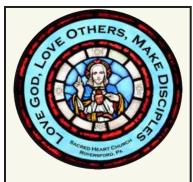


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Monday - Saturday, at 7:30 AM Saturday at 3 PM and by appointment by calling (610) 948-5915.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners.

We are still in the Easter Season. This past Sunday we celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday with a Holy Hour in the afternoon. We also had our first-class relic of Saint Sister Faustina - an apostle of Divine Mercy, for private veneration. I was very happy to see the many people who attended our Service and also made Confession on that day.

John Paul II instituted Divine Mercy Sunday in April 2000 for the universal Church. Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us of the absolute and unconditional love and mercy that God has for all of us. Let us respond to this great love by loving Him with all of our being and loving our neighbor as He loves us.

This coming Saturday, April 29, we will celebrate First Holy Communion for our parish children. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. Ask Almighty God to keep these children close to Him through their participation at Holy Mass. Also, pray for their parents that they continue to be good examples of the practice of the faith in order to instill in their children the love of God and His Eucharist.

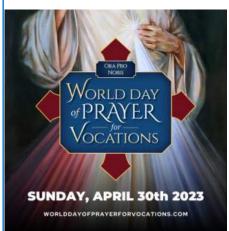
May Blessed Carlo Acutis, who loved Eucharistic Jesus, be a great inspiration for all of us, and especially for the first communicants.

Blessed Carlo - pray for us!

May God bless you always!

Rev. Vadeun Joshu





This coming Sunday, 4/30, we will celebrate the 59th Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Everyone Has a Divine Vocation "Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit."

~Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II



Last Sunday we concluded the first major half of the Mass, the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word. Today we begin the second major half of the Mass,

the celebration of the Eucharist.

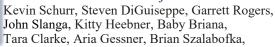
The second half of the Mass focuses on offering: The collection offering, the offering of the bread and wine to be consecrated, the sacrifice itself, the Consecration by the priest, and the Holy Communion of the faithful.

As the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins, everyone sits down for the collection of offerings. In our Parish, ushers extend a collection basket with a very long handle in front of each person. In some churches you may visit, a basket is passed from one end of the pew to the next; person to person. Either way is acceptable.

If there is an Offertory Procession while the collection is being taken, a few parishioners often go back to the church where a cruet of grape wine and a ciborium (sacred Vessel) of unconsecrated hosts (unleavened bread made from wheat flour and water) have been placed. Usually, two people bring this bread and wine (called gifts), along with collection, in an offertory procession, up to the altar and present them to the priest and deacon. The gifts of bread and wine may be also be presented by the altar servers, from the credence table, located in the sanctuary. This is our current practice during Sunday and weekday Masses at Sacred Heart Parish.

Sincerely, Deacon Dave

Please pray for the sick of our parish and those that care for them.



Dan Dordea, John Hoff, Elena Craft, Johanna McLaughlin, David Hritz, Dex Volpe, Hank Edleman, Alex Stadelmaier, Jake Dailey, John Sowell, James McManus, Lauri Ronan, John Durante, Heather Murphy, Charlotte Cody, Elizabeth, Caroline, and Tommy Cummings, John Breslawski, Alyson Layser, Keith Garnett, Orville Otis, Max Good, Madison D'Annunzio, Nancy McNamara, Patricia Berner, Charles Crowder, Ann Boyle, Patricia McMinn, Mary Jane Durante, Robert Fry, Jr., Casey Glennon, the Gonzalez Family, Steve Curll, Ed Reynolds, Grace Giuffre, Annalies Frisco, Helen Gallagher, Josephine, Taylor O'Neill, Cindy Wozniak, Rosemary Buchanan, Deirdre Magolon, Adrienne Eisenhauer, Marissa and Enzo Fuentes, Moira Randazzo, Jackie Zabicki, Genevieve Tuski, Jim Bob and Barbara McEwen, Mike Mehle, Brenda Kulp, Andrea and Jim McManus, Mary Kay Gvodas, Cecelia Ricci, and all the sick and suffering of the parish.

We pray that God will bless you all with His healing hand. When your loved one recovers, please notify the Parish Office so we can offer a prayer of thanks!



MON, Apr 24 Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen -

8:00 AM Priest and Martyr
Private Intention

TUES, Apr 25 Saint Mark - Evangelist

8:00 AM Private Intention

WED, Apr 26 8:00 AM Private Intention

THUR, Apr 27 8:00 AM Private Intention

FRI, Apr 28
Saint Peter Chanel - Priest and Martyr
Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort - Priest

8:00 AM Private Intention

SAT, Apr 29 Saint Catherine of Siena -

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Private Intention

4:15 PM James Jacks

Requested by The Shoudt Family

SUN, Apr 30 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 AM Laura Farrand

Requested by Miriam Szczepanek

10:00 AM Beatrice Faye West

Requested by

Tracy and John Patrick Dougherty

Saint Devotions

April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

O God, Who didst vouchsafe to inflame the heart of blessed Fidelis with seraphic ardor and to adorn him with the palm of martyrdom and with glorious miracles in spreading the true Faith: we beseech Thee, by his merits and intercession, so to strengthen us by the might of Thy grace in faith and in charity, that we may deserve to be found faithful in Thy service even unto death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

April 25 - St. Mark



O Glorious St. Mark through the grace of God, our Father, you became a great Evangelist, preaching the Good News of Christ. May you help us to know Him well so that we may faithfully live our lives as followers of Christ. Amen.

April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

Eternal God, eternal Trinity, You have made the Blood of Christ so precious through His sharing in Your Divine nature. You are

a mystery as deep as the sea; the more I search, the more I find, and the more I find the more I search for You. But I can never be satisfied; what I receive will ever leave me desiring more. When You fill my soul I have an ever-greater hunger, and I grow more famished for Your light. I desire above all to see You, the true light, as you really are. Amen.



Please Pray For Those Serving In The Military

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April Decade-A-Day Rosary Group Prayer Intentions For the month of April we pray that all of our Parish children who are making their First Holy Communion, understand how blessed they are to be able to receive the body of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



~~Loretta Brophy and Richard Dulisse~~ April 14, 2023

On behalf of Father Gorka, Parish Staff, and our Sacred Heart parishioners, we congratulate you on your Wedding Day! May your life together be filled with love, happiness, and hope!





April's prayer intentions are for Father Christopher Cooke.

TRAVELING DIVINE MERCY PICTURE



More than ninety years ago, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in her convent cell in Ptlock, Poland and directed her to "paint an image according to the pattern you see", with the signature 'Jesus, I trust in you'. He attached many promises to those who venerate this image: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as my own glory."

(Diary of St. Faustina, 47-48).

This rendition of our perfect and radiant savior will be available to travel to / visit a parishioner's home for private veneration for a week.

Please call Louise Gregor to schedule a week to host the Traveling Divine Mercy Picture. 610-948-0398 or Igreger7@gmail.com. Information, including prayer and journal books, and the picture with stand, will be available in the Little Flower Adoration Chapel. Pickup will be Sunday at any time. Please return it to the Chapel on Saturday by 4:00 PM.

Pilgrimage to Italy with Sacred Heart





July 23 - Aug 4, 2023

Ciao! Join us on a dynamic E inspirational trip through Italy.



We will start in Rome and the Vatican before we travel towards the Adriatic Sea to San Giovanni Rotondo and the tomb of St. Padre Pio. We continue on to the grotto of St. Michael the Archangel and Lanciano to see the site of the most important Eucharistic Miracle. Next we turn our eyes toward Mary and the Sanctuary of the Holy House of the Madonna. Mysterious Venice, cosmopolitan Milan, and the Tuscan countryside await us before we make our way South again to Siena, Assisi, and back to Rome.

Inclusive of Airfare, Hotel, Transportation in Italy, Daily Activities & Breakfast/Dinner Daily.

Contact Sue in the Office: (610) 948-5915

Villa Maria Academy High School Spring Events

Join us May 3rd for our 7th Grade Admissions Fair. Learn about how your daughter can become unstoppable here at Villa through our challenging academic curriculum

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Holy Hour of Prayer

Every first Monday of the month, the Knights gather with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A program of prayers and offerings is provided. We recite the rosary and conclude with benediction.

Our next event will be:

Monday, May 1st at 6:30pm at our Council Hall, Phoenixville. All are invited to attend. Please contact us. We'd love to have you.



The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday of May.

You are invited to gather in Rose Tree Park on MAY 4th, 2023 at 11:30am for Prayer and Worship!

This year, celebrates 72 years of annual prayer in the United States!



MOTHER'S DAY

Chances will be sold in the Café after Masses on 4/29 & 4/30 and 5/6 & 5/7

DRAWING WILL BE AFTER THE 4:15 MASS ON MAY 13TH.

YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

This fundraiser will support the Gianna Center of Philadelphia, which provides life-affirming women's healthcare in Norristown. https://www.phgiannacenter.org/

Holy Saturday morning, Father Gorka blessed the food that parishioners brought in their baskets. Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets is an old Polish tradition that Father Gorka happily carries on here at Sacred Heart. Father was pleased to see so many children and families bring their food baskets to church! Beautiful blessings were bestowed upon all the food and then the food baskets were sprinkled with holy water.



Other News and Events

• Serenity Retreat for Women: May 5-6. The weekend will include talks, Mass, Faith Sharing, and more while getting to spend time on the beautiful grounds of Malvern Retreat House. Malvern Retreat House, 315 S Warren Ave, Malvern PA – Family Life Center. https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/serenity-retreat/





Pope John Paul II High School --

Join us for our biggest fundraiser of the year on Saturday, May 2, 2023 called Savor the Flavor: On Broadway.

6:00pm-10:00pm in the PJP Gymnasium.

Doors open at 5:30. Tickets include admission to the event, offerings from the Restaurant Fare, Basket Raffle, Silent & Live Auctions.

Tickets can be purchased at https://www.pjphs.org/apps/pages/tickets



Pope John Paul II High School is hosting

17 **summer camps** for students entering grades K-9. To view more details about our camps and register for a session,

please visit: www.pjphs.org/apps/pages/summercamps. We look forward to seeing you at PJP this summer!



PA Premiere of the Movie Dysconnected

Attend a showing of the 90-minute movie *Dysconnected.* Presented by St. Peter Respect Life. For more information go to www.lifelovesexuality.com

West Chester Friday, April 28th, 7:00 pm 430 West Events. 430 Hannum Avenue Onsite parking

Souderton Saturday, April 29th, 9:30 am Broad Theater. 24 W Broad Street Convenient Offsite parking

King of Prussia Saturday, April 29th, 3:00 pm Regal UA King of Prussia. 300 Goddard Blvd Onsite parking

\$10 per ticket - Payment by cash or check at the door.





We Celebrate God's Creation on Earth Day

Friday, April 21st Holy Cross celebrated Earth Day. Here are some pictures of our Holy Cross Garden Club planting flowers around our campus and in our garden. The weather has been beautiful and it's wonderful to see our older students working with the younger students to make our school campus beautiful. Celebrating God's creation and beauty is one way that we can celebrate Earth Day. Let's work together to keep God's creation beautiful.



Follow us as we highlight the Class of 2023 8th grade spotlights NOW on Facebook and Instagram. With the Easter season, comes hope! You can make a difference with your donation. Please consider making a gift to *Holy Cross Regional Catholic School Advancement Fund*. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Go to our website: https://hcrc.school/advancement-fund/ to make a gift now.

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