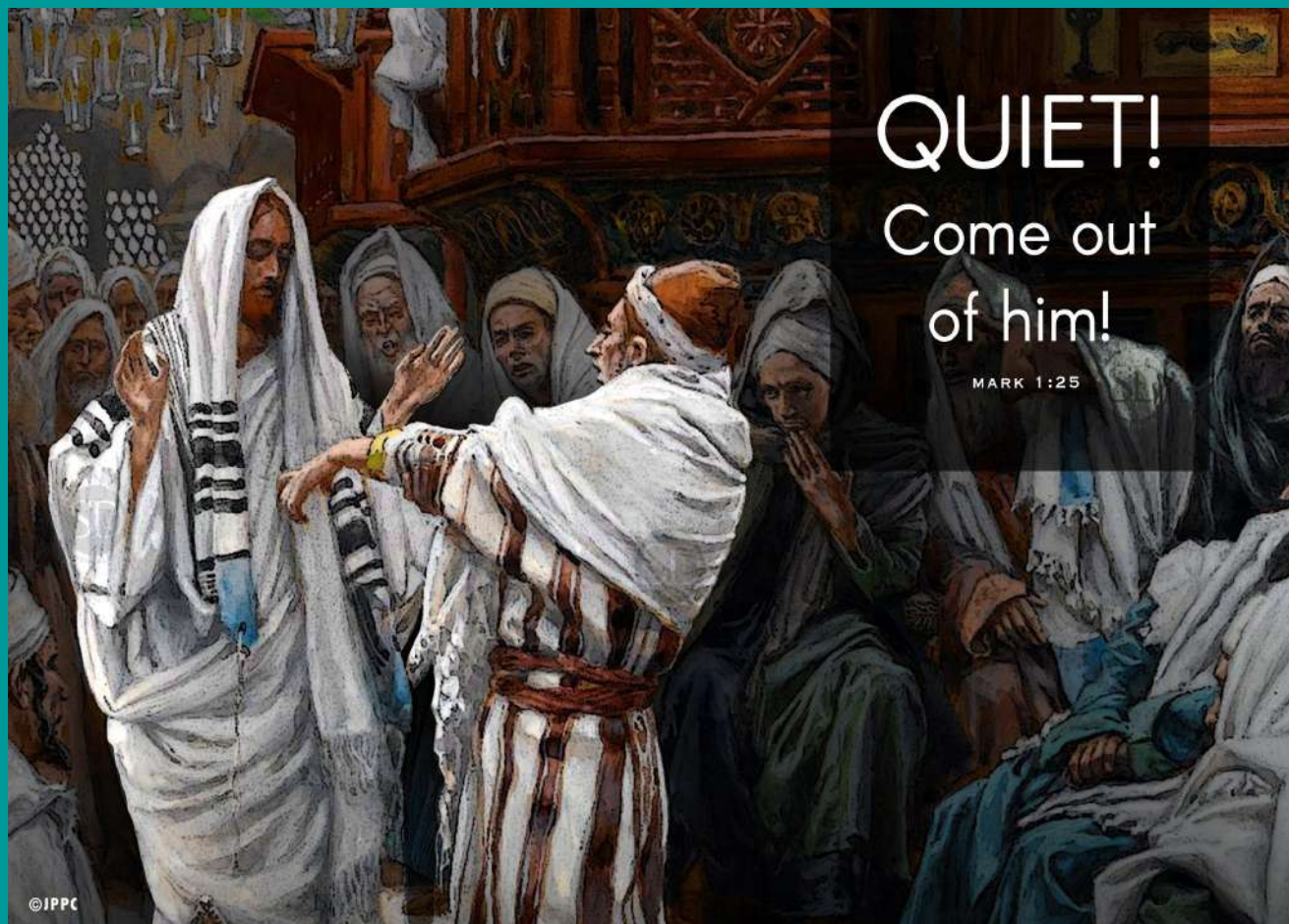


# *Sacred Heart Parish*

120 Jefferson Street ~ Swedesburg, Pennsylvania, 19405

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**QUIET!**  
Come out  
of him!

MARK 1:25

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**Leo Brady**

*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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*Directors of Parish  
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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024**  
**FOURTH 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*

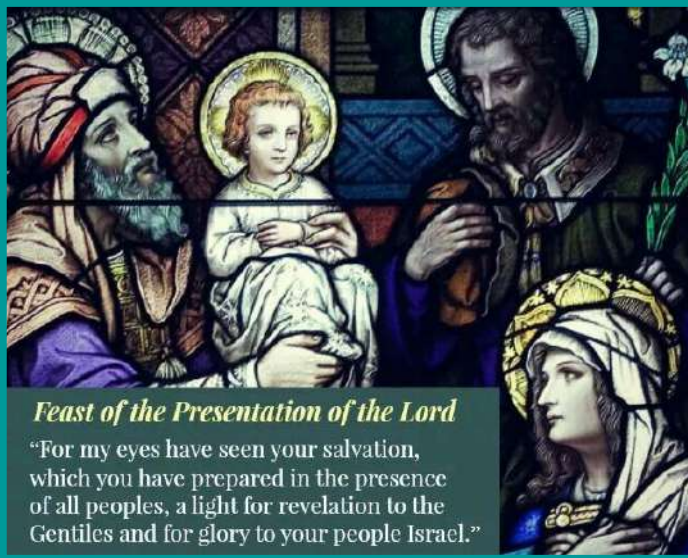
Cost of ticket includes the following:

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



**FAMILY, FRIENDS & FELLOWSHIP!**  
**COME JOIN THE FUN!!**





**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**



“Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood.”

- St. Louis de Montfort

**Come to the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, February 3**

& Pray the Rosary after to make reparations for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

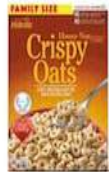


**CAN WE COUNT ON YOU TO HELP US - HELP OTHERS?**

**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 for your generosity!**



**ATTENTION !! ATTENTION !!**

For the first time ever Caring for Friends will be held on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of the month, **February 7**. Get the word out there. Tell your friends and fellow parishioners to mark their calendars

**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 contact me if you need containers to scoop at home and bring to the school hall that evening.

All food will be delivered to the Colonial Market Pantry in Conshohocken for our less fortunate neighbors.

**Contact: Lisa Pagnotti 610-639-7704**



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 27**

**4:00pm For the People of Our Parish**

**Sunday, January 28**

**8:00am Fred Zugay**

*Requested by Maria & Edward Zugay*

**10:15am Mary Lou Welsh**

*Requested by Karen Hinchey*

**Monday, January 29**

**8:00am Eileen Marie Rodrique  
(Birthday Remembrance, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>)**

*Requested by Lou Puco*

**Tuesday, January 30**

**8:00am Barbara Bores**

*Requested by Cathy Middleton*

**Wednesday, January 31**

**8:00am Deceased Sisters of the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary**

*Requested by IHM Sisters of Sacred Heart*

**Thursday, February 1**

**8:00am David Cabrey**

*Requested by His Mother*

**Friday, February 2**

**8:00am Krzytof Janowski**

*Requested by The Zubkiewicz Family*

**Saturday, February 3**

**8:00am Michael Capobianco**

*Requested by Jennifer & Dante Saldutti*

**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**

**(1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Remembrance, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>)**

*Requested by Wife, Adriana & Family*



*Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!*

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

**Saturday evening, February 3:**

**4:00pm**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Marjorie Pruskowski

**Lector:** Peter Wisniewski

**Sunday morning, February 4:**

**8:00am**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Larry Kilian

**Lector:** Rich McVoy

**10:15am**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Pat Moletzsky

**Lector:** Danielle Cantando



*Weekly Report*

**January 20 - 21, 2024**

**\$4,406.00**

*Thank you for your support of Our Parish!*



*Thank You*

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

We are happy to report that our Christmas collection totaled \$25,714.00.

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.



# Welcome! NEW Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to

*David Swedkowski*

who recently registered in our Parish!

*"Let us celebrate those in  
consecrated life who reflect the  
light and love of Jesus Christ."*

- February 2, World Day for Consecrated Life

## FOUR THINGS YOU CAN'T RECOVER:

*The Stone  
after the throw.*

*The Word  
after it's said.*

*The Occasion  
after it's missed.*

*The Time  
after it's gone.*



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.



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
Theresa Seiders	Laurie Ronan



If You Cannot Be On Time,  
 Then Be EARLY.  
 Making Time For Prayer  
 Strengthens Our  
 Connection With God!

Companions in Prayer  
 and Ministry



Our next meeting of Companions will be on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. As usual, our meeting will be held after the 10:15 Mass in the Convent Meeting Room.

Please consider joining our Companions for spiritual enrichment and a deepening of the knowledge of the charism of our IHM Sisters.

*Sister MaryAnne*



**FRIDAY NIGHT  
 BINGO**

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Doors open 6:00 PM**  
**Games at 7:00 PM**  
**Parish Hall**

**Chance to win up to \$500.00**

Sponsored by:



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



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Flavor**                      **Quantity**

Nut \_\_\_\_\_

Poppysseed \_\_\_\_\_

Lekvar (Prune) \_\_\_\_\_

Apricot \_\_\_\_\_

Raspberry \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE LORD'S REAL PRESENCE**

We are fortunate enough to worship in a Church in which the **Body of Christ is reserved**. It is right to acknowledge the **Lord's Real Presence** with a brief act of worship on entering or leaving the Church and every time passing by the Sanctuary.



Normally, a *genuflection* in the direction of the place of Reservation is enough. One who is physically unable to genuflect may substitute a *profound bow* at the waist.



**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.



## *FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

*JANUARY 28, 2024*

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Even if you must endure loud movie trailers to learn it, all of the so-called “Superheroes” in the movie world use flash and bang against their enemies. This comes after all the spoken warnings to behave better are ignored. So, we see bolts of lightning and hear ear-piercing noise as the evil figures are either vaporized or otherwise dismissed from the scene. Of course, we innocent viewers know that all this ammunition lends authority to the “good guys” when they speak. It’s that authority I choose to focus on in another context.

Twenty plus centuries ago, we Christians believed that a Person with truly omnipotent ability strode this earth with the name “Jesus of Nazareth.” He never exercised His power in a noisy burst of electricity. Instead, as when He calmed the raging sea in a wicked storm, or when He gave an evil spirit the order to leave a possessed person, He simply spoke a simple command. Naturally His voice would be raised over the roiling waters so that the frightened fishermen in the boat would hear Him. But usually, He used a calm command.

These two examples, among many others recounted in the Bible, were the bases for His authority when He taught. As we are told, He “amazed” everybody. So much so that they asked each other “What is this? A new teaching with **authority**?”

Right at this junction a penetrating question for our confused times arises: “Do we dare question Christ’s authority?” “Doubt His teaching on any number of subjects just because they are not fashionable right now?” “Ignore the interpretation given to them by the Church He founded and which He promised to abide by?” Those questions we must ask ourselves because all around us are people whom we might otherwise consider “nice” but who have decided to answer “Yes.” Two thousand plus years ago people called “pagans” couldn’t or wouldn’t agree with Jesus. Today’s contemporary atheists make the same response.

It is a good and healthy exercise for our spiritual well-being to reflect on today’s Gospel passage to note how quickly evil spirits had to flee in obedience to Christ’s command. This is our solace when temptations of all kinds come to haunt us.

Meanwhile, we can add in how Christ works His authoritative message into our world. St. Teresa of Avila gives us the answer:

“Christ has no body on earth but yours; No hands but yours; No feet but yours; Yours are the eyes through which He is to look out Christ’s compassion to the world; Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; Yours the hands with which He is to bless now.”

God love you and give you His peace.