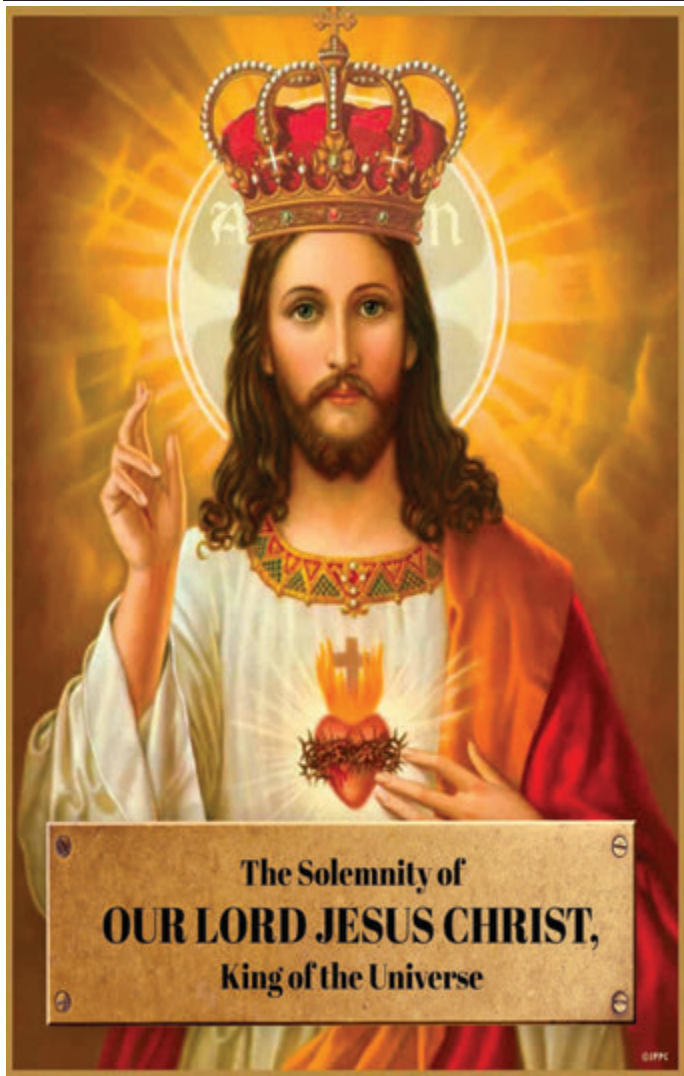


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Sacramental Schedule

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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Thanksgiving Day



Please join us for a Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 24th at 9 a.m. when we will give thanks to God for the gift of our great

nation founded upon the principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Blessing and distribution of loaves of bread from Corropolese's bakery will take place. You may also bring your own bread and place it on the table up front for the blessing. We will also take up a collection of non-perishable food items to be given to a local shelter. You may place your food items in the back of the church under the table behind the last pew.

Thanksgiving Day is a particularly important day to count one's blessings. What better way of doing so than through the worship of God at Mass?

Beginning Advent with Our Lady



On November 27, 1830, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure, a Daughter of Charity, in the Motherhouse of her religious congregation in Paris. On that day she gave St. Catherine and by extension to all of us the gift of the Miraculous Medal.

We are happy to welcome to our parish Fr. Michael Shea, CM from the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Germantown, Philadelphia. Fr. Shea, a Vincentian priest, will preach at all the Masses next weekend to invite us to a special presentation on the Miraculous Medal on Sunday, November 27th at 7 p.m. Fr. Shea will share with us the rich history and spiritual significance of the medal as well as the promises of Our Lady for all who wear the medal with faith. Miraculous Medals will be distributed at that time and the opportunity to be invested in the Miraculous Medal will also occur.



Dedication of electronic sign

The late Patricia Walker left a substantial bequest to our parish with which we were able to make

some repairs and improvements to our facilities. One of the things which we were able to do because of her bequest was to purchase the new electronic sign on the front lawn of the church. Many people, even non-parishioners, have positively commented on the new electronic sign which we see as an instrument to spread the Good News of the Lord and His Church.

The sign was purchased in memory of Patricia and will be dedicated on the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 21, 2022 immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to attend the Mass and dedication on that day.



Prayer for the Eucharistic Revival

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You!
I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. (Three times)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended.

And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I beg of You the conversion of sinners.
Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

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"Heaven and earth are full of thy glory"

**Visit the exhibit by Blessed Carlo Acutis
on Eucharistic Miracles**

Saturday, December 3

Schedule: Mass at 9 am, followed by Exposition
Adoration & devotions throughout the day

Reflection by Fr. Peter DiMaria (from Sacred Heart Parish) and Benediction at 2 pm

Join us for a while--or for the day--at
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For more info, contact r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or 610-256-7125

On Dec. 8, 1991, a priest was celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Marian Shrine of Betania in Venezuela when, during the Consecration, he saw the Host begin to bleed. This miraculous Host is preserved at the convent of the Augustinian Recollect Nuns of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, where it is permanently exposed for adoration of the faithful and visited by numerous pilgrims each year. Many prodigious events have taken place here, most notably the one that occurred when a young American filmed the miraculous Host pulsating like a heart. Scientific examination of the Host has revealed that the Blood matches the type found on the Shroud of Turin. This is just one of the many approved Eucharistic Miracles that have taken place around the world through the centuries. Blessed Carlo Acutis, who died at the age of 15 and whose Cause of Beatification is underway, compiled a photographic exhibit of over a hundred of these miracles. We invite you to view this display on **Saturday, December 3rd at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA.** Our **Eucharistic Day** will begin with a **9:00 a.m. sung Mass.** From **10:00 - 2:00**, there will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church** while the **Eucharistic Miracles display** will be **open to the public in the hall.** The day will conclude with **Benediction at 2:00 p.m.** and homily by **Fr. Peter DiMaria, pastor of Sacred Heart parish.** Drop in for a while or spend the day! For more information: r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or 610-256-7125.

Our Rectory Office will be closed:

*Thanksgiving Day, November 24th
and
Friday, November 25^h*



Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; His love endures forever.
- Psalm 118:1



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 19

4:00pm Ben Cornacchio
(1st Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Wife, Christel

Sunday, November 20

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Anthony Moffa
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by The Moffa & Opielski Families

Monday, November 21

8:00am Steve Lucas & Father Ording
Requested by Dorothy Glinski

Tuesday, November 22

8:00am Nesbur Brandt, Jr.
Requested by Margaret & Ron Halas

Wednesday, November 23

8:00am Walter Gutkowski
(10th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Wife, Pat & Family

Thursday, November 24

9:00am Jeffrey M. McQuaid
(1st Anniversary Remembrance)

Friday, November 25

8:00am Frank Opielski
Requested by Michael & Gail Ondo

Saturday, November 26

8:00am Ernesto DiGenova
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Wife, Placida DiGenova

4:00pm John & Mary Halas
Requested by Son, Ron & Margaret Halas

Sunday, November 27

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Joseph & Antoinette DiMaria



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, November 26:
4:00pm

Lector: Helen Surman

Sunday morning, November 27:
8:00am

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

10:15am

Lector: John Keidel

Celebrant's Mass Schedule

Saturday evening, November 26:
4:00pm - Father M. Shea, CM

Sunday morning, November 27:
8:00am - Father Shea
10:15am—Father DiMaria



Weekly Report

November 12—13, 2022

\$5,903.00

All Saints Day

\$1,965.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, on this day of Thanksgiving,
We ask your blessings on our family,
our friends, our home, our health—and
on the food we are about to eat.

We thank you for this time together and
the many gifts that you have given us.

Help us to remember in this time of
bounty those less fortunate. And may
your love consume us all that we
might share in your glory.

Amen.



This week the bread and wine for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is in memory of



Ben Cornacchio

1st Anniversary Remembrance
at the Request of his wife, Christel



This week the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns in memory of

Jose Arias

5th Anniversary Remembrance
November 22
at the Request of his Mother



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.

Our Caring for Friends Ministry, in partnership with Martha's Marketplace, will be collecting \$25.00 gift certificates from Target and Walmart for distribution to families for Christmas. A family of 4 will receive \$100 in certificates. Please consider helping those less fortunate during the holidays. To make it easy you can do either of the following:



- *Purchase Gift Certificates and drop them in the collection basket
- *Venmo me @Elisa-Pagnotti and I will purchase them

We will be delivering the Gift Certificates to Martha's on December 7.

Thank you as always for your support of this wonderful ministry.



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



Michael Dulaney (Brother-in-law of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith); Barbara Rathgeber (Friend of Kathy Smith); Dolores Burton; Fran & Rob Worrall (Sister & Brother-in-law of Joe Murphy); Rose Coscia; Francis Coscia; Jeff Simmons (Son of John & Fran Simmons); Joan Coscia (Sister-in-law of Francis & Rose Coscia); 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; 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); Edward Keszczyk.



Sacred Heart's Giving Tree

There will be two recipients of this year's Giving Tree : Martha's Choice Market and the Missionaries of Charity.

Located in Norristown and operated by Catholic Charities, Martha's Choice Marketplace is the largest, most visited food pantry in Montgomery County serving more than 1000 families and 3500 individuals each month.

Martha's Choice Market has asked for donations of \$25.00 gift cards to the following three places: Amazon, Target, and Walmart. The gift cards will be collected in a basket in front of the Blessed Mother altar.

The Missionaries of Charity, founded by St. Teresa of Calcutta, operate their soup kitchen and women's homeless shelter out of the former St. Patrick's Convent in Norristown. We will be collecting \$25.00 CVS gift cards to assist the Sisters in their work. These cards may also be placed in the basket in front of the Blessed Mother altar.

We will accept these gift cards until December 18th.

Thank you for helping make Christmas a little merrier for the needy.



Tickets for the Super Seniors Christmas Party

(December 15th at the Swedesburg Firehouse)

will begin to be sold after all the Masses on Saturday, November 19th and will continue to be sold at Masses until December 11th.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Rectory and at the Super Senior Meeting on November 17th.

Please consider joining our Super Seniors. We meet on the third Thursday of each month. (55+)



Luncheon Tickets: Members—\$15.00
Non-members \$20.00

Sister MaryAnne



Catholic School Scholarship Opportunity Grades 1 through College/University

Holy Family Council #3327 the Knights of Columbus, is offering scholarships valued between \$500 & \$3,000 each for the 2023/2024 academic year to worthy students. These students must be members of the Bridgeport area Catholic parishes and plan to attend or re-enroll in Catholic Schools (grades 1-12) or to a Catholic college/university. Please visit the parish office during business hours to get details and application materials. Applications must be dropped off at your parish rectory by January 5, 2023.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY CHRISTMAS DINNER—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

All Holy Name Society Members are welcome to join us on Sunday, December 4 at 6:00 PM at Peppers by Amedeo's Restaurant in King of Prussia.



Reservations are required by Sunday, November 27th. Please contact Bernie Gutkowski at 484-636-8129 to make your reservation!

NOVEMBER 20, 2022 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It was designed to be regal, and so it was. It was meant to honor a much-loved royal person, for indeed she was: Elizabeth II, queen of England and all the realm. The funeral of a woman who from girlhood kept all of her significant vows: to be a devoted wife and mother, and to put service of God and country first. Whatever residual hesitation we may have as Americans of royalty, we had to admire the love of millions of her subjects for their queen that prompted their tears, and the unspoken demand that they line the streets and queue up to visit her coffin. We were in awe of the pomp and ceremony that the British do so well for her funeral rites.



This November day, with the memories of that late summer event of 2022 already fading, the Church asks us to turn our attention today to Our Lord Jesus Christ, "The King of the Universe," the God-Man who had no regal funeral by any measure. The Crowds did line the streets of Jerusalem, mostly to mock Him. Nor did He leave behind a tomb of bones for veneration because His Sacred Body lay dead only until early in the morning of the long predicted "Third Day."

We know Our Lord's earthly origin was not royal, but only if you forget momentarily about the queenly womb in which He was ensconced for 9 months. He was born in a stable, of all places, with all the isolation and the smells of one. He was laid with simple wrappings onto rough straw in a manger where speechless animals came for food. Even His crib was made of rough hewn wood, presaging that of a Roman cross as His deathbed.

In between, there were miraculous moments of incomparable beauty, as when He enabled the blind to see and the lame to walk. He fed thousands of His stranded followers out of unlikely portions of bread and fish. Those topped off by the occasions when He raised the dead to life so that they could breathe the air of their special homeland all over again.

All that was not enough to deflect His enemies from their chosen course. Love can be blind in a romantic context. But they, the Scribes and Pharisees, and also their ignorant and prejudiced followers, showed us the blindness of hate fostered by jealousy. True, Jesus' harshest words were aimed at their hard hearts, well hidden under plush robes. But He could do no less as the very personification of Truth and Justice.

And so He had to die. And die He did, in the cruelest imaginable way, designed by the Roman mind and then executed by its officials and their soldiers. Christ's only guards at His tomb were paid and oblivious soldiers bored to death with their task of preventing fanaticism.

But we know Jesus our King lives! Because of Him, we have the chance to live forever in truly regal splendor. Talk about a reason for gratitude this day, a mere four days out from our national Thanksgiving Day. How masterfully did Handel the musician put praise of Christ to music: "King of kings! Lord of lords! Forever and ever! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!"



God love you and give you His peace.

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