

# A New Teaching with Authority



Mark 1:21-28

**Sacred Heart Parish  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 28, 2024**



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Saturday Vigil: 4:15 PM  
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Daily Mass: 8 AM (M-Sat)  
Rosary Recitation: 7:30 AM (M-Sat)

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Monday - Saturday, at 7:30 AM  
Saturday at 3 PM and by  
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# From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

February 2nd - the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - deserves more attention than just being the absolute final day for Christmas decorations. On that day, we also celebrate the blessing of the candles for the year, known as Candlemas.

After celebrating the Nativity of our Lord, with its splendor in the Church, it would be easy for one's mind to drift and overlook the significance of the fortieth day after the Lord's birth.

Joseph and Mary's presentation of the baby was no pro forma event. The words of the prophet Malachi are fulfilled in the poor parents presenting their firstborn son along with their humble sacrifice of two turtledoves. The mother of God - the Theotokos (the name used in the Eastern Orthodox Church for the Virgin Mary) - in no need of ritual purification, and her husband, did not set themselves above the Law.

In their conformation to the Law, is God's entrance into his Temple. Simeon and Anna, pious and elderly, having spent their lives in prayer and waiting in the Temple for the Messiah, have their "moment." There is the glorious Nunc Dimittis of Simeon (also known as the Song or Canticle of Simeon).

With Candlemas we celebrate the coming of the **Light of the World**. But a shadow also passes; a shadow foretelling the suffering that will precede the victory of the Light over darkness. Simeon not only proclaimed that he had seen his salvation, but also told the Mother of our Lord that her share would include a sorrow-pierced heart. In *Redemptoris Mater*, Pope John Paul II wrote that Mary heard in Simeon's words something akin to a second Annunciation, "for they tell her of the actual historical situation in which the Son is to accomplish his mission, namely, in misunderstanding and sorrow."

What shall we ask of the Lord as we celebrate his Presentation?  
For a moment meditate on this and give Him an answer.

Please join us for the celebration of Mass on Friday, February 2nd at 8:00 am and 6:30 pm and bring your candle(s) for a blessing.

May God bless you always,

*Rev. Tadeusz Gorka*



Friday, February 2nd @ 8am and 6:30pm: Blessing of the Candles.  
Bring your personal candles from home to be blessed.

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Blaise, we will have  
Blessing of the Throats at all Masses next weekend,  
February 3rd & 4th.



## Saint Of The Day

### Jan 31 - *St. John Bosco*

Born in Italy in 1815, John was raised primarily by his mother, regularly attended church and became very devout. He helped his family grow food and raise sheep and despite their poverty they found enough to share with the homeless. After six years of study and preparation, he was ordained a priest in 1841. His first assignment was to the city of Turin. The city was in the throes of industrialization so it had slums and widespread poverty. It was into these poor neighborhoods that Fr. Bosco went to work with the children of the poor. While visiting the prisons, he noticed a large number of boys, between the ages of 12 and 18, inside. The conditions were deplorable, and he felt moved to do more to help other boys from ending up there. He went into the streets and started to meet and share his message with young men and boys where they worked and played. When he was not preaching, Fr. Bosco worked tirelessly seeking work for boys who needed it, and searching for lodgings for others. He is one of the pioneers of Mutual Aid Societies that were initiated as collaborative financial support to young migrant Catholic Workers in the city of Turin. In 1859, he established the Society of St. Francis de Sales. St. John Bosco was canonized on Easter Sunday, 1934 and he was given the title, "Father and Teacher of Youth."

### Feb 2 - *The Presentation of the Lord*

Forty days after the birth of Jesus Christ, on February 2nd, this was the event in which Our Lady followed Jewish custom and went to the Temple in Jerusalem to present her Son to God. It is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ, the "Light of the World."

### Feb 3 - *St. Blaise*

Saint Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the 4th century in Turkey and Armenia. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers. He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, and wool trading.

### Feb 3 - *St. Ansgar*

Ansgar was born of a noble family near Amiens, France. He became a monk and accompanied King Harald of Denmark when the exiled King returned to his native land and engaged in missionary work there. St. Ansgar was Archbishop of Hamburg-Bremen in the northern part of the Kingdom of the East Franks. Ansgar became known as the "Apostle of the North" and worked to bring Christianity to Northern Europe.



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

Kevin Schurr, Steven DiGuiseppi, Garrett Rogers, John Slanga, Kitty Heebner, Baby Briana, Tara Clarke, Aria Gessner, Dan Dordea, John Hoff, Max Good, Johanna McLaughlin, Helen Gallagher, Dex Volpe, Eileen Barone, Hank Edleman, Alex Stadelmaier, Jake Dailey, James McManus, Lauri Ronan, John Durante, Cecelia Ricci, John Breslawski, Ed Reynolds, Steve Curnl, Jackie Zabicki, Alyson Layser, Charles Crowder, Keith Garnett, Grace Giuffre, Patricia Berner, Elizabeth, Caroline, and Tommy Cummings, Orville Otis, Nancy McNamara, Patricia McMinn, Anna, Mary Jane Durante, Josephine, Madison D'Annunzio, Casey Glennon, the Gonzalez Family, Jimmy D'Annunzio, Annalies Frisco, Taylor O'Neill, Marissa and Enzo Fuentes, Mike Mehle, Genevieve Tuski, Deirdre Magolon, Rosemary Buchanan, Adrienne Eisenhauer, Doug Dunn, Moira Randazzo, Jim Bob and Barbara McEwen, Andrea and Jim McManus, Connie Udicious, Maureen Yust, Alfred DePaoli, Susan Krepps, Joan Nace, Diane Dziedzic, 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!

## Mass Intentions

**MON, Jan 29**

**8:00 AM** Pro Populo

**TUES, Jan 30**

**8:00 AM** Marla Glennon - Living Intentions  
Requested by PREP in loving appreciation for volunteering.

**WED, Jan 31**

**8:00 AM** Saint John Bosco - Priest  
Joe Campbell - Living Intentions  
Requested by The Campbell Family

**THUR, Feb 1**

**8:00 AM** Hermando Martin DePaoli  
Requested by The Children of Martin and Anne DePaoli

**6:30 PM**

Holy Hour

**FRI, Feb 2** *The Presentation of the Lord - (Candlemas)*

**8:00 AM** All Seminarians  
Requested by Sacred Heart Parish

**6:30 PM**

Shacha Toledo - Living Intentions  
Requested by Friend

**SAT, Feb 3**

*Saint Blaise - Bishop and Martyr*  
*Saint Ansgar - Bishop*

**8:00 AM**

Special Intention

**4:15 PM**

Pro Populo

**SUN, Feb 4**

**Mary Catherine Troutman**

Requested by Her Loving Son, William and Family

**10:00 AM**

**Mary Ann McAllister**

Requested by Husband, Bob

## Please Pray For Those Serving

### In The Military

#### U.S. AIR FORCE

Airman Nicholas Dougherty  
Airman Nathan Hennessey  
1st Lt. Daniel Jucker  
2nd Lt. Kira Zeller

#### U.S. AIR FORCE SPECIAL FORCES

Captain Ian Gardocki

#### U.S. ARMY

Spec. Ops., PFC Samuel Burns; Ranger Medic  
2nd Lt. Nicholas Gardocki  
SSG Daniel A. Manildo  
2nd Lt. Michael McCormick  
Tom Miller; National Guard

#### U.S. MARINE CORPS

Sergeant Justin Solorio

#### U.S. Navy

Marty Miller; Seabees  
PO2 Ryan Wheaton



January's prayer intentions are for  
Deacon Greg Miller and all Seminarians

### CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 29TH



A candle burns this week next to  
**Saint Joseph**  
For Damian  
Requested by Mom and Dad.



## Deacon Thoughts with Dave

Sometimes people ask, "Does a Protestant have to be Re-Baptized to enter and join the Catholic Church?"

The short answer is no. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults explains, "Baptism is a sacramental bond of unity linking all who have been signed by it. Because of that unchangeable effect, the rite of baptism is held in highest honor by all Christians. Once it has been validly celebrated, it may never lawfully be repeated" (The Rites, Volume One, General Instruction, RCIA 4). By validly celebrated I mean, the pouring or plunging into the water, three times, utilizing the Trinitarian formula, "I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." To assist the ministers of baptism, the Catholic Church provides us with a list of those Protestant Churches whose baptisms are considered valid in our Catholic Church.

To share a personal story. In 1984, my wife Pam and I, along with our two very young children, ages 4 and 1, were living in Paradis, LA. My wife was baptized Baptist at the time. Across highway 90, from where we lived, was a St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, where we attended Mass. One day Pam asked me, "I wonder if I can become a Catholic?" At the time I didn't know, so I said, "Let's ask the Pastor, Fr. Raymond Bayne next time we come for Mass."

Fr. Bayne, along with myself, assisted my wife Pam, in the catechetical study of the Catholic Faith. This preparation lasted for about 8 months. Pam was received into full communion with the Catholic Church the following Easter season. Since she was already validly baptized, she received her First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation on the same day.

Baptism confers the character of Christ, making it permanent and irrevocable. As St. Paul wrote, "there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:1-6).

We will continue exploring the Sacrament of Baptism over the course of the next several weeks.

Have a wonderful week.

Deacon Dave

January Decade-A-Day Rosary Group Prayer Intentions

For the month of January we pray that God will protect all those who suffer from a physical or mental handicap, may they receive all the love and assistance necessary to live a full and joyful life.

 **40-Day Challenge**  
**ABSTINENCE & ADORATION**

**NO MEAT FRIDAYS**  
Choose 40 Fridays to abstain from eating meat.

**VISIT WITH THE EUCHARIST**  
Choose any 40 days to visit the Adoration Chapel.

**Do you accept the challenge?**  
Step closer to the Lord through these two simple tasks and take the initiative to increase your understanding of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist in 2024.

download our tracking sheet here  
[sacredheartroyersford.org/revival](http://sacredheartroyersford.org/revival)

# FELLOWSHIP CAFÉ HAPPENINGS



**TODAY! - JAN 28TH  
NEW IN THE CAFÉ**

**BREAKFAST BUFFET**  
**FRENCH TOAST BAKE, SCRAMBLED EGGS**  
**SAUSAGE, FRESH FRUIT & COFFEE**



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**UP NEXT...**

**FEB 4**  
**HAPPY 9TH ANNIVERSARY**  
**FELLOWSHIP CAFÉ!**  
**LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!**



**FEB 16**

**FISH FRY 2024 RETURNS!**  
**STAY TUNED FOR MENU & SPECIALS**

## Women of Hope

(formerly known as Dominican Women)

Retreat: March 15-17, 2024



**COME TO MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE TO RENEW AND STRENGTHEN  
YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LORD.**

Take time to deepen your faith, in the company of other women who seek more from their faith lives.

**"This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."**  
(Mark 1: 15).

Speakers: Fr. Frank Chambers, OSA, Luke LeTourneau, Nicky Verna, and Dan Tarrant  
with music by Mark Griswold.

Please consider the gift of this weekend retreat for yourself and other women in your lives.  
The cost is \$275 and a \$75 deposit minimum is requested to secure your spot.

For information, please contact **Sunny Dougherty** at 484-744-3920.

To register, call 610 644-0400 or visit <http://www.malvernretreat.com>.



### St. Mary Polish American Society

**Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship,**  
a \$1,500 scholarship to a qualified student of

Polish ancestry residing within the Archdiocese of Phila.

Scan QR for full info. For any questions, please call  
Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.



### ATTENTION ALL MEN!!!

You are **summoned** to join us on the 2024 Men's Retreat

### St. Francis de Sales Men's Retreat 2024

**"Are You Man Enough to be Christ-like"**

with facilitator

**Deacon Tom Phillips**

of SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA, Limerick, PA

March 1st – 3rd, 2024

Sacred Heart Spirituality Center  
Newton, NJ

arrive between 5-7pm the evening of 3/1

Submit completed form and payment to parish office by **February 23rd** to:

St. Francis de Sales, PO Box 785, McAfee, NJ 07428

ATTN: Pam McCann

or via St. Francis de Sales website.

[www.osvhub.com/st-francis-vernon/forms/men-s-retreat-2024](http://www.osvhub.com/st-francis-vernon/forms/men-s-retreat-2024)

### A.Y.M.E.

ARE YOU MAN Enough  
to be Christlike?

For more information contact  
Jim Siegmann 540-273-5054

**Fees:**

**\$215 (Full Weekend)**  
**\$165 (Saturday Only)**

**\$10 discount for full  
registrations received  
by February 11th.**

**MARY, MARIA, and LAZARUS**

Contact our team to register or for questions:  
Susan: 610-716-4795 or Georgeann: 484-955-4278

### THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL

Presented by Sr. Pat McDermott IHM  
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 8:45 am - 3:00 pm  
\$60 per person\*



In a contemplative atmosphere, we will use Scriptural passages as well as other writings for our reflections. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 a.m. The day includes Mass and lunch. Men and women are welcome.

### CLOSE-UP OF FRIENDS OF JESUS

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 8:45 am - 2:45 pm

**\$60 per person\***

Presented by Sr. Mary Henrich IHM

Jesus shared a special relationship with Mary, Martha and Lazarus. He needed and valued their friendship. What can be learned from the close friendship, the intimacy, and the sacred bonds? This Lent, explore your friendship with Jesus and others. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 a.m. The day includes Mass and lunch. Both men and women are welcome.

Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center  
101 111th Street, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247

Register at: [www.VMbytheSea.com](http://www.VMbytheSea.com) or call 609-964-7700

\*You may opt to stay overnight the evening before for an additional \$95.



### Catholic Men...

You are invited to gather as a brotherhood  
dedicated to the principals of  
Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

**Council 1374 -**  
[kofc1374.org](http://kofc1374.org)

**Membership:**  
Director,  
Tony Jurewicz:  
[info@kofc1374.org](mailto:info@kofc1374.org)

**ITALIAN NIGHT!** Saturday, Feb 10th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
in the Sacred Heart Church Caf  .

BYOB Event!  
We offer a festive atmosphere and gourmet-style  
dinner options, perfect for Valentine's Day!

Mark your calendars to support this event  
and enjoy an authentic Italian dinner!



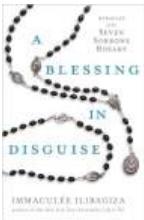
### PHILADELPHIA'S ANNUAL

### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024**

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER  
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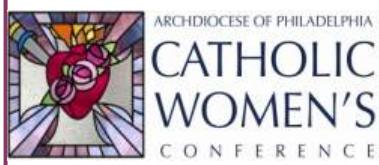
## Sacred Heart Women's Group NEW STUDY!

Mondays, 7 - 8:15p, starting February 19th in the Katharine Drexel Room.

We will be reading A Blessing In Disguise: Miracles of The Seven Sorrows by the NY Times best-selling author Immaculée Ilibagiza. She survived 91 days as a young girl huddled in a cramped bathroom with seven other women during the 1994 Rwanda holocaust. She discusses how the Seven Sorrows Rosary kept her strong during this time. She presents to readers Mary's specific teachings for how to pray the seven sorrows rosary, as well as offers the promises attached to the prayers.

The Seven Sorrows is a perfect prayer to learn and dedicate yourself to as we begin the Lenten season.

If you plan to join the group or have any questions contact Beth Shoudt @ [drshoudt@hotmail.com](mailto:drshoudt@hotmail.com).



SAVE THE DATE:

**Sat. 10/19/2024**

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

National Shrine of Our Lady  
of Czestochowa  
654 Ferry Road. Doylestown

**Marriage Day of Reflection: Sat., Feb. 10th - 10:00 am.**

Ending with 4:00 pm Mass & Renewal of Wedding Vows.

Saint Augustine RCC. Fourth and Vine Sts., Philadelphia.

Registration Required: Contact: [staugustineparish09@gmail.com](mailto:staugustineparish09@gmail.com) or call 215-627-1838. [www.st-augustinechurch.com](http://www.st-augustinechurch.com).

### Other News and Events

- **Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage:** **Feb 16-18.** Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215 766 3944 or 800 470 2230.
- **St. Patrick's All Year Reunion:** March 23, 2024, 6 - 10 PM. Embassy Room. 1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell. \$50 per person includes roast beef, meatballs, penne, dessert, beer and soda. Bring your own wine! Reserve Your Ticket: [Santangelob1@verizon.net](mailto:Santangelob1@verizon.net) and mail checks to: Barbara Santangelo 1202 W. Elm St. Norristown, PA 19401
- **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul,** Sacred Heart Conference, extends sincere gratitude for your support in 2023. Our work would not be complete without your participation. Should you require a tax letter for 2023 contributions to our Conference, please contact Anne Benton at 610-792-0141 or email your request to [ambenton888@comcast.net](mailto:ambenton888@comcast.net).
- **Pray For My Priest:** *Adopt a Philadelphia Priest Today!* We seek to provide each priest with a Spiritual Mother, who will commit to anonymously adopt him and pray for him and his vocation as long as she lives. In the spirit of holy detachment, the spiritual mother knows who her priest son is; however, he will not know her identity until her death. The form can be found at: [stmariagoretti.net/spiritual-motherhood/](http://stmariagoretti.net/spiritual-motherhood/). Questions: Rosemary Doyle at [rdoylerd@comcast.net](mailto:rdoylerd@comcast.net), 215-368-5875 or Maria Richardson at [marichar@comcast.net](mailto:marichar@comcast.net), 215-721-6559
- **Hope and Light at the End of Life:** a series of beautiful, short videos offering hope, truth, and guidance for those facing the end of their life. <https://sistersoflife.org/end-of-life/>
- **Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction:** [archphila.org/hope](http://archphila.org/hope)



### CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

*United in Faith and Community*

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Each day has a theme that the students will focus on for that day. Some of the activities include a "Religion Bee", a speaker from the Pontifical Mission Societies, a prayer service for our local Collegeville police, and of course, the "students' favorite", the Dodgeball tournament, as well as a Teacher/Staff appreciation brunch sponsored by our Home & School Association.



**Catholic Schools**  
*United in Faith and Community*

As a school community we will work on several service projects this week. The "Souper" bowl where we collect food for St. Vincent DePaul Society and local food banks. The second project, we will be putting together "**Full Belly Bags**" for the Giving Tree, which helps children of all ages alleviate hunger. Students will assemble bags that include essential food items and notes of kindness to be given to children that are experiencing food insecurity.

We are grateful to our parish families for your continued prayers and support. Please remember Holy Cross Regional Catholic School in your prayers as we continue sharing our mission.

***Thank you Parish families!***

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR: PRE-K (4) through 8th Grade begins: *Monday, January 29, 2024***

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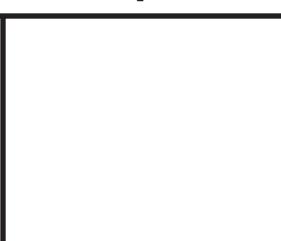
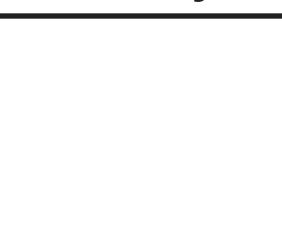
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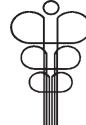
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