

Church of St. Joseph Parish

June 18, 2023

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Lord Jesus Christ, grant to the fathers of the world,
who share in your Divine fatherhood, a fuller
understanding of the dignity and responsibility of their
calling. Make them careful providers, gentle
protectors, and shining examples of Christian virtue
in their homes. Assure those you protect that they do
not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them
and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

Graciously bless all fathers,

O Lord, we pray.

Amen



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm

Sunday

6:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am

Daily Mass Monday through Friday

6:30 am

Saturday

8:30 am

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass/Evening Prior to Holy Day

5:00 pm

Holy Day

6:30 and 8:30 am

Holiday Mass Schedule

Memorial Day, Independence Day,

Labor Day & Thanksgiving

8:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday

3:00 to 3:45 pm

Sunday Morning

7:00, 9:00 to 9:15 & 11:00 to 11:15 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Mary's Chapel

Parish Address

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Parish Office & Summer Hours

(610) 497-3340 | Fax: (610) 497-3383

Monday through Thursdays (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)

Fridays (9:00 am to 12:00 noon)

Saturdays (9:00 am to 5:00 pm) & Sundays (Closed)

Parish Registration

We welcome new members to our parish family and invite them to be a vital part of our parish through prayers, presence and talents. Every adult residing within our parish boundaries should register as a parishioner. Registrations are taken by appointment. Please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30 pm. Pre-Jordan classes are required for first-time parents. Classes are the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm (except January, July and August). We recommend that classes be taken prior to the birth of your child. Parents must be registered parishioners. Godparents must provide a letter of eligibility from their respective pastor. Call the parish office to plan for the Baptism of your child and to register for Pre-Jordan class.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office to meet with a priest prior to making other arrangements, at least six months in advance. All couples must attend Pre-Cana class.

Ministries & Organizations

Adult Faith Formation, Altar Servers, Bereavement, Blood Pressure Screeners, Caring for Friends, Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), Catholic Youth Organization, (CYO), Christmas Bazaar Committee, Evangelization Team, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Food for the Needy, Hospitality Committee, Knights of Columbus, Lectors, Mom's Prayer Group, Music Ministry, Pastoral Council, Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), Pre-Jordan Team, Right of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), Stewardship Committee, Supermarket & Gift Certificate Program, Ushers, Women at the Well Faith Sharing Group (WATW).

DAILY MASS & SPECIAL INTENTIONS



Monday, June 19th

6:30 am: Ann Raughter

Tuesday, June 20th

6:30 am: Joseph Lichota

Wednesday, June 21st

6:30 am: Tom Morgan

Thursday, June 22nd

6:30 am: Capt. Gregory Dalessio

Friday, June 23rd

6:30 am: John Stokarski, Sr.

Saturday, June 24th

8:30 am: Dorothy Theodorou

Mass Celebrants

Saturday, June 24th

4:00 pm Msgr. Bransfield

Sunday, June 25th

6:30 am Msgr. Bransfield

9:30 am Msgr. Flanigan

11:30 am Msgr. Flanigan

Bouquet for Mary on June 18th

The bouquet for Mary is offered for
Colleen Betzal

Sanctuary Vigil Candle for the Week of June 18th

The Sanctuary Vigil Candle burns to honor the presence of the Lord and offered by Regina Robison for **James Robison**

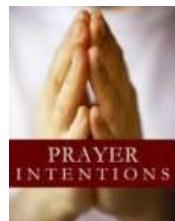
PRAY FOR THE SICK & OUR BELOVED DECEASED



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Please Remember in Your Prayers Our Beloved Deceased

Mary Kester



HEART MOTION

He could tell just by looking at them. In the Gospel, Jesus hasn't said a word yet. He looks at the crowd that is following Him:



"At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned ..." (Mt. 9:36).

The Scripture text is inspired by the Holy Spirit. No word, syllable, or part of a word is incidental.

The Holy Spirit chose these words through Saint Matthew. The Gospel text was originally written in Greek. So, the Greek root word can clue us in to the deeper meaning at work.

The word "troubled" comes from the Greek root word *eklyō*. This word means what Jesus saw "came from out of what was broken in them, what had been enfeebled, what was bound up in them."

But, not only are the crowd broken inside. They are also "abandoned." The Greek word there is *rhiptō*. This means they are also "scattered" because they have been hit by a sudden motion," and that hit has "deposited a heavy load" on them and "thrown them down."

I bet if you asked the people in the crowd how they were doing, they would've responded, "fine." And therein is part of the heaviest wound: the common trap to pretend and act tough as if we have no wounds.

The people in the crowd lied to themselves. Not deliberately. They acted as though they had no wounds. It was part of *the part* they felt they had to play: to look good, perfect, like they had "it" all together. And that made the wounds all the more painful. Disguise always does.

What does Jesus see when He looks at you and me? What is broken inside of us? What is bound in us? When have we been hit by that sudden motion of hurt, the wound, the heavy load?

Right there, in that place, Jesus's heart is moved with compassion for us. His Sacred Heart moves when He sees that we are broken, bound up and scattered.

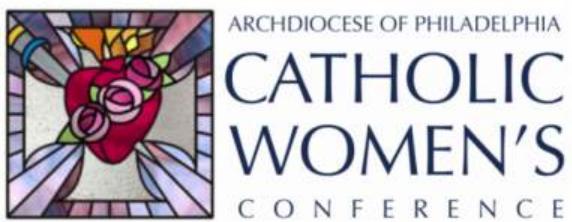
The question is, "When we see our wound, does our heart move as well?"

God bless,
Msgr. Bransfield

Catholic Women's Conference 2023 | Saturday, October 28th | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Join Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women's Conference. Throughout the day, participants will learn how to

enter more deeply into a relationship with God and others and experience deeper fulfillment and bring greater joy to others. Early sellout is expected. Tickets are \$60 each or \$50 for groups of 5 or more.



Registration: <https://www.catholicwomensconference.org/>

New Statue Coming to Our Parish



This past January, the beautiful statue of Saint Joseph the Worker in the vestibule of our Church was moved and situated between the two entrance doors to the main body of the Church. Parishioners, visitors and guests who pass the threshold into the

nave of the Church are reminded that St. Joseph stands ready as a powerful intercessor for their intentions.

The transition of the statue of Saint Joseph closer to the entrance to the nave resulted in an open area in the windowed corner of the vestibule. Over the months a proposal surfaced to place another artwork in the open area.

After discussion with the Pastoral Council, the recommendation to place a rendering of the *Pietà* in the space moved forward. As parishioners, visitors and guests gather in the vestibule, they will have close by a deeply moving rendering of how Our Lady and Her Divine Son are so close to us as we make our way through life, especially in the difficult moments.

A generous donor offered to cover the entire financial cost and shipping of a rendering of the *Pietà*. A second donor offered to cover the entire financial cost for a large pedestal for the statue, vigil candles and a prie-dieu, or small kneeler proximate to the statue.

The *Pietà* is a statue of the image of the Lord Jesus and Our Lady. The original statue was carved by the Italian Renaissance artist Michelangelo at the close of the 15th Century. It is located in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome.

The *Pietà* depicts the moment when the body of the Lord was taken down from the Cross and placed in the arms of His Mother. The depiction is at once so tender and so heartbreakingly real that the gaze of the viewer is immediately swept toward the mystery of love between the Lord and His Mother.

The *Pietà* has inspired countless faithful across the centuries, especially as believers face the most painful and difficult moments of life.

Due to the generous acts of our donors, the project has progressed. The statue has been ordered and is being prepared. Shipment of the statue is scheduled for some time in July. The pedestal and other materials will possibly arrive a bit later. So, for a short time, the statue will be placed directly on the floor while we await the arrival of the pedestal.

A date will be set for a blessing of the statue and further information will be forthcoming, as will be an opportunity to express gratitude to the generous donor of the statue and also the donor of the pedestal, vigil candle and kneeler.

A picture of the *Pietà* and draft of the statue in the space on the pedestal is depicted below.



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Needed for Homebound**


We need Eucharistic Ministers to bring the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners who are unable to attend Mass in person.

You may make your visits at your convenience, however most visit on Saturday or Sunday. You would bring the Eucharist to the homes of about 4 homebound parishioners every 4 to 5 weeks. If you think you would be interested in this ministry, please contact the parish office.

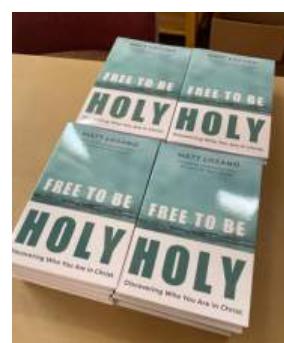
**Cardinal O'Hara High School All-Class
Reunion – Saturday,
July 29, 2023**


The Cardinal O'Hara High School Alumni Association is bringing back the all-class reunion this summer. Come connect with fellow alumni, enjoy summer fare, and

listen to Chico's Vibe! The event will be held at the Oar House Pub in Sea Isle City, NJ from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased in advance at www.cohs.com/alumni or at the door. We hope to see you there! Contact alumni@cohs.com

Aston Bingo. The Friends of Aston Library are

sponsoring an all-cash bingo on Saturday, July 15th at the Community Center. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Games begin at 6:00 pm. Admission is \$25. Special games, food, raffles and supplies are available. Participants must be 18 years of age and older to be admitted.

**Free to Be Holy Presentation at
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church**


If you missed the Fee to Be Holy presentation last week, here's another opportunity locally to attend! On Wednesday, July 12th at 7:00 pm, author and international speaker, Matt Lozano will be presenting, in very real and practical ways, how Jesus made us holy and how we can approach a life of holiness with confident faith and joyful hope.

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