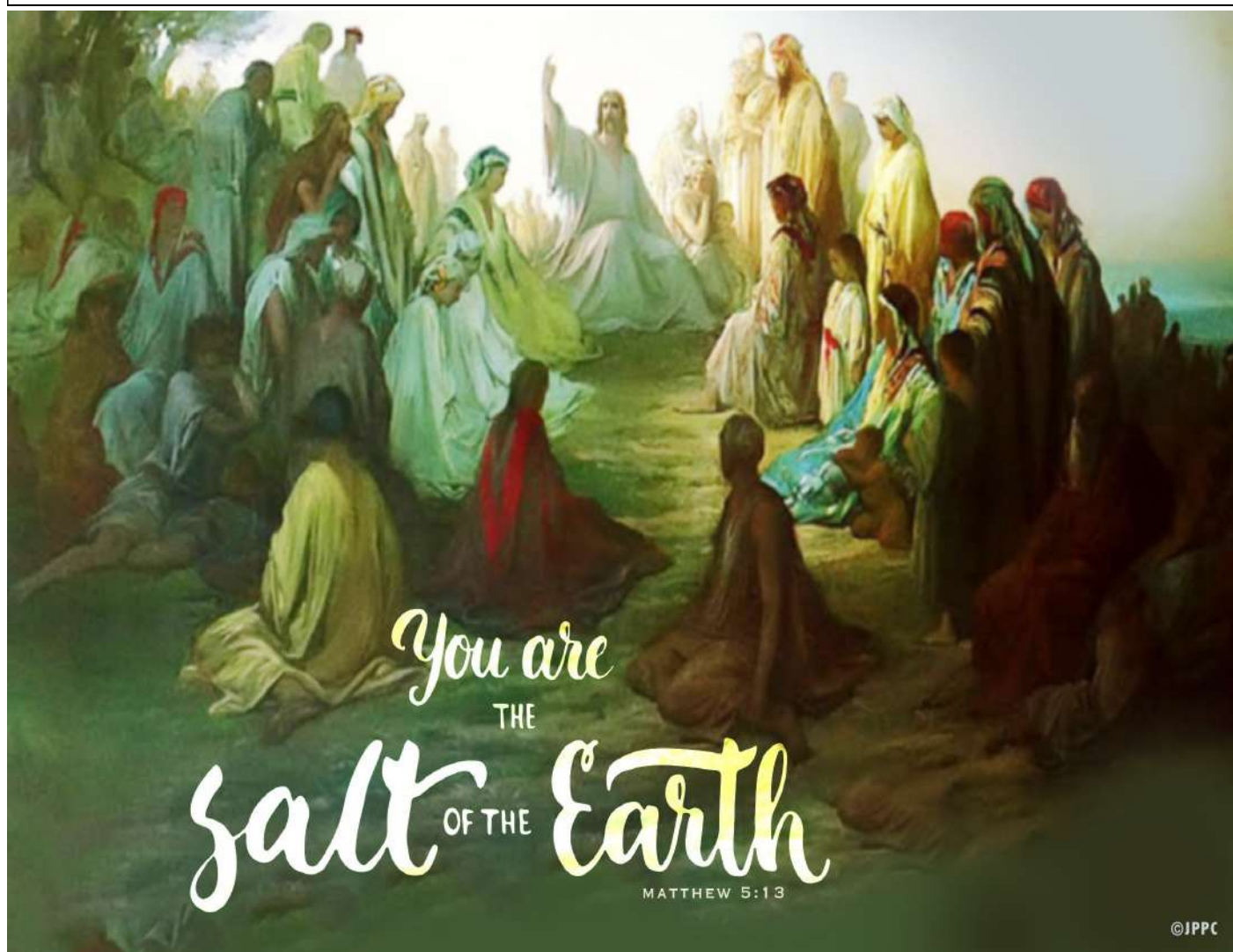


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Sacramental Schedule

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

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



January Poor Box

The Missionaries of Charity, founded by St. Teresa of Calcutta, operate two soup kitchens and shelters in the Archdiocese. One is in Norristown and the other is in the city of Chester. The January beneficiary of the poor box offering totaling \$349.00 has been sent to **Gift of Mary** which the Sisters have operated in Chester for almost thirty years. In addition to offering temporary shelter to women and children and operating a soup kitchen, the Sisters also offer a summer bible camp and C.C.D.

instructions to the poor. Thank you for your generosity to the Sisters.

"God still loves the world through you and through me."
Mother Teresa

Thank you, Colonial Concrete!

Our parish would like to thank Colonial Concrete of King of Prussia for recently donating and pouring concrete to form the foundations for our new St. Michael Garden in the front of the church and also the Crucifixion Shrine between the rectory and church. May God reward their generosity!

The Geese

Thanks are extended to our cemetery patrons who have made contributions toward our upcoming geese control program. We continue to accept donations for this purpose. Checks maybe made payable to St. Augustine Cemetery.



Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on February 22nd with the observance of Ash Wednesday.

Holy Mass and the distribution of ashes will occur at 8:00 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes will take place at 12:05 p.m.

Eucharistic Wednesdays of Lent

During the holy season of Lent exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur each of the six Wednesdays of Lent beginning on March 1st. Immediately following the 8 am Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the monstrance for adoration and personal prayer. Exposition will end at 7 p.m. on each of those nights. A sign-up sheet for adoration will be in the back of the church each week. Please consider spending some time with our Eucharistic Savior.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Beginning on Wednesday, March 1st, Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be held each of the six Wednesdays of Lent beginning at 2 p.m.

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world!

PRINCIPLES OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

Love is Lord of Heaven & Earth

Sacred Heart Parish Mission

February 27 - March 2, 2023

Monday through Thursday

Daily Mass

Contact Information:

Evening Conference 7:00 - 8:00

8:00 a.m.

610-275-1750

Light refreshments will be offered Thursday
after the last evening conference.



Father Emmerich comes to Sacred Heart for the Mission to reflect on the goodness, beauty, and truth of the faith with which God has gifted us.

How to Understand Suffering and a God who loves us.

After a reflection on the nature of God as revealed by Christ, and taking his cue from what Jesus reveals to us by His own words and works, Father's conferences will spell out the concrete steps needed in the life of every wounded Christian — Christians wounded by Original Sin and by personal sin, and in that context situate the Cross of Redemption.

Fr. Emmerich is a priest of the Holy Name Province of the Dominican Order and is currently the Director of the Saint Jude Shrine at St. Dominic's Church, San Francisco, while also ministering with Western Dominican Preaching.

For the past forty years he has been involved in giving retreats and seminars to Mother Teresa's Priests and Sisters in Mexico, Poland, Guatemala, Uruguay, Calcutta, Matagascar, Russia, and Africa. He currently resides at St. Dominic Priory, San Francisco, CA.

Many are familiar with the writings of the Catholic convert Peter Kreeft, a professor of philosophy who has written over eighty wonderful books on Christian philosophy, theology, and apologetics. In one of his books he reminds us that most of us may not be addicted to alcohol or drugs, but we are to impatience, pride, anger, lust. In other words, we are addicted to sin. Thus we can call ourselves "sinaholics." Father Emmerich will focus on the steps needed by "sinaholics" that give us access to the life of grace as Sacred Scripture reveals.

By leading the parishioners in an exploration of the guiding principles that lead to a deep inner peace in the midst of a troubled world, his conferences will focus on our Catholic understanding of God and the principles needed for recovery from the effects of sin in our lives, as well as other issues of our spiritual warfare.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 4

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

Monday, February 6

8:00am Monica Aquilante

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Burke

Tuesday, February 7

8:00am Daniel DiRado

Requested by JoAnn DiRado

Wednesday, February 8

8:00am Donald & Josephine Pierce

Requested by The Family

Thursday, February 9

8:00am Bonnie Koeck

(20th Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Husband, Fred & Family

Friday, February 10

8:00am Sister Clare Mary, IHM

Saturday, February 11

8:00am Betty Pierce

Requested by Husband, Jerry

4:00pm Daniel & Dorothy Burke

Requested by Son, Tom & Cindy Burke

Sunday, February 12

8:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

Requested by The Holy Name Society

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 11:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Margie Pruskowski

Lector: Danielle Cantando

Sunday morning, February 12:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Larry Kilian

Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

10:15am

Lector: Sal DiNenna

Celebrant's Mass Schedule

Saturday evening, February 11:

4:00pm - Father DiMaria

Sunday morning, February 12:

8:00am - Father DiMaria

10:15am—Father Shea



Weekly Report

January 28 & 29, 2023

6,846.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



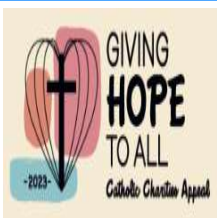
Upcoming Monthly Special Collection

In your generosity, please remember

The Weekend of February 11—12, 2023

Care of Aging Priests

Thank you for your generosity!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

This weekend marks the kick-off of the 2023 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!



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; **LCDR Matthew J. Capaldo** (U.S. Navy) son of John & Connie Capaldo; **Michael DeStefano, Jr.** (Sergeant U.S. Army) grandson of Jack & Sue DeStefano; **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; **Matthew McNulty** (Chief Warrant Officer 3 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.

SACRED HEART'S SOCIAL CLUB SPAGHETTI DINNER

(Featuring P & S Pasta)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

**Dinner served in the Parish Hall
From 3:30Pm until 5:00Pm**

Adult - \$12.00

Children - \$7.00 (12 and under)

Tickets for SHSC Spaghetti Dinner will go on sale after the 4:00PM Mass this Saturday, February 4.

Tickets can also be purchased at the rectory.

Cost of ticket includes the following:

- ◆ Italian Bread
- ◆ Caesar Salad
- ◆ Spaghetti and Meatballs (featuring P&S products)
- ◆ Dessert
- ◆ Beverages
- ◆ BYOB

Please
P R A Y
*for the sick of our parish
and their caregivers*

Kerry Link; 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.

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Calling All Catholic Men!



What is consuming much of your life right now? Is it work? Is it following professional sports or politics? More likely, is it simply the many distractions and busy tempo of your life in today's world?

Please consider a weekend at Malvern. As men of faith, we need to come together and rejuvenate our relationship with Christ. Come to the peaceful grounds known as "St. Joseph's in the Hills." Sit in silence before our Lord in one of the adoration chapels. Walk the Stations of the Cross. Spend some time in quiet contemplation at the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto. Hear our retreat director, Father Boniface Hicks, author of *Through the Heart of St. Joseph*, illuminate God's Word and explain why St. Joseph is such a necessary model for Catholic men in today's world! Attend daily Mass. Sit in silence. Pray and reconnect with our Lord.

Please register today! Go to www.MalvernRetreat.com and select "Register Now." Scroll down the calendar to the St. Joseph the Worker Men's Retreat, April 28-30, 2023. If you would prefer to register by phone, please call Malvern at 610-644-0400.

We look forward to seeing you at Malvern!



BINGO NIGHT

DATE: February 10, 2023

REGISTRATION: 6:00 PM

GAME TIME: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00

LOCATION: **Sacred Heart Parish Hall**
633 East 4th Street
Bridgeport, PA 19405

Minimum age requirement is 18

SPONSORED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Caring for Friends Gathering
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!



FEBRUARY 5, 2023 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

May I ask you: "How do you take a compliment? I specify one delivered to you in person, and not electronically via email or text. It may take a minute to fashion a reply because, at least for the majority of us, compliments received are rare.

I remember a conversation I had with a good Church worker back around Christmastime. After recalling an episode or two from his unwritten record, he said, "know Father, people are always ready to complain about something, but never to praise or even thank you for your work." Enough said.



An old-fashioned reaction to praise comes right out of the script of an old Western movie, when a pretty lady compliments the hero. It went something like this: "Aw shucks, ma'am, tweren't nuthin." In other words, denying that whatever we did or said was good and deeply appreciated. It's false humility to deny the truth. A simple but humble "thank you" is always best to respond, unless one wants to add praise to God.

In today's Gospel passage, coming early in St. Matthew's account of the Sermon on the Mount, we find Jesus complimenting His hearers. Using references to two well-known entities of the time, He told them they were both "salt and light." An explanation of terms is needed here.

First, regarding salt. In those ancient days, long before refrigeration was even an idea, salt was a principal preservative for foods. It still is these days. Note the sodium percentage on the labels. Foods are often designated "low salt" for the sake of people with health issues. Certain foods are prized for having "no preservatives." But back in biblical times, salt was precious. So prized that a Roman soldier would receive a portion of his pay in salt. Hence the Latin derivative turned into our modern English word "salary."

In considering "light" as a compliment, think of an ordinary one room Palestinian home in those days. It existed in a world "lit only by fire." A burning oil lamp made ordinary life possible after dark. So, to be called a "light" in such a world was indeed a high compliment. Of course, Our Lord was referring to spiritual darkness above all. How to shed that kind of light is clearly offered in today's passage from Isaiah, which Matthew knew so well. He provides half a dozen ways to do so.

These often dull and dreary February days lend themselves to some healthy introspection. How consistent has our fidelity to Jesus and His Way been? Stripped of excuses, we can honestly take inventory. We can measure our progress on the path to Heaven.

In the end, I think the greatest compliment we can hope for will hopefully be given us by a smiling Jesus standing at Heaven's Gate. He will call us by name and say "Welcome home!" Meanwhile, here below, it is helpful to believe this closing thought about where else God dwells. *God has two dwelling places: one in heaven and the other in a meek and thankful heart."*

God love you and give you His peace.