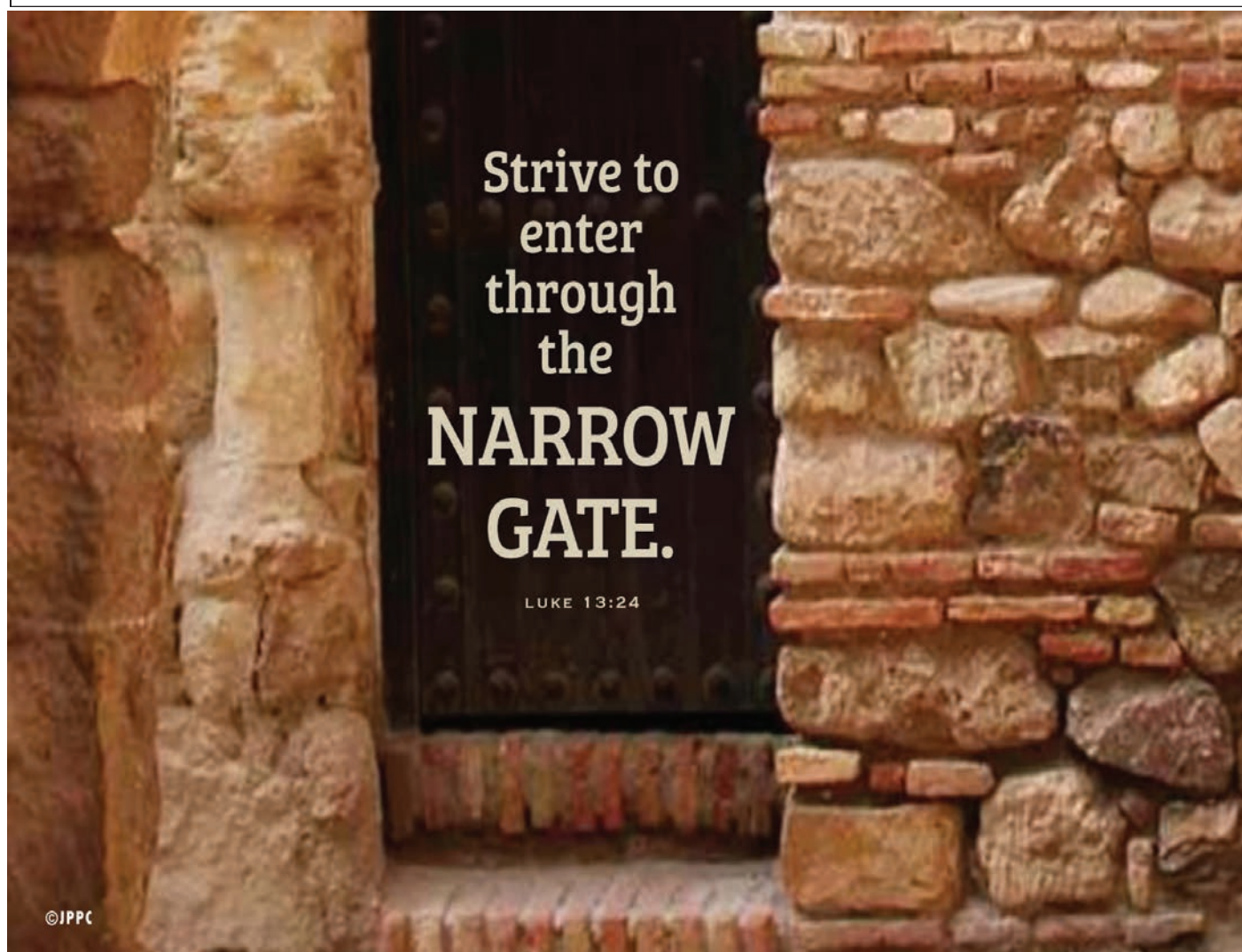


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Sacramental Schedule

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
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*August 22—The Queenship of
the
Blessed Virgin Mary*



*Queen of All Hearts,
Advocate of the most
hopeless cases,
Mother of Divine
Love,
pray for us.*

*As Iron Sharpens Iron; So One
Man Sharpens Another*

Proverbs: 27:17

We are pleased to announce that about 12 of our young adult men (in their 20s and 30s) have voiced an interest in beginning a men's group to meet twice monthly on Wednesdays to encourage and challenge one another to grow deeper in their faith and their vocations as married or single men. Each meeting will last between one hour and seventy-five minutes. The format will include time for prayer, study, discussion, and reflection. Our initial text will be "Foundations for Discipleship" by Curtis Martin and Edward Sri.

Our first meeting will be held in the rectory basement meeting room on **Wednesday, September 14th at 7 p.m.** For more information, please contact Jim Wittmer at James.R.Wittmer@gmail.com



Faith Formation

*Women's Faith Formation
Group Forming*

Some of the younger adult women in the parish have expressed a desire to begin a faith formation group. We are in the initial stages of planning for the group. Please watch the bulletin for further details!

NOTHING
COMPARES
to Being There

"I have greatly desired to eat this Supper with you." cf. Lk 22:15



The 2023 Mass Book is now open. Please call or stop by the parish office to schedule your intentions.

Monday through Thursday
from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY BINGO NIGHT

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Holy Name Society Communion Breakfast

The Holy Name Communion Breakfast will take place on Sunday, October 9th at the Swedesburg Fire House immediately following the 8 am Mass. We are very pleased to announce that our guest speaker this year will be Rev. Msgr. Hilary Franco.

Msgr. Franco has been a priest of the Archdiocese of New York for sixty-seven years and has had a long and distinguished record of service to Our Lord and His Church.

Presently he serves as an Advisor to the

Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations working for the Vatican's Diplomatic Corp.



From 1962 to 1967 Msgr. Franco served as Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's personal assistant in the Office of the Propagation of the Faith. He also lived with Archbishop Sheen and served as his theological expert during the Second Vatican Council.

Msgr. Franco is the author of the book **Bishop Fulton J. Sheen: Mentor and Friend.**

We are delighted to welcome Msgr. Franco to our parish and look forward to him sharing his experiences of Bishop Sheen with the Holy Name Society.

SCAM ALERT!

Please know that Father DiMaria and the Sacred Heart staff will never email or text requests for money, gift cards, or help in any way. If you receive one, please **DO NOT** respond to these requests!



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 20

4:00pm Salvatore & Carmella Pizza & Sue & Stephen Krajnik

Requested by Family

Sunday, August 21

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Patricia Kinckner

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Son, Hilary & Family

Monday, August 22

8:00am Virgilio D'Amore

(Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Wife, Barbara

Tuesday, August 23

8:00am Frank Opielski

Requested by Jeff & Diane Bush

Wednesday, August 24

8:00am Christine Lattanze Ross

Requested by David & Christina Dolga & Family

Thursday, August 25

8:00am Marie Poplawski

Requested by Charles & Randie Baker

Friday, August 26

8:00am Frank Opielski

Requested by Barbara Pupek & Family

Saturday, August 27

8:00am Alberta Hamaday

(Anniversary Remembrance, Aug. 29th)

Requested by Daughter, Karen & Dave Dolga & Family

4:00pm Ben Cornacchio

Requested by Wife, Christel

Sunday, August 28

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am For the Intentions of

Raymond Buchanan

Requested by Michael Kalivas



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, August 27:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Larry Kilian

Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, August 28:

8:00am

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Margie Pruskowski

Lector: Danielle Cantando

Celebrant's Mass Schedule

Saturday evening, August 27:

4:00pm - Father DiMaria

Sunday morning, August 28:

8:00am - Father Shea

10:15am—Father DiMaria

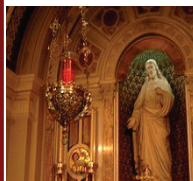


Weekly Report

August 13—14, 2022

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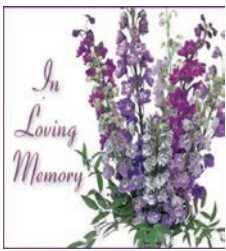
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25th Anniversary Remembrance

At the request of His Family



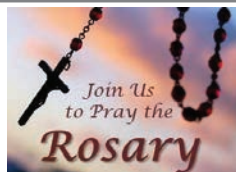
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Sacred Heart Pro Life Holy Hour

*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.*



FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

August 21, 2022

FORMED NOW: THE FEAST OF SAINT MONICA

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss more about this great Saint.



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Try to laugh a lot, because life is
funny, and everybody today is
too serious. The only tradedy in
the world, my friend, is sin.

Mother Angelica



*Please Pray For All Who Protect Our
Country, especially...*

Matthew D. Baxter (Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force), grandson of Peg Palmer; **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 & Nesbur Brandt; **Zachary T. Brandt** (Sergeant U.S. Army), grandson of Eileen & Nesbur 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; **Darius A. Garey** (E3, U.S. Navy), great-grandson of Peg Palmer; **Michael Gutkowski** (Lieutenant, U.S. Navy), grandson of Pat Gutkowski; **Noel Irizarry** (Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps), son of Patricia Epright; **Shane Jones** (Sergeant US Marines), grandson of Fran Toth; **Gregory Kantz** (Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force), grandson of Rose Kantz; **Stephen Kantz** (Commander, U.S. Navy), grandson of Rose Kantz; **Matthew McNulty** (Chief Warrant Officer 3 U.S.M.C.), son of Irene McNulty; **Michael McSweeney** (Commander, U.S. Navy); **Rick McVoy** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy) son of Rich McVoy; **Jonathan D. Palmer** (Sergeant, U.S. National Guard), grandson of Peg Palmer; **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.

In Your Charity, Please Pray For Our Sick



Seneca Williams (Grandniece of Vincent & Christine Benedict); Marion Raup; Joseph Saboe; Margie Martin (Friend of Lee Ann Kinckner); Irene Elliott; Stanley Leszczynski; Ayden Boone (Great Great-Grandson of Armando Delmoro); Butch Rodenbaugh; Nicholas Janicki; Edith Barbone; Catherine Bankowski; Michael Myers and Melissa (Myers) Sillah (Grandchildren of Dora & Armando Delmoro) George Estock; Helen Bednar; Barbara A. Burkert (Daughter of Dora & Armando Delmoro); Cody Taylor (Nephew of Michael & Eileen Bralski); Melonie Mitchell; John Smoczylo; Teddy Swede (Brother of Gloria Swede); Laurie Ronan (Niece of Gloria Swede); David Degulis (Brother-in-law of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith); Edward Keszczyk; Michael Dulaney (Brother-in-law of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith); Kerry Link (Daughter of Irene McNulty); Lorraine Farrell; Gary Gutkowski; Rose Coscia; Francis Coscia.



St. Bede the Venerable Parish and Knights of Columbus
Council 15478 present the 7th Annual

PADRE PIO FESTIVAL

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 17 & 18, 2022

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**The tradition returns, with
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Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, Pennsylvania (Bucks County, Northampton Township), welcomes all to its Seventh Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio," on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17 and 18. The two-day event begins with Saturday's All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), featuring games and amusements for children, food and craft vendors, and live music. The highlight will be a **5:30pm Vigil Mass**, followed by blessings with holy relics of Padre Pio.

The Sunday **12:30pm Solemn Mass** will be celebrated by Fr. Thomas Betz, OFM, Cap., followed by a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food and craft vendors, amusements for children, and live musical entertainment.

Plenty of free parking will be available, and pilgrim buses are welcome. For more information, go online to padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com, or call the St. Bede parish office at 215-357-5720.

Bishop Kenrick Class of 1970

The Class of 1970 turns 70 and we are having a birthday celebration!

Saturday, September 10 at Pope John Paul II High School from 1 - 5 p.m.

Event details can be found at www.bkhs-1970.net or contact Ruth Ann Rasbold at bishopkenrick1970@gmail.com with your email to receive information or call George Pinchock at 610-324-4867. Spread the word to classmates. Hope to see you there!



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Please help to continue to pass on our Catholic faith by supporting this opportunity. Now, more than ever, our children need a solid foundation in their faith. Catholic schools provide a firm moral and academic education that will help them navigate through the confusion they face with regards to Gospel values. Catholic Education is invaluable for future generations; be part of this future with your sponsorship.



AUGUST 21, 2022

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

In my Pennsylvania part of the world, the main transportation company is called "SEPTA." It's an acronym made up of the phrase: "Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority." I found out recently that the letters could also represent the "Special Education Parent Teacher Association." In the state of Arizona exclusively they mean the "Special Education Program for Teachers and Administrators."



But for my purposes, I ask you to stick with the transit company meaning. Thus, the letters appear on trolleys, buses, trains, and auxiliary company vehicles as a logo. The letter "S" forms from a clever map of the area served. All of this to point out how accustomed we are to living with acronyms. The federal government is the top user of such, creating a veritable "alphabet soup" of committees and departments.

When He walked the earth, Our Lord never had to face such cryptic language. However, you could say that He met what we might call today an "FAQ" or "Frequently Asked Question." A presumably Jewish person put it this way: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?"

Strangely, Our Lord did not give a straight numerical reply. He intended by this to cut through the questioner's bias and then to describe the process of "being saved", which is to say "attaining heaven." Apparently trying to enter through the wide gate is a mistake. The easier entrance, the popular one. The one that practically was marked "Chosen People Only." Our Lord wanted His questioner to accept the fact that all people from all the nations are eligible.

Moreover, the tables will be turned on the world's assumptions about who is first and who last. Heaven will reverse earth's rankings, to the surprise of many. Stories with this moral as their essence have been told over the centuries. So maybe we have to adjust our interpretations of acronyms like VIP and AI.

There is one very Catholic acronym given us by no less a person than St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Founder of the Jesuits. It has all the guidepost elements of a universal reaction to life's twists and turns. It is AMDG. The letters are the first of each Latin word in the phrase "*Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*," which in English reads: "To the greater glory of God." I used to write the acronym at the top of all sorts of papers destined for Sister So and So's desk when I was in grade school. The words implied that I was never to offer less than my best to God. Come to think of it, not a bad way to make life worth living.

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