

# *Sacred Heart Parish*

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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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**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023**  
**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**



A few months ago, while the roof inspections for the parish facilities were taking place, I was informed of the very poor condition of the roofs on the bus garage and annex building located at the rear of the school property.

We have decided to replace these roofs before further deterioration occurs. We all know what damage water can do once it enters a building. In addition to removing the two layers of shingles already present on the roofs, there will be other work done to ensure the proper care of the building for the future including the removal of damaged gutters and downspouts and their replacement as well as new fascia board, etc. The cost of this project is \$26,000.00.

For the last several years the Swedesburg Fire House has used our bus garage to store their antique fire truck which they use for parades and other important events. Because they use the garage, the Firehouse has agreed to hold some fundraisers beginning in the Fall to help us defray the cost of this expense. We are very grateful for their assistance. When these fundraisers are announced, please try to participate in them.

Additionally, the Holy Name Society has donated a \$1,000.00 toward this effort for which we are most grateful.



**FEAST DAY DINNER &  
DANCE**

*Tickets will be available after  
Masses and in the rectory.*

*\$25. per person*

*\$20. 12 & under*

*Music by Fasano Entertainment*



**Celebrating our Parish Feast  
Day**

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart falls on Friday, June 16 this year. To help us honor the Sacred Heart and to return in some small fashion the love which the Heart of Jesus has for us we will:

- ◆ Celebrate Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. All parishioners are welcome to attend.
- ◆ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur at the conclusion of the 8 am Mass on June 16. We will have adoration throughout the entire day. Everyone is encouraged to spend some time in Eucharistic adoration on this feast.
- ◆ At 4:00 p.m. we will have a devotional service with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A sermon will be delivered by Fr. Michael Shea, C.M.
- ◆ So that the wider parish may have the opportunity to celebrate our patronal feast, the Mass of the Sacred Heart will also be celebrated on Saturday, June 17 at 4:00 p.m. and at our two Sunday Masses on June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ All parishioners will be invited to Enthroned the Sacred Heart in their homes on that weekend. More details about the Enthronement will be made available soon.
- ◆ WE WILL PARTY! Please join us for our dinner and dance on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter and Paul Hall in Bridgeport. Tickets are available at the rectory and after the weekend Masses.

***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place  
our trust in Thee!***



### *The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in Our Homes*

On the weekend of June 17/18, we will celebrate our parish patronal feast of the Sacred Heart.

As a child who grew up in the parochial school system, the First Fridays of the month were always a big deal at our school as they were dedicated to the devotion of the Sacred Heart. I clearly remember the school's music nun, Sister M. Letitia, SSJ, speaking to us about the Heart of Christ and teaching us many wonderful hymns to the Sacred Heart which I still find myself singing all these years later. The Sacred Heart has always "spoken" to me in the sense that the Heart of Christ concretizes the profound depth of love which God has for His human creatures. His Heart burns for love of all whom He has redeemed by His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a profoundly beautiful and most effective means of living always in the company of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It expresses our love for the one Who shows us the greatest possible love by offering His Body and Blood for us in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Central to this devotion is the Enthronement of an image of the Sacred Heart in the home. The Enthronement, along with the Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a sign, and outward expression of a deeply interior commitment to submit one's entire life to Christ. The enthroned image of the Sacred Heart expresses Christ's true Kingship over the family, and reminds us to follow in Christ's royal way. It invites Our Lord to be our constant and most intimate Companion.

In these difficult times, it is important for us to build our lives on the truth of the Gospel. The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart which will occur at all the Masses on June 17/18 will be a wonderful way for us to recommit ourselves to being the "salt of the earth and the light of the world." Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy Kingdom Come!

Today's bulletin includes two inserts to help us understand what the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart is. Please make sure to familiarize yourself with its contents. Next week we will distribute another handout for a Triduum of Prayers to be prayed in your home before the Enthronement takes place.

### *Memorializing Your Beloved Dead*

As was mentioned in last week's bulletin, there are a few opportunities for parishioners to memorialize their deceased family members with sacred items to be placed in the newly renovated former baptistery. There are two statues, one of Padre Pio and one of St. Faustina, carved from Linden Wood from Italy, which are 4' tall and are available for \$7,000.00 each. Pictures of the statues may be found below. Also, three of the four stained-glass windows from this room which were removed for restoration are still available for memorialization at \$4,000.00 each.

If interested, please contact Fr. DiMaria. We are thankful to the two benefactors who purchased the statue of St. Catherine Labouré and donated the necessary funds for the restoration of one of the stain glassed windows.



### *Congratulations, Father James Shea!*

From student to teacher to Headmaster, Father Shea has spent almost the entirety of his life dedicated to Devon Prep and its community. ***On Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Father James Shea will receive the 2023 Alumni Achievement Award.*** On behalf of the parishioners and staff of Sacred Heart Parish, we offer our congratulations and best wishes. May God continue to bless you!





## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, June 3

4:00pm For the People of Our Parish

### Sunday, June 4

8:00am Elizabeth Czapla Pohransky  
*Requested by The Smith Family*

10:15am Loretta Valerio  
*Requested by Her Family*

### Monday, June 5

8:00am Robert Murphy  
*Requested by Wife, Pat*

### Tuesday, June 6

8:00am William Schutter, Sr.  
*Requested by Bill & Bridget Maruszczak*

### Wednesday, June 7

8:00am John "Jack" Guzewicz  
*Requested by Michael & Lori Zadroga*

### Thursday, June 8

8:00am John "Jack" Guzewicz  
*Requested by Spike & Joan DeStefano*

### Friday, June 9

8:00am Deceased Members of the  
Marinari Family  
*Requested by Bob & Theresa Wagner*

### Saturday, June 10

8:00am Lorraine Farrell  
*Requested by Joyce Filone*

4:00pm For the People of Our Parish

### Sunday, June 11

8:00am Living & Deceased Members of the  
Holy Name Society  
*Requested by Sacred Heart Holy Name Society*

10:15am 57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Blessings  
for Vincent & Christine Benedict



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



### *Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!*

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

#### Saturday evening, June 10:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Andy Moletzsky

Lector: Elisa Pagnotti

#### Sunday morning, June 11:

8:00am

Lector: Pete Wisniewski

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Joan Koeck

Lector: Danielle Cantando

### Celebrant's Mass Schedule

#### Saturday evening, June 10:

4:00pm - Father DiMaria

#### Sunday morning, June 11:

8:00am - Father Shea

10:15am - Father DiMaria



### *Weekly Report*

May 20 - 21, 2023

\$5,495.00

May 27 - 28, 2023

\$6,168.00

*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.



**CARING FOR FRIENDS IS TAKING A WELL DESERVED SUMMER BREAK.**

**Our Caring for Friends Ministry will be taking a break for the months of June and July. During the summer months we will reorganize our ministry to GO BACK TO OUR ROOTS AND MAKE SOUP!**

**We will reconvene in August with our annual dinner at Peppers By Amedeo's. Stay tuned for further details.**

**Elisa Pagnotti and the CFF Team**

*Be mindful that a happy conscience makes a happy outlook on life, and an unhappy conscience makes us miserable on the inside and everyone else miserable on the outside.*

*--Bishop Fulton Sheen*

**In the Good Old Summertime!**

We've arrived at that time of the year when many of our parishioners frequent their vacation homes on weekends. This is also the time when there are many weddings, graduation parties, and First Communion celebrations which affect Mass attendance. When school lets out next month families will begin taking their yearly vacations. As a result, our Mass attendance during the upcoming months will begin to decline until our regular routines are reestablished in September.

We never take a vacation from the Lord. If you are away from home during the weekend, please make sure to discover the local Mass schedule of the area in which you will be staying. To assist you in your search please visit:



*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; **Samuel Hoey** (PFC, 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 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; **Stephanie Zugay** (National Guard), granddaughter of Greg & Grace Zugay.



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| Mike Piskai             | Marion Raup            |
| William C. Birely       | Joseph Saboe           |
| Eileen Brandt           | Irene Elliott          |
| Ann (Lou) Janicki       | Stanley Leszczynski    |
| Denise Kavanagh         | Ayden Boone            |
| Tom Kavanagh            | Butch Rodenbaugh       |
| Michael Martin          | Nicholas Janicki       |
| Theresa Seiders         | Catherine Bankowski    |
| Kerry Link              | Michael Myers          |
| Barbara Bores           | Melissa (Myers) Sillah |
| Barbara Vernitsky-Hebal | George Estock          |
| Betty Lilick            | Helen Bednar           |
| Margaret Halas          | Barbara A. Burkert     |
| Ronald Halas            | John Smoczylo          |
| Marge Leszczynski       | Teddy Swede            |
| Dolores Burton          | Laurie Ronan           |
| Fran & Rob Worrall      |                        |
| Rose Coscia             |                        |
| Francis Coscia          |                        |
| Jeff Simmons            |                        |

*Adding names of persons to parish prayer list can only be made by the sick person or an immediate family member.*

*We need your support while you are away!*

# Who's ready to travel?



Please visit our parish website and sign up for our online program to continue giving while you are away.

*Travel safe.  
We'll see you  
when you get back!*

Sacred Heart Church

[www.unitedinthesacredheart.com](http://www.unitedinthesacredheart.com)

Parish Giving offers secure flexible online giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan the budget. Check out the website listed for benefits and details.

*Thank you for your generosity to the parish!*



**Summer Vacation Bible School** The program will be held from June 26<sup>th</sup> until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Each day will begin at 9:30 am and conclude at 2:00 pm. It is for children ages 3 through those children in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will be comprised of instruction, crafts, and games. Registration forms are now available at the back of church or visit our parish website at:

[unitedinthesacredheart.com](http://unitedinthesacredheart.com)



*families that*  
**PRAY TOGETHER**  
*stay together.* ©JPPC

***The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual "BURRS AT THE BEACH"*** celebration, presented by the Alumni and Friends of West Philadelphia Catholic High School, will be held rain or shine, on Sunday, June 25, 2023, from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM at KENNAN'S PUB, in North Wildwood, NJ. Proceeds assist needy Catholic students with tuition financial support.

Tickets are \$30.00. For tickets and/or information, please contact any of the following:

George Light '58 (610)-996-2015  
Peg (Sheffield) Panichelli '65 (610)-420-0987  
Tom McGinn '65 (610)-461-6241

Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,

Thank you ever so much for your generous support of our soup kitchen at Sarnelli House. Every gift helps keep us open, and we are truly grateful! Please keep us in prayer and be assured of our prayers!

~The Sarnelli House Team

## **JUNE 4, 2023 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

I have been a steady fan of the PBS program "NOVA." I am particularly such when a program involves astronomy. The marvelous photos made by the latest telescopes present us with a universe we would never know without them. Of course the whole matter praises God, even if the show's featured scientists dare not mention His name.



I cannot help but give a spiritual take to those scenes because they represent the awesome power of God the Creator. Just trying to calculate the distance those stars and planets are from our own dear Earth confronts us with an imagination beyond our ability to comprehend.

Such facts brought about by this machine-led exploration is not only fascinating in itself, but also humbling in the extreme to us when we plot a simple trip to Mars. The key word here is "exploration."

When we set out to explore the notion of God, as revealed to us not by any machine, but by the Sacred Word of God in the Bible, we also enter a realm beyond our senses. Only through such revelation, direct from Jesus Christ, the Son of God via the Holy Spirit, would we ever know that God is One but Three distinct Persons. Our Catholic Church Catechism describes it thus: *"The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the 'mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God.' To be sure, God has left traces of His Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit."* (#237)

Believing that this same God loves us personally, there is an implied bid here to do some of our own exploring. Call it "internal research." What does the doctrine of the Trinity mean for me? Is there really a place for me in the vast universe? Do I count with God? Jesus told us we do, but do we believe Him? For all of us, such research backed up by prayer could yield many new joys. "Nova" for short.

The business world has a saying that could apply to our need for this internal research. "The person who takes no inventories finally becomes bankrupt."

God love you and give you His peace.

