

Sacred Heart Parish

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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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SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

December Poor Box Collection

We collected \$678.00 in the poor box during the month of December and have sent it to Blessed Saranelli House located in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia. For more information concerning this apostolate please visit their website at <https://www.bscephilly.org/>

Thank you for your generosity to the “least of our brethren.”

*Living Faith, Sharing Love.
Being Hope*



SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 18**

More details to follow!

Nothing ever happens in the world that does not happen first inside human hearts.

~Archbishop Fulton Sheen



**Epiphany House
Blessing Kits are
available in the
back of church.**

**PROTECT YOURSELF,
PROTECT YOUR FAMILY**



Holy Family Council Knights of Columbus #3327 has purchased a small supply of a life-saving device for choking emergencies, LifeVac Home Kits. Please call Sal DiNenna at 610-275-4403(h) for questions and/or to purchase. Pickup can be arranged including after Masses for your convenience (make check for \$69.95 payable to KofC Holy Family Council #3327). The supply is limited.

Highest risk of choking: under 14 and over 65 (one child dies from choking every five days; leading cause of accidental deaths in over 65 age group).

Especially useful for use on choking victims who are: infants, elderly, frail, obese, wheelchair-bound, pregnant, disabled or otherwise difficult to apply Heimlich maneuver (larger than the rescuer or oneself). Can be used in any position- sitting, standing or prone.

Over 1620 lives saved by LifeVac to date.

LifeVac Home Kit

Rated **4.96** out of 5 based on 1814 customer ratings

Cost: **\$69.95**

This one kit covers children and adults. Never expires. Free replacement LifeVac when used in a choking emergency!

The LifeVac is a non-powered, non-invasive, single-use only airway clearance device developed for resuscitating a victim with an airway obstruction when current choking protocols have been followed without success. LifeVac has a one-way valve that does not allow any air to enter a choking victim on the downward motion. The LifeVac comes fully equipped with an adult mask, a pediatric mask, and a practice mask. The duration of the suction is minimal which makes LifeVac safe and effective. LifeVac is easy to use in an obstructed airway emergency. Free online training is available.

St. Peter: Our First Pope



“And I say to thee: That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” - Matthew 16:18

St. Peter, known as ‘Prince of the Apostles,’ was the first in an unbroken line of Popes of the Catholic Church. What does Scripture tell us about him, and what is his significance for us today?

Please join us to learn more! Our next Patricians discussion is on

**Wednesday, January 17th
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 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.

Welcome! NEW Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to

William & Danielle Kelso

Michael Moll & Lauren Brennan

Patrick Troy

who recently registered in our Parish!



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.

Suddenly Seniors - We are having our Suddenly Senior Meeting on **Thursday, January 18th** beginning at 12:00 Noon and held at the Swedesburg Firehouse on Jefferson St. Bring your own lunch. Water, coffee, tea will be provided.

So that we can plan on numbers, please notify me, Sister MaryAnne, at either my email address or call the Rectory at 610-275-1750 to let us know that you will be attending.

Looking forward to seeing both old and new members on January 18th.

God bless you!

Sister MaryAnne

**Do not let the past
disturb you – just leave
everything in the
Sacred Heart,
and begin again
with joy.**



- Mother Teresa



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 13

4:00pm Jack Guzewicz

Requested by The Puzio & Smith Families

Sunday, January 14

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

**10:15am Catharine (Kit) Armstrong
(Birthday Remembrance)**

Requested by Spike & Joan DeStefano

Monday, January 15

8:00am Frances Riegner

Requested by Toni DeCerio

Tuesday, January 16

8:00am Sophie & Ken Gunsalus

Requested by The Family

Wednesday, January 17

8:00am C. J. Langheim

*Requested by Jared Carbone &
Danielle Cantando*

Thursday, January 18

**8:00am John Waugaman, Sr. &
John Waugaman, Jr.**

Requested by Vincent & Christine Benedict

Friday, January 19

8:00am Michael Capobianco

Requested by Jas, Melissa, Jay & Gabby

Saturday, January 20

8:00am Barbara Beaty

Requested by Jeanette Guzewicz

4:00pm Philomena Kurcik

(2nd Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Her Family

Sunday, January 21

8:00am Lou Stalker

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by The Bores & Stalker Families

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, January 20:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Andy Moletzsky

Lector: Connie Capaldo

Sunday morning, January 21:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Marjorie Pruskowski

Lector: John Keidel

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Valencia Zarembo

Lector: Sal DiNenna

Celebrant's Mass Schedule

Saturday evening, January 20:

4:00pm - Msgr. Nicolo

Sunday morning, January 21:

8:00am - Father Shea, CM

10:15am - Msgr. Nicolo



Weekly Report

December 30 - 31, 2023

\$5,286.00

January 6 - 7, 2024

\$5,709.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



Cereal Sunday Success!

In spite of last weekend's weather, we were still able to collect 98 boxes of breakfast cereal which was given to Martha's Choice Market, a food pantry operated by Catholic Charities. Thanks for your generous response in helping others.

This week the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns in loving memory of

Ben Cornacchio

Requested by His Wife, Christel



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.

**ETERNAL REST,
GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!**

*In your kindness,
please pray for the happy repose of the soul of*

Mary A. Smith

*Who was called from this life on
January 5, 2024*

*"May Her soul and all the souls of the
faithful departed Rest in peace."*



St. Mary Polish American Society is accepting applications for the second annual **Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship**, a \$1,500 scholarship to a qualified student of Polish ancestry residing within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pursuing full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university in the United States. Full information about the scholarship is included in the QR code.



For any questions, please call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.



John Puzio
Mary (Puzio) Stephenson
Monica Pocelujko
Mary Boyle
Rosemary Giovinco
Fran Toth
Jane Puzio Sharma
Joan Birely
Evelyn Horning
Martha Smoczylo
Kelly Benedict
Patricia Gaffney
Andrew Andreyko
Angela Desmond
Fred Zugay
Mike Piskai
Eileen Brandt
Denise Kavanagh
Tom Kavanagh
Michael Martin
Theresa Seiders
Kerry Link
Betty Lilick

Margaret Halas
Ronald Halas
Marge Leszczynski
Dolores Burton
Fran & Rob Worrall
Rose Coscia
Jeff Simmons
Marion Raup
Joseph Saboe
Irene Elliott
Stanley Leszczynski
Ayden Boone
Butch Rodenbaugh
Nicholas Janicki
Catherine Bankowski
Michael Myers
Melissa (Myers) Sillah
George Estock
Helen Bednar
Barbara A. Burkert
John Smoczylo
Laurie Ronan



Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our upcoming events are listed below and begin at 7:30 pm on most Tuesdays unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming events can be found at:
www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults

Tuesday, January 16 - Theology on Tap @ Local Tap Lansdale - Doors Open at 7, Presentation at 7:30

Tuesday, January 23 - Prayer, Penance, Pub @ Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales



RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



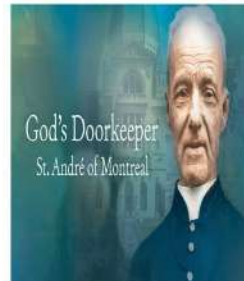
We do not go to Holy Communion because we are good; we go to become good.

- John Bosco

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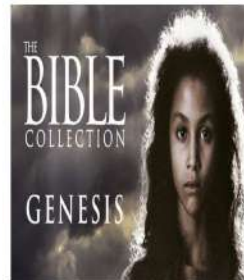
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 14, 2024



God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



The Bible Collection - Genesis

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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 Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and gracious press

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Sometimes Church language gives its own meanings to words we already know. For example, you and I recognize that “see” describes either the physical gift of eyesight or the mental ability to get the point of a story or proposal. But in what I’ll label “Church speak,” the word “see” describes a bishop’s territory. So, for example, we have the “See” of Camden or Kalamazoo, or whatever.

Today we confront a particular meaning attached to the word “ordinary” again in Church circles. We generally think of the word as an adjective indicating “the usual” or “expected” way of someone or something.

But move over to the Church lexicon and the same word translates either to a legal description of a Catholic bishop who heads a diocese or to the label of a certain season of the Church year.

Case in point is the designation of this particular Sunday as the “Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.” What that means is that we are not celebrating a particular great feast and its lead up, such as the Advent-Christmas cycle we just lived through, and the much larger Lent-Easter cycle. Instead, we are invited to dwell in depth on other events in Our Lord’s earthly life, or perhaps one of His immortal sayings.

Today, for example, we have a powerful message set before us by St. Paul, our greatest missionary. It is found in today’s Second Reading from his First Letter to the Corinthians. It is a straightforward expression of how we Christians are to regard our bodies. Paul tells us that any aberrations of his teaching would constitute serious mortal sin.

We cannot help but note that this teaching is a direct contradiction of the mindset we’ve been warring against since the sexual revolution occurred in the 1960’s. Suffice it to cite the overused slogan: “It’s my body and I can do what I want with it.”

We’ve been thinking here in terms of the ordinary and its opposite, which leads to this vignette:

There once was a prosperous farmer named Harry who decided to go to Mass one Sunday. After Mass, he approached the pastor with great enthusiasm: “Father, that was a damned good homily—damned good!” The priest shook his head, saying, “I’m delighted you were pleased with it, Harry, but it would be nice if you didn’t use those terms expressing yourself.”

“Can’t help it, Father,” Harry shrugged, “but I still think it was a damned good homily—and I put \$500 in the collection basket.” The priest gulped: “The hell you did!”

God love you and give you His peace.

