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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

or by request

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SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022 ~ PALM SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY

Dear Friends in Christ,

The priest-celebrant's Mass vestments today are blood-red, because at the beginning of Holy Week we anticipate the week's end. The One who enters Jerusalem today is already a murdered man. So it is blood about which we are already thinking. You may say, so what? There is so much blood shed in the world: in road accidents, murders, natural disasters, and wars. Yes, but this blood is different.

This is redemptive blood. It is royal blood, the blood of the Messiah, to be shed in a self-giving whose effects are so wonderful that this Sacrifice is a triumph, and not a defeat. The red we wear today is also the red of regal triumph.

Today the Lord sought to enter His own city, Jerusalem, the holy city whose vocation it was to be the dwelling place on earth of the truth, goodness, and beauty of Israel's God. It was the city that belonged to Him by right, for He, the God-Man, is the measure of all of these – truth, goodness, beauty – taken together.

But the signs were not good. Scripture speaks of cities that, to their loss, kept their city gates tightly closed. Jerusalem, despite the morning hosannas, later this week will close its doors on our Lord, it will have Him crucified outside the gate.

So often we know this in our own lives. We close the door to our hearts when to have opened them would mean healing for ourselves and others. On Good Friday the Savior will do the opposite of what Jerusalem and Jericho did. He will open His arms as wide as they can go, so that all the world may march in through the opening in His side, into the welcome space of His Sacred Heart.

Holy Week has begun! Let us live this week differently very cognizant that the mysteries of salvation will be renewed before us under sacramental signs. Therefore, I ask you to participate in the Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies. Let us reconcile with God by making a good confession so that with true Easter Joy we may celebrate the Resurrection!

God love you!

Father DiMaria



There are several opportunities for the reception of the Sacrament of Penance this week. Please take note of the confession schedule contained in today's bulletin.

To assist you in celebrating God's mercy today's bulletin also contains an insert to help you prepare for confession.



Volunteers are needed help decorate the Church for Easter. We will assemble in the Church at 7:00 pm on Good Friday to decorate. Many hands make light work!

EASTER KOLACHKY SALE!

This weekend Kolachky will be on sale before and after each liturgy in the entrance of the rectory garages.

Nut, Poppy seed, Lekvar, Apricot and Raspberry rolls

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"Solitude can be very rewarding and full of blessings because in the silence of the inner being, one finds God."

~Archbishop Fulton Sheen



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April 10, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On *Good Friday*, April 15, 2022, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our long-standing tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by Good Friday collections support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land** on **April 15, 2022**. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

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Archbishop of Philadelphia

HOLY SATURDAY * APRIL 16 @ 1:00 PM

SACRED HEART CHURCH

The Blessing of the Easter Food

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the Lenten Fast with blessed food.

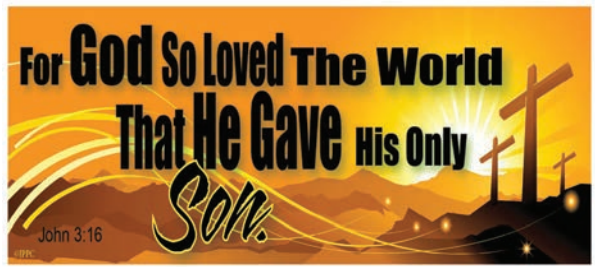
"And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him..."



The Sacred Heart Pro Life Holy Hour

*Join us at 1:00 pm this Wednesday to
gather in prayer to ask for God's help
on issues affecting our nation
and families.*

All are Welcome!



Confessions:

Monday, April 11
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, April 12
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Wednesday, April 13
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Good Friday
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
The Church will remain open until 11:00 pm for visits to the repository.

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 2:00 pm
The Church opens at 8:00 am for visits to the repository.

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday

8:00 am 10:15 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Wednesday. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the conclusion of the 8:00am Mass and will remain exposed until 7:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet for Adoration may be found in the back of Church.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Join us on Wednesday for Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00pm.



Vincent Michael Cavalcante, Jr.

Baptized on Sunday,
April 3, 2022

Congratulations to Vincent's Parents: Valeri & Vincent

May your Child's Baptism be just the start of a life filled with blessings!



Sacred Heart Super Seniors

will begin to meet on Thursday, April 21st from 12:00 to 2:00pm in the Swedesburg Fire House on Jefferson Street. Bring your own lunch. Water, coffee and tea will be provided.

Please call Sister MaryAnne in the Rectory Office at 610-275-1750 to indicate your intention of attending. We need this information for planning purposes. Thank you!



The Holy Name Society thanks you for your support of the Lotto Ticket Sales. Due to Easter, Lotto Tickets will not be sold next weekend.



We are grateful for a donation received in Memory of

Francis "Frank" Opielski

On behalf of:

Gail & Michael Ondo

LENT DINNERS

Swedesburg Fire Co's Social Hall
Friday, April 15 ~ 5:00 to 8:00 PM

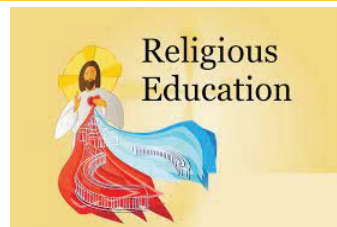


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The Society of the Patricians is back! You are cordially invited to the next session of the Patricians, an informal group of adult Catholics who meet monthly under the direction of Fr. Bill Cantrell to learn more about the Catholic Faith in order to better share it with others. Please join us

on **Wednesday, April 20th from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.** at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA

to discuss answers to the question **Why Go to Confession?.** Refreshments will be served and free literature will be available. There is no commitment -- meetings are monthly -- come when you can and bring a friend! For more information contact Edel at r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or 610-256-7125. The Society of Patricians is sponsored by the Legion of Mary.



Religious Education

Our PREP (religious education program for children) will be held beginning Monday, June 20th and concluding on Friday, June 24th. The program will begin each

day at 9 am and finish at 2:00 pm.

Additionally, a summer camp under the direction of the Sister, Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, will be held from June 27th until July 1st. The program will begin each day at 9:30 and conclude at 2:00 p.m. It is for children grades K through 8 and will be comprised of instruction, crafts, and games.



Registration forms are now available at the back of church or visit our parish website at:

unitedinthesacredheart.com



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 9

4:00pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 10

**8:00am For The Living & Deceased Members
of the Holy Name Society**

Requested Sacred Heart Holy Name Society

10:15am Mary Beth Coscia

(7th Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Mom & Dad

Monday, April 11

8:00am John Gliniski

Requested by Wife, Dorothy

Tuesday, April 12

8:00am Special Intentions for Joanne D'Alessandro

Requested by Sacred Heart Holy Name Society

Wednesday, April 13

8:00am Michael Meo

(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Lenore Batchelder & Family

Thursday, April 14

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 15

2:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 16

7:00pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 17

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am For the People of Our Parish



Mass of the
Resurrection
of the
Lord

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Holy Thursday, April 14

7:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Andy Moletzsky

Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

Good Friday, April 15

2:00pm

Lectors: John Keidel & Lisa Pagnotti

Saturday evening, April 16:

7:00pm

Lectors: Eileen Bralski & Michelle Efthimiadou

Sunday morning, April 17:

8:00am

Lector: Rich McVoy

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Brenda Turner

Lector: David Turner

Celebrant's Mass Schedule

Saturday evening, April 16:

7:00pm - Father DiMaria

Sunday morning, April 17:

8:00am - Father Shea

10:15am—Father DiMaria



Weekly Report

April 2—3, 2022

\$6,609.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish !



*This week the bread and
wine for the celebration
of the Holy Sacrifice of
the Mass as well as the
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Mary Beth Coscia

7th Anniversary Remembrance

*at the Request of her Mom & Dad and
Sal & Casey*



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**CARING FOR FRIENDS
GATHER:**

- **When:** Wednesday, April 13
- **Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Where:** Parish Hall (parking around the back)

ITEMS NEEDED

- **HOME MADE SOUPS**
- **FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS***
- **SHAMPOO***
- **SHOWER GEL***

***In lieu of Canned Soups please**

We hope you will consider joining this wonderful ministry. Come and meet new friends and help our neighbors in need and have fun doing it!

If you can not make the gathering, have Amazon deliver to: Elisa Pagnotti
335 Kings Ridge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406
Cell: 610-639-7704

Monetary donations can be put in the collection basket in an envelope marked CFF. Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart and CFF in the memo line.

Hope to see you on April 13th!



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



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; Terry Stephenson (Brother-in-law of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith); Michael Dulaney (Brother-in-law of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith); Kerry Link (Daughter of Irene McNulty); Ayden Boone (Great Great-Grandson of Armando Delmoro); Mary Stephenson (Niece of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith); Lorraine Farrell; Gary Gutkowski; Mary Ann Krajnik; Rose Coscia; Francis Coscia; Gregory Zugay; Margaret Halas; Ronald Halas; Michael Martin (Friend of Ronald & Margaret Halas); Edith Barbone; Catherine Bankowski; Michael Myers and Melissa (Myers) Sillah (Grandchildren of Dora & Armando Delmoro); Anne Jakielaszek; Dolores Pasquarello; Joseph Saboe; Butch Rodenbaugh; Denise Kavanagh; Nick “Chief” Rotondo; Evelyn Horning.

A great afternoon of fun and games was enjoyed on April 3rd! Sunday Funday was indeed FUN!! Headbanz, Left-Right -Center, Uno, Corn Hole & Ring Toss were most entertaining! The pizza was great from Angelo’s Pizza, Sweetbriar Shopping Center. Thanks to all who took part in the day!

Another Funday will definitely be “in the cards.”



April 10, 2022 - Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Statues and paintings have done their part. So too for the movies, which have given us Hollywood's various versions of the Passion of Christ. That list includes Mel Gibson's version several years ago. For the sake of transparency, I must admit that when it came to the scene of the scourging of the Lord in that film, I broke down in tears, averted my eyes from the screen for some moments. I also found myself making a spontaneous Act of Contrition. Yes, I was grateful for the darkened theater and the absence of a crowd for the matinee showing. I had time to compose myself before the house lights came on.

As I reflected on that powerful experience, I know it sprang from my belief in the fact that my sins ultimately caused that brutal horror. Ever since, I know that I cannot hide, nor can any of us hide behind a glib recitation of the second Sorrowful Mystery. The realistic sights and sounds of it offered by that movie, depicting the devastation wrought upon the Savior's sacred Body, endured for our sake, is enough to thaw the coldest of hearts.

Of course, we believers know that besides redeeming us from our sins, Jesus underwent this cruelty out of His loving obedience to His Father coupled with His unfathomable love for all of us.

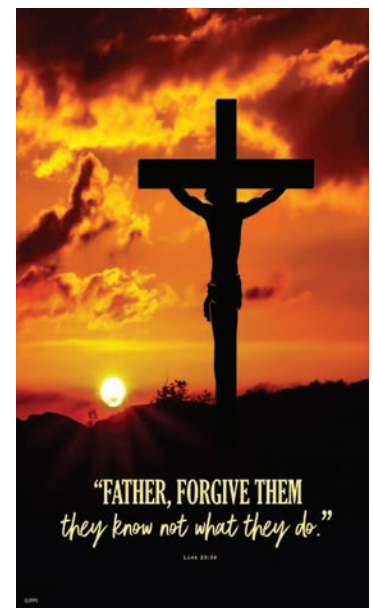
I'm not particularly fond of that word "wretch" that appears in the hymn "Amazing Grace." It seems to me despairing. But I have to admit that when the focus is on the Lord's Passion, that's exactly what we all are: wretches. But praise God we don't remain such in His eyes. We have the everlasting comfort of knowing that the story doesn't end with Good Friday.

Such thoughts easily come to my mind on reading or hearing St. Luke's version of the Jesus story, from Christmas to Calvary and beyond. Luke's boyhood studies, combined with his medical training and his eye for detail as he recounts what he was told, together cause me to rank his gospel as my favorite. His gospel has been labeled the "Gospel of Mercy." Who among us doesn't need that?

Here is a telling opinion about Luke's gospel from author Elizabeth Scalia, the Editor-at-Large for Word on Fire Catholic Ministries:

The great strength of Luke's Gospel, as with Acts, is how accessibly, rationally, and convincingly he presents a narrative that must necessarily challenge, even defy, reason. In comparison with the other Gospel writers, Luke is the one who gives us a distinct, richly detailed account of the ongoing interplay between God and humanity, heaven and earth—one that we can and do believe because for this Gospel in particular, belief is grounded in plausible and subtle human reactions and responses."

God love you and have a beneficial Holy Week.



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