

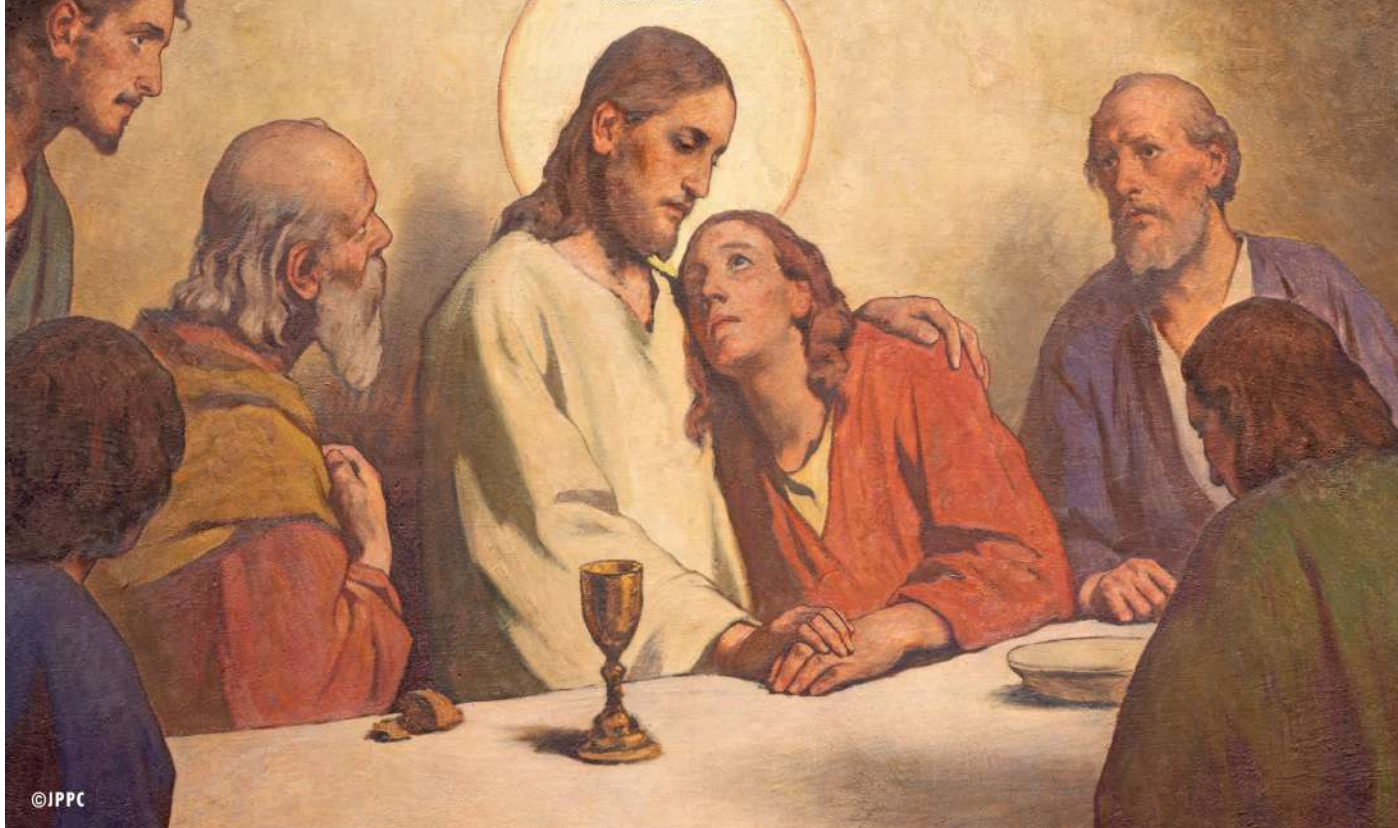
# *Sacred Heart Parish*

120 Jefferson Street ~ Swedesburg, Pennsylvania, 19405

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"I AM THE LIVING BREAD THAT  
CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN."

JOHN 6:51



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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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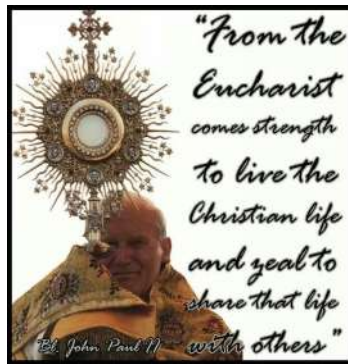
**SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023**  
**THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

***The Eucharistic Revival***

Today's Solemnity of Corpus Christi begins the second phase of the U.S. Bishops' invitation for parishes across the country to engage in the Eucharistic Revival. The Bishops announced this project in response to the alarming but not surprising results of a national poll a few years ago which showed that many Catholics no longer believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Endless liturgical innovations begun in the 1960s and 70s, the pedestrian and informal way in which the sacred mysteries are celebrated in so many places, and the lack of solid preaching are but a few of the reasons why Eucharistic faith has diminished so drastically.

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to the great mystery of the altar by helping us renew our worship of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In the document "Sacramentum Caritatis" (Sacrament of Love) we read that "the Eucharist is at the root of every form of holiness, and each of us is called to the fullness of life in the Holy Spirit...Holiness has always found its center in the Sacrament of the Eucharist."

Beginning in September we will announce some initiatives to help the Eucharistic Revival bear fruit in our lives. Stay tuned for further information.



***Eucharistic Adoration for the Feast of the Sacred Heart***



To honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus we will have Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> beginning with the conclusion of the 8 o'clock Mass and running until the end of our devotional service at 4 p.m.

An adoration sign up sheet is in the back of the church for people to commit to periods of adoration throughout the day.



***Enthronement of the Sacred Heart***

Next weekend we will celebrate our parish patronal feast and will enthrone the Sacred Heart in our homes. Last week's bulletin contained information concerning the meaning and purpose of the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart. This week please pick-up an insert with prayers to be prayed by the family for three days prior to the enthronement. All are asked to pray these prayers beginning on Thursday. Next Sunday an image of the Sacred Heart will be given to each family for them to frame and enshrine in their homes. Also, certificates of enthronement will be distributed for each family to take home, sign, and display near the image of the Sacred Heart.

May the enthronement of the Sacred Heart in our homes bring about a deeper awareness of the Presence of Christ in our lives, help us to live more fervently in the presence of God, and help us to place all our trust in Him!

***Memorializing Your Beloved Dead Update***

Last week's bulletin contained information on memorializing deceased family members in the devotional chapel which will be located off the Church vestibule. Thanks to the generosity of our benefactors, the statues of St. Catherine Labouré and St. Faustina have been purchased. We now also have benefactors for three stained-glass windows. We are deeply grateful.

There is one stained-glass window which is still available for a donation of \$4,000.00. The St. Padre Pio statue is also still available at \$7,000.00. Installment payment plans are available. If you are interested in the remaining window or the statue of Padre Pio, please contact Father DiMaria.





## John Anthony Mohan

Baptized on Saturday,  
May 27, 2023

By His Uncle, Father Kevin Mohan  
from the Diocese of Camden

### ***Congratulations to John's Parents:***

*Colin & Megan*

***May your Child's Baptism be just the  
start of a life filled with blessings!***



## Charlotte Marie Wisniewski

Baptized on Sunday,  
June 4, 2023

### ***Congratulations to Charlotte's Parents:***

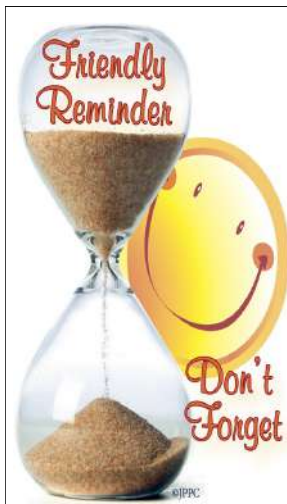
*Peter & Briana*

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### **May Poor Box**

We are happy to report that \$314.55 was collected in the poor box during the month of May. These offerings have been sent to the Missionaries of Charity, founded by St. Teresa of Calcutta, to assist the poor of the area. Thank you for your generosity.



**HOLY NAME LOTTO  
TICKETS WILL BE SOLD  
THROUGHOUT THE  
SUMMER!**

**TAKE A CHANCE ON YOUR  
LUCK WHILE HELPING TO  
SUPPORT THE HOLY  
NAME SOCIETY.**

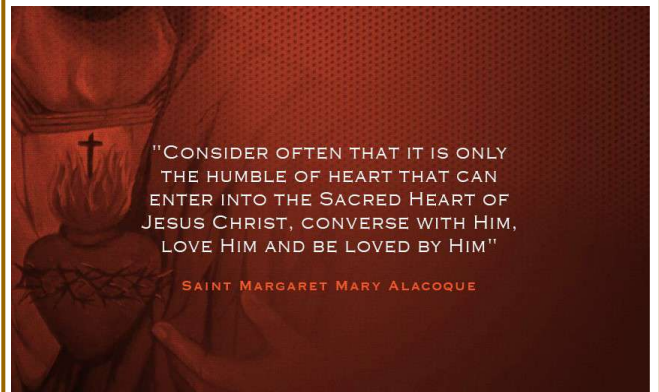
**THANK YOU!**

## ***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 Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in their homes next weekend.

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





## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, June 10**

**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**

**Monday, June 12**

**8:00am Deceased Members of the DeStolfo Family**

*Requested by Family*

**Tuesday, June 13**

**8:00am John "Jack" Guzewicz**

*Requested by Joseph & Kay Sugalski*

**Wednesday, June 14**

**8:00am Joseph & Elenore Ertel**

**Thursday, June 15**

**8:00am Lorraine Farrell**

*Requested by Aaron & Mary Albert*

**Friday, June 16**

**8:00am Agneta Bailey**

*Requested by Vincent & Christine Benedict*

**Saturday, June 17**

**8:00am Deceased Members of the Czapla Family**

*Requested by Rosemary Giovinco*

**4:00pm Gus & Mary Messantonio**

*Requested by Their Family*

**Sunday, June 18**

**8:00am Robert Murphy**

*Requested by MaryCatherine & Tyler*

**10:15am John "Jack" Guzewicz**

*Requested by Children & Grandchildren*



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



*Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!*

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

**Saturday evening, June 17:**

**4:00pm**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Barbara JanFrancisco

**Lector:** Helen Surman

**Sunday morning, June 18:**

**8:00am**

**Lector:** Connie Capaldo

**10:15am**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Pat Moletzsky

**Lector:** John Keidel

### Celebrant's Mass Schedule

**Saturday evening, June 17:**

**4:00pm** - Father DiMaria

**Sunday morning, June 18:**

**8:00am** - Father Shea

**10:15am** - Father DiMaria



### *Weekly Report*

**June 3 - 4, 2023**

**\$5,960.00**

*Thank you for your support of Our Parish!*



"When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer."  
St. Louis de Montfort

### **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.

*This week the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns in Honor of the*



*57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of  
Vincent & Christine Benedict  
May God continue to bless you  
both!*



### Why Should We Evangelize?



#### Jesus' Call to Unity

*"That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us" (John 17:21).*

To learn more about how we can answer God's call to share our Faith, please join us for our next Patricians discussion on

**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>  
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.  
The Society of Patricians is sponsored by  
the Legion of Mary.**

**More info: [r.edel.lukens@gmail.com](mailto:r.edel.lukens@gmail.com)  
or 610-256-7125**



*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.



Mike Piskai  
William C. Birely  
Eileen Brandt  
Ann (Lou) Janicki  
Denise Kavanagh  
Tom Kavanagh  
Michael Martin  
Theresa Seiders  
Kerry Link  
Barbara Bores  
Barbara Vernitsky-Hebal  
Betty Lilick  
Margaret Halas  
Ronald Halas  
Marge Leszczynski  
Dolores Burton  
Fran & Rob Worrall  
Rose Coscia  
Francis 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  
Teddy Swede  
Laurie Ronan

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



### ***Entering and Exiting the Parking Lot***

Please note that the church parking lot **entrance** is directly across the street from the school building on Fourth Street. The parking lot **exit** is directly across from the front of the church. Please enter and exit the parking lot using the designated way. Recently, there have been some people who have voiced concerns regarding difficulties they've experienced in the lot because cars are entering and exiting from the wrong way. Please be mindful of the proper flow of traffic in the lot for safety's sake. Thanks for your cooperation.

**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)



### ***Bishop Kenrick Class of 1973 Reunion***



Bishop Kenrick high school class of 1973 is having a 50th year reunion on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the Bay Pony Inn in Lederach PA. Event will have a full-course buffet dinner, cash bar, live music, and is guaranteed to be a great time. Cost is \$70 a person. For payment information please email [sandy.lana@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.lana@gmail.com).



### ***2023 PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE***

**Please attend Philly's Biggest Baby Shower !**

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**

9:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral

10:30 AM March down Race Street

11:30 AM Rally at Independence Mall

**Speakers include Mark Houck, who spoke to us at Sacred Heart recently.**

You are welcome to bring donations and may call 215-885-8150 with questions.

Diapers, wipes, baby strollers, formula and clothing can be dropped off in the Cathedral parking lot beginning at 8:30 AM where several large trucks will be parked to accept donations.

Show your dedication and support to those mothers who, even under difficult circumstances, have made the choice for life for themselves and their babies.



**vacation ~ what a lovely word.**



Before you leave, please visit our website & sign up for our online giving program through Parish Giving™

## **JUNE 11, 2023 - THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*



**For my  
flesh  
is true  
food, and  
my blood  
is true  
drink.**

Call on your imagination for this scene: a well-armed robber has invaded your home; ransacked it for valuables; demands all your money. Oddly enough, in these tense moments, he suddenly gives you an option. Speaking from behind his mask, he demands at gunpoint that you answer his question: "What do you value the most?"

Trembling, your mind presents pictures of all sorts of things flashing by your internal vision. Suddenly you recall your last time at Mass and you blurt out "Jesus in the Eucharist." The robber is stunned a bit;

pauses a few minutes that seem like hours and suddenly flees out your back door.

Far-fetched case? Certainly. Unexpected answer? Maybe. But even if the Eucharist didn't spring to our minds right away in such a nerve-wracking situation, it would be at the top of our values in the calm ordinary time of our Catholic lives.

Someone recently gave me a beautiful reflection of St. Vincent de Paul on the Holy Eucharist in his "Exhortation to a Dying Brother," written in 1647. It fits today's great feast so beautifully.

*"Since love is inventive to infinity, after being affixed to the infamous stake of the cross to win the hearts and souls of those by whom He wishes to be loved...foreseeing that His absence could cause some forgetfulness or cooling off in our hearts, He wanted to avoid this danger by instituting the Most August Sacrament, in which He is as truly and substantially present as He is in heaven above.*

*Furthermore, however, seeing that, if He wanted to humble and empty Himself even more than He had done in His Incarnation and could make Himself in some way more like us—or at least make us more like Him—He caused this venerable Sacrament to serve us as food and drink, intending by this means that the same union and resemblance that exist between nature and substance should occur spiritually in each person.*

*...From this you see how, by every means imaginable, He has striven to win us over to love Him, and, with this in view, you must stir up your heart to pay this just and pleasant tribute to love of a God who has been the object of all His plans for you and for which to obtain it He did all that He has done for you. You must believe that the greatest present you could offer Him is your heart; He asks nothing else of you."*