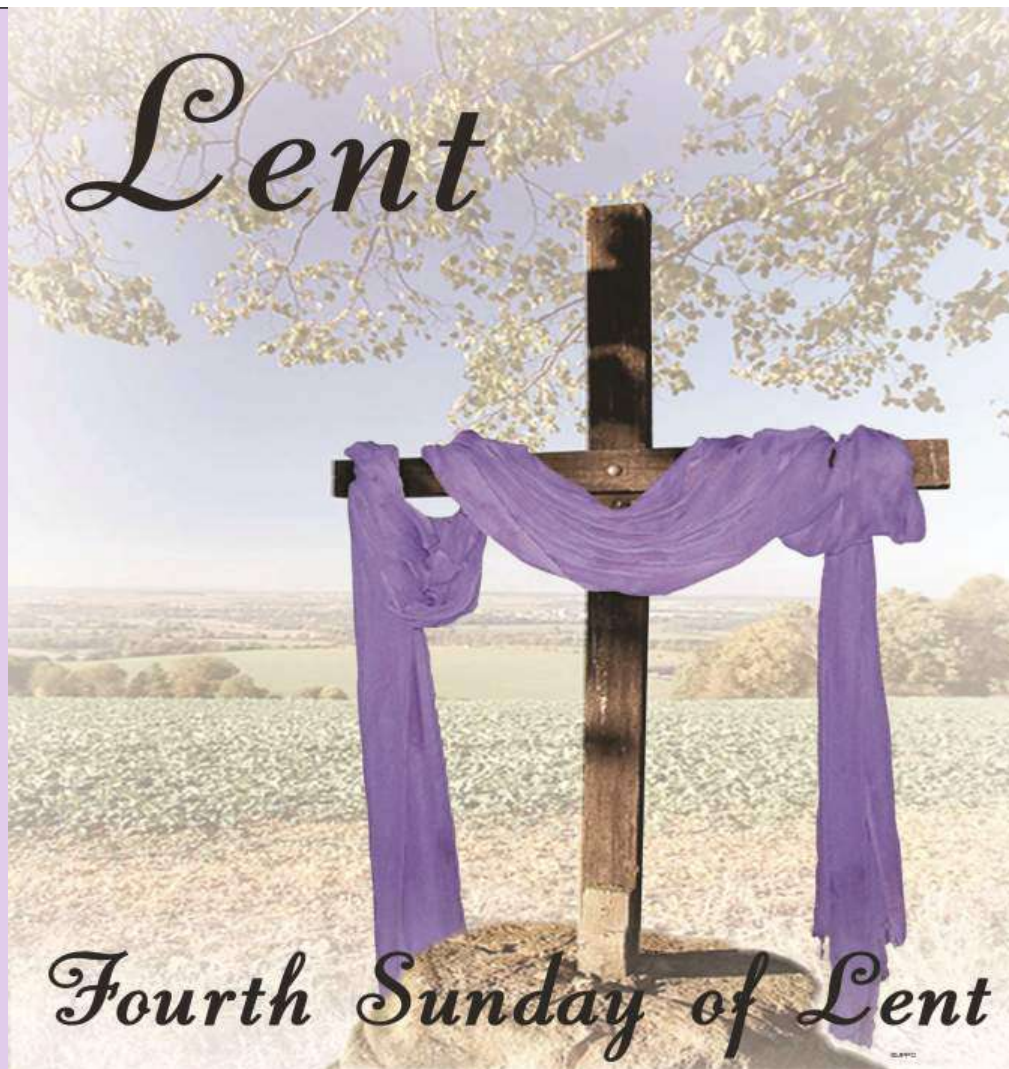


# *Sacred Heart Parish*

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# *Lent*



# *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

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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, MARCH 10, 2024***  
***FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT***



Last Sunday I shared with you the fact that the ceiling restoration project had concluded. After approximately seven weeks of daily work, the contractors loaded up their trucks on Tuesday, February 27 and headed for their next work site.

The extent to which the plaster had deteriorated was greater than I had anticipated. Had we waited much longer to begin this project we would have been faced with the real possibility of pieces of plaster falling to the floor. This restoration process was a real Godsend because it preserved our ceiling just in time. There should not be any further issues with the ceiling, thanks be to God!

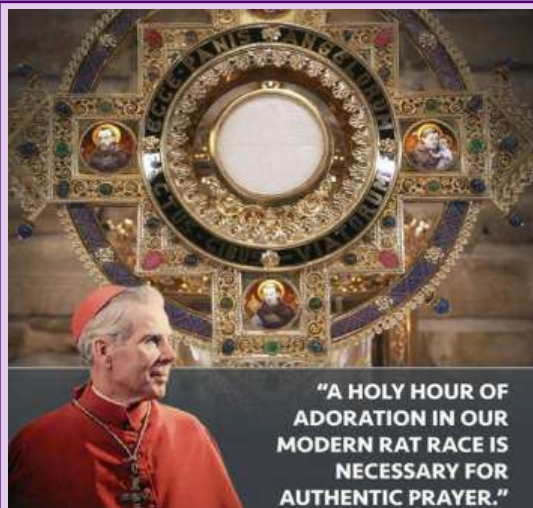
The ceiling restoration project is just a part of our overall plan to ensure that our almost one hundred-year-old Church building is preserved and well maintained. As I explained last Sunday, there have been numerous projects over the course of the last eight years to address the structural and other needs of the building. In my time here both as a part-time resident and now as pastor, all the roofs on the church have been replaced, all ten of the stained-glass windows in the body of the church have been restored, a new heating and air conditioning system has been installed, the vestibule's restroom and the sacristy renovated, a new sound system was installed, new pews were installed, the former baptistry was renovated, a security system was installed and the humidity issue of the church attic was also addressed through the installation of an exhaust system.

In anticipation of the one hundredth anniversary of the building and dedication of our church, we are looking to restore the rose window in the choir loft. Additionally, the protective cover on the window which has hidden the beauty of the wooden frame will be removed. The frame will also be restored, painted and single pieces of protective glass will be inserted into each individual panel thus revealing the beauty of the frame from the outside. We also will install a new commercial grade engineered hard wood floor in the church to replace the carpet which has become worn out. The stained-glass window project will begin in May and the floor project will begin in late June.

Such work requires your support. I renew my thanks to all who have given gifts to the Vision 26 campaign and ask that if you have not yet done so, to prayerfully consider how you may support the mission of Sacred Heart to announce the Good News and celebrate the sacraments of salvation.

God love you!

*Father DiMaría*



***Lenten Eucharistic Adoration & Stations of the Cross***

Join us each Wednesday of Lent there will be Eucharistic Adoration starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending with Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m. each week.



## EASTER DECORATING

*Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for*

*Easter. We will assemble in the Church at 7:00 pm on Good Friday to decorate. Many hands make light work!*



**Members of the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council # 3327** will be present after Mass next weekend, March 16/17 to collect money for the **PA State**

**“Special Olympics.”** Our members challenge you to be generous as our Council has decided to match any amount collected - at the three parishes in Bridgeport - Dollar for Dollar to support this event. Thank you for your generosity in advance.



### Monday Night Rosary

There will be a public recitation of the rosary in church each Monday at 7:00pm. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Ed DiGinto at 610-202-0069.

**Fast From ~ Wasting Time**  
**Feast On ~ Giving Time**



Don't forget to join us this **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall for Caring for Friends Ministry. Do God's work and at the same time

make new friends from our parish.

Questions? Call: Lisa at 610-639-7704



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 9

**4:00pm Desiree Halas**  
(Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Mom & Dad*

### Sunday, March 10

**8:00am Henry Balza**  
*Requested by the Bores & Stalker Families*

**10:15am For the People of Our Parish**

### Monday, March 11

**8:00am Barbara Bores**  
*Requested by Mark Kochanowsky*

### Tuesday, March 12

**8:00am John Kurcik, Sr.**  
*Requested by His Family*

### Wednesday, March 13

**8:00am Francis Coscia**  
*Requested by Bud & Joanne D'Alessandro*

### Thursday, March 14

**8:00am Laura & Steve Barainyak &  
Their Siblings**  
*Requested by The Family*

### Friday, March 15

**8:00am Edward Keszczyk**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, March 17<sup>th</sup>)  
*Requested by Barbara Pupek & Family*

### Saturday, March 16

**NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays**

**4:00pm Ben Cornacchio**  
(90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance, March 7<sup>th</sup>)  
*Requested by Wife, Christel*

### Sunday, March 17

**8:00am Edward Keszczyk**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)  
*Requested by Wife, Lorraine & Family*

**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, March 16:**

**4:00pm**

**Lector:** Peter Wisniewski

**Sunday morning, March 17:**

**8:00am**

**Lector:** Elisa Pagnotti

**10:15am**

**Lector:** Sal DiNenna



### *Weekly Report*

**March 2 - 3, 2024**

**\$7,467.00**

*Thank you for your support of Our Parish!*



The 40 Days for Life

Campaign is a Nationwide life-saving event which runs from 2/14 through 3/24/24.

This effort consists of prayer, fasting and peaceful prayer vigils outside local abortion centers in order to end abortion. Our parish has been scheduled to pray outside of the Norristown Planned Parenthood Center on **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**. Would you please join us and offer to pray for one hour anytime from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Through 40 Days for Life, it is prayerfully possible to change hearts! Signup sheets and directions are located in the rear of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Korpel at [lindaskorpel@gmail.com](mailto:lindaskorpel@gmail.com).

Thank you for helping to build a culture of life!

Signup for daily devotionals at

[www.40daysforlife.com/norristown](http://www.40daysforlife.com/norristown)

### **Sacred Heart Pro Life Holy Hour**

All are welcome to join us at **12:00 noon each Wednesday** to gather in prayer to ask for God's help on issues affecting our nation and families.





**Suddenly Seniors will meet at the Swedesburg Fire House on Jefferson St. at 12:00 on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) and please provide a dessert if possible. Coffee, tea, water will be available.**

**Be ready to vote for Board members and the Events Committee.**

**God bless!**

**Sister MaryAnne**



*This week the bread and wine for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as well as the Sanctuary Lamp*

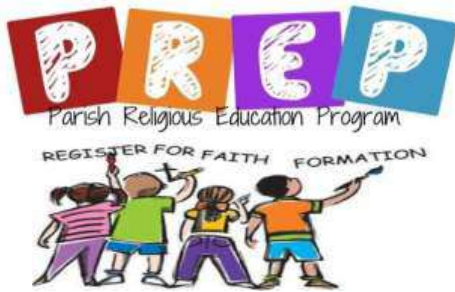
*in the Church burns in loving memory of*

*Edward Keszczyk*

*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Remembrance,*

*March 17<sup>th</sup>*

*at the Request of Wife, Lorraine & Family*



Registration for Sacred Heart PREP Summer Session is open!

**What is Summer-Session**

**Parish Religious Education?**

**The Summer-Session Program is an intensive (5 day) Religious Education Program designed as an alternative model to the traditional weekly program. Each day your child will work on a different unit of the curriculum and complete their level text in the week. Our students will also engage in faith-based group activities.**

**PREP Summer Session for the 2024 will run June 17–21 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

Forms are available on the parish website or can be found in the back of the church. Please return it with the applicable fee (see below) to the Rectory office, Attention PREP, Sacred Heart Parish, 120 Jefferson Street, Swedesburg, PA 19405 or place in the collection basket in an envelope marked PREP.

**PREP fees for 2024-2025 are as follows: \$100 for one child, \$150 for two or more children. Any concerns, please contact the PREP Coordinator. (An additional \$15.00 late fee will apply for all registrations received after April 1.)**



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Patricians Society will be held on **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.** at **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA.** *The program is sponsored by the Legion of Mary.*

More info:

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

**Holy Saviour Church Holy Name Society** is running a trip to see the new production of **DANIEL** at Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster on **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.**



The price per ticket is \$180 and includes:

- Round trip motor coach transportation.
- Orchestra seating.
- All you can eat family style lunch at Miller's smorgasbord following the show.

The bus leaves Holy Saviour church parking lot at 9am. Show time is 11am. Lunch after the show. Home approximately 5pm.

For tickets, please contact Michael Angelucci @ [vangelucci@verizon.net](mailto:vangelucci@verizon.net) or 610 213 1196.



**March 10, 2024**

**Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson**

In a world mostly powered by electricity, even for our cars, we have in modern times experienced dangerous and even demoralizing blackouts. I say that last aspect because we all suffer from the thieves and other criminals that “make hay while the sun isn’t shining.” We know that storms with howling winds bring about blackouts, when great trees often topple and bring down wires when they do so. At other times, the blackout comes when the grid is overtaxed by too much call for power when very hot weather brings an uptick in air conditioning use. Even a community like mine, where all wiring is underground, still gets its electric service from overhead wires outside the community. Then for all of us there are no lights anywhere and all the electric gadgets in our homes cease functioning.

The ancient world when Jesus walked was “lit only by fire,” as one writer nicely put it. Oil lamps and candles brought the only relief from post sunset darkness. The same fire boiled the water and cooked the meals. So when Jesus preached about His coming into the world to bring light, the impact of His words was strong. We might miss the message at first, surrounded as we are by our fiber-optic bulbs, ever-ready generators and blinking appliances. Still, I believe we instinctively know that evil thrives when our soul’s life is strangled by sin.

Lent, if we allow it to be part of our preparation for celebrating Easter, will, through Scripture readings and meditative prayer, turn the inner spotlight on our sins. Not the peccadilloes that dance around the edges of our consciences, but those stubborn ingrained habits in our makeup for which we have made all kinds of excuses to keep in place.

“I’m only human” we say glibly when others notice our this and that which is truly sinful. So we have another drink before we leave to go home. Watch some more porn because nobody’s around. Steal a little from the supermarket, or the “Big Box” store because “they make enough money.”

I remember being shocked out of my naivete when I was a supermarket cashier and witnessed when a fur-wearing matron was caught by the store detective stealing sticks of butter inside rolls of toilet paper. It’s not always the poor who steal.

Add in our perhaps habitual lying, or the rash judgments about strangers and family members; and also the sexual selfishness. All the many ways we can use to pretend God doesn’t exist or care. In so many situations that popular expression “WWJD” (What Would Jesus Do ?) gets mocked more than minded, but it’s a good startup question when you’re deciding what to do. Especially when Lenten thoughts stir one’s conscience. On this matter, and on so many others, we have today’s Responsorial Psalm as a rejoinder:

“Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you.” “You” means our loving God.

As the little boy concluded to his Dad after viewing stained glass windows featuring the saints, “I think a saint is a person whom the light shines through.”

God love you and give you His peace.

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