

Lent



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sacred Heart Parish

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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 3, 2022 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Veiling of Images

The last two weeks in the season of Lent are called Passiontide which begins today on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. At this time the Church shifts her focus from Christ in the desert (the Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent) to Christ during His Passion.



During this period of Passiontide, you will notice that the crucifix and other statues and images around the church have been veiled with purple cloths.

In the *Roman Missal* we find the instruction, “**In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.**”

Why do we veil images?

The practice of veiling images alerts us that something is different, it can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veils are hard to miss and they serve as a reminder to get ready!

The veiled images build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. The veils seem out of place, and even counterintuitive. It can seem strange that the crucifix is covered up during Passiontide. Through this absence of images, our senses are heightened, and we become more aware of what is missing. Similarly, the suppression of the Alleluia during Lent effectively demonstrates that we are in exile from our true Home, where the angels sing Alleluia without ceasing.

When images are unveiled before the Easter Vigil, we are reminded that we, in a sense, live in a veiled world. It is through our own death that we are able to see our true home, and the veil is lifted. Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection.

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” John 11:25-26



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each Wednesday of Lent.

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.



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!

Pray for Peace in Ukraine



EASTER LILIES

Our flower supplier recently informed us that there will be no Easter Lilies available this year. Apparently this is the result of the “supply and demand” crisis that is affecting the availability of many other goods. The lilies come from Canada and given the present circumstances in that country, they will not be shipping this particular flower to the States. We will try to make the church as festive and beautiful as possible with the other flowers available to us.

★★
 ★ **Caring for Friends Ministry** ★
 ★ Elisa Pagnotti will be speaking at each ★
 ★ Mass this weekend regarding our Caring ★
 ★ for Friends Ministry. CFF, our parish’s ★
 ★ outreach program, will be celebrating their ★
 ★ 6th year of ministering to our neighbors in ★
 ★ need. Caring for Friends meets on the ★
 ★ second Wednesday of the month in our ★
 ★ parish hall. Check the bulletin for further ★
 ★ information!
 ★★★



Companions in Prayer and Ministry will meet this Sunday, April 3rd after the 10:15 am Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room. All are welcome in this endeavor to discuss the IHM charism and the virtues of our IHM Community. Please consider joining and bringing a friend.

EASTER DECORATING

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!



Confessions:

Saturday, April 9	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
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

The Blessing of the Easter Food
 Join in the tradition of breaking 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...”



HOLY SATURDAY * APRIL 16 @ 1:00 PM
SACRED HEART CHURCH

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

**ETERNAL REST,
GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!**

*In your kindness,
please pray for the happy repose of the soul of*

Armando N. Delmoro

Who was called from this life on March 22, 2022

*"May His soul and all the souls of the
faithful departed Rest in peace."*

EASTER KOLACHKY SALE!

Kolachky will be on sale Palm Sunday weekend, April 9 & 10, before and after each liturgy in the entrance of the rectory garages.



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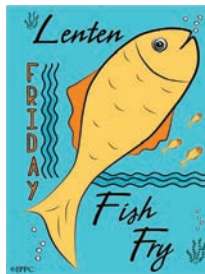
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Sacred Heart Super Seniors



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!

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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.





MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 2

4:00pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 3

8:00am For The Intentions of the Members of the Marian Society

Requested Sacred Heart Marian Society

10:15am Phillip J. Giovinco, Sr.

(Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Wife, Rosemary & The Giovinco Family

Monday, April 4

8:00am MaryAnne Davidson

Requested by Denise Cook

Tuesday, April 5

8:00am Special Intentions for the IHM Sisters of Sacred Heart

Requested by Sacred Heart Holy Name Society

Wednesday, April 6

8:00am William Liszka

Requested by Edward & Maria Zugay

Thursday, April 7

8:00am Special Intentions for Valerie DiFilippo

Requested by Sacred Heart Holy Name Society

Friday, April 8

8:00am Marie Buler

Requested by Peter & Linda Korpel

Saturday, April 9

8:00am Walter Muc

Requested by Peter & Linda Korpel

4:00pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 10

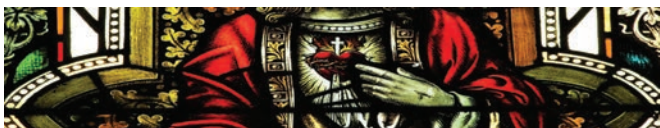
8:00am For The Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

Requested Sacred Heart Holy Name Society

10:15am Mary Beth Coscia

(7th Anniversary Remembrance)

Requested by Mom & Dad



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



LECTOR SERVER EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS SACRISTAN CANTOR USHER

Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, April 9:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Pat Moletzsky

Lectors: Michelle Efthimiadou & Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, April 10:

8:00am

Lectors: Eileen Bralski & Rich McVoy

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Margie Pruskowski

Lectors: Danielle Cantando & David Turner

Celebrant's Mass Schedule

Saturday evening, April 9:

4:00pm - Father DiMaria

Sunday morning, April 10:

8:00am - Father Shea

10:15am—Father DiMaria



Weekly Report

March 26—27, 2022

\$5,056.00

Assistance to Ukraine

\$4,353.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish and to the People of Ukraine!



This week the bread and wine for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as well as the

*Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns in loving memory of **James Dolga, Jr.***

2nd Anniversary Remembrance

at the Request of his Wife, Therese and Children, Scott, Ryan & Casey.



Caring for Friends Ministry will gather on **Wednesday, April 13**. Doors open at 6:00 pm in the parish hall and we need your help! Our neighbors continue to be in need so our efforts must continue to help them.

WE NEED YOUR HOMEMADE SOUP!!

Also, Donations needed for Martha's Marketplace

- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Shower Gel
- ◆ Feminine Hygiene Products
- ◆ Diapers Size 5—7



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.

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In Your Charity, Please Pray For Our Sick



Teddy Swede (Brother of Gloria Swede); Laurie Ronan (Niece of Gloria Swede); David Degulis (Brother-in-law of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith); Edward Keszczczyk; 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.



April 3, 2022 - Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Evil enjoys entrapment. That is evident from any search we do in Scripture, going all the way back to the time that low down snake spoiled Eden right up to today's well-known scene involving Jesus, His perennial tormentors, the scribes and the Pharisees, show up dragging a frightened unnamed adulteress behind them. His enemies believe that they have caught Jesus in a trap. It would catch Him between the law of Moses and His own preaching about Divine mercy.

Of course, the other side has no idea that they are confronting a divine mind in Jesus, and their inevitable loss in any argument. If only they had been innocent inquirers, they could have been among the first Christians. But they were far from innocent, with scowls on their faces and the smug attitude of know-it-all anywhere and everywhere.

There has been speculation I've read over the years about what Jesus was writing on the ground. Some say he wrote the Aramaic word for "hypocrisy." Others say he spelled out the names of other sins His enemies committed. Still others hold that He just doodled on the ground to let His pesky questioners know that He sees right through their phony perplexity.

As for the trembling woman before Him, she could not have been more relieved to hear Jesus say, "Neither do I condemn you." It's the same feeling we get every time the priest prays the absolution prayer over us at the end of our good confession.

Do you ever experience the pain of entrapment by a sinful habit? Do you think "No Way Out?" You can take comfort from the fact that it's a common feeling. Meanwhile, the devil enjoys the little victory we give him by our feeling of unworthiness. He really triumphs when we give up on God.

You know, that promise of freedom Isaiah made to the exiled Jews recounted in today's First Reading could well be applied to us in our individual situations. And this too for a whole human world unwittingly trapped by a misunderstanding of true freedom. If we could ask that healed woman who met Jesus that long ago day, she could tell us what it's like.

Friends, today we have entered a time of year that we might call "the vestibule" of Holy Week. Coming up is the perfect time to make a good confession. End your entrapment. Get ready for the relief it will bring.

Here's a thought from Bessie Ten Boom, a condemned Jewish woman who died in the Ravensbruck concentration camp during World War 2. She steadfastly refused to hate the guards who eventually beat her to death. Her dying words were: "We must tell the people what we have learned here. That there is no pit so deep that God is not deeper still." To me, that's the opinion of a truly free person. What do you think?

God love you and give you His peace.



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