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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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SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022 ~ THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



***Our House Ministries
Thank You***

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$270.00 from the May Poor Box collection!

Your kindness will keep the vision of Our House Ministries alive and will assist in the continuation of *all* our programs that help our suffering and needy community as well as other communities, and most especially our recovery work of restoring the lives of our addicted brothers and sisters through our spiritual recovery program.

We shall continue to keep you and your loved ones in our daily Masses and prayers.

Thank you, again, for sharing in our work in this special way.

Sincerely your brother, in Christ

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Chaplain

“How can anyone be lonely, with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament?”

Matt Talbot, O.F.S.



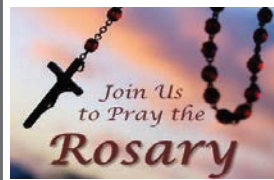
Mary, Mother of God hear our prayers
PRAYER IS POWERFUL



***The 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.*

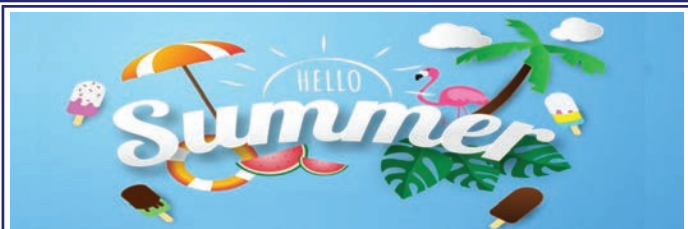
All Are Welcome!



***Come to the 8:00 AM Mass
on Saturday, July 2***

& Pray the Rosary after to make reparations for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Marian Society will lead the Rosary *following the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, July 3*



Happy Summertime!

Mark your calendars to join Sacred Heart's Caring for Friends ministry on Wednesday, July 13. Doors open at 6:00PM. Come out for an hour of fellowship with a great group of people while helping our neighbors in need!

Homemade soups are needed for distribution at Martha's Choice Marketplace located at St. Paul's parish in Norristown. Just make your favorite homemade soup and bring the pot to the gathering. Soup containers will be provided. After you scoop your soup you can jump in the snack bag line as we assemble 350+ snack bags.

The following donations are needed:

- ◇ Feminine hygiene products
- ◇ Diapers
- ◇ Shampoo, deodorant, body wash

Monetary donations are appreciated as well. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart and mark CFF in the memo and just drop it in the collection basket.

You can also have any items shipped to my address: Elisa Pagnotti
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King of Prussia, PA 19406



For those who have been following the Supreme Court developments regarding the Dobbs vs. Jackson's Women Health case, you may be aware of the growing unrest and threatening rhetoric of the pro-abortion crowd. Below please find a timely essay written by our parishioners, Kevin and Teresa Burke, who have dedicated many years of service to the pro-life cause. We thank them for their kind permission to reprint their essay. May the prayers and labor of so many dedicated pro-life people lead to the overturning of Roe vs Wade which surely is one of the most destructive and evil pieces of legislation ever to be enacted in our beloved nation.

Which “Handmaids Tale” Should We Believe? A Naked Female Protestor Disrupting a Catholic Mass, Before an Icon of the Blessed Mother, Reveals Two Opposing Visions of Womanhood

By Kevin Burke, LSW & Theresa Burke, Ph.D.

On June 12th three pro-abortion protestors [disrupted](#) a Catholic Mass at St. Veronica’s Parish, in the Archdiocese of Detroit, shouting “Overturn Roe? Hell, no,” and interrupting the priest’s homily with cries of “Abortion without apology!”

The pro-abortion protestors no doubt see the Catholic Church as a real-life manifestation of the cultic theocracy of the Margaret Atwood novel, and popular Netflix series *Handmaid’s Tale*.

Handmaid’s tale presents a dystopian future where the U.S. becomes a Christian theocracy called the Republic of Gilead. Women are kept oppressed and illiterate under the domination of a cultic patriarchy. Their colored robes indicate fertility status. The scarlet-robed *handmaids* are fertile, and set aside solely for reproduction. The narrator of the story, Offred, shares a description of their fate:

"We are for breeding purposes...There is to be nothing entertaining about us, no room is to be permitted for the flowering of secret lusts...there are to be no footholds for love. We are two-legged wombs, that’s all: sacred vessels, ambulatory chalices." (Handmaids Tale, P. 136)

The idea that this fantasy serves as some type of prophetic warning of what life will be like for women after the fall of Roe V Wade is absurd given the rapid decline in in the U.S. of orthodox Christian faith and morality. Still, the story provides a powerful narrative, a distorted lens through which abortion activists view conservative Christianity, and those who oppose the legalization of abortion.

During the June 12th protest at St. Veronica Parish, one of the activist stripped naked and stood on top of the pew for maximum theatrical effect. The [photo](#) of her performance communicates something far more revealing than her naked body.

Note that that as the protestor was perched atop the pew, she was facing an icon of the Blessed Mother and the Child Jesus, and a statue of Mary as Queen of Heaven.

This scene reveals two contrasting images of women, and two different archetypal representations of Eve, *mother of all the living* from the book of Genesis.

This misguided woman, seduced and corrupted by the spirit of this age, stands as an icon of Eve after the fall, before the redemption of Christ. Perhaps this woman and her fellow protestors have personally experienced, or witnessed, abuse and exploitation at the hands of sinful men. Sadly, like Eve, they may be tempted to no longer trust in God’s Providence over human life, and have eaten from the tree of *choice* and *reproductive rights*.

In striking contrast, we behold the icon of Mary and her Son. Mary is the *New Eve*, not in rebellion to God’s Word, but a servant to the will of God for her life. When Mary was visited by an angelic messenger with an announcement of her unique vocation in salvation history, she replied,

“Behold the *handmaid of the Lord*, be it done unto me according to your word.” (Luke, 1:38)

Mary as *handmaid* is not a slave of the cultic theocracy featured in [Handmaid’s Tale](#). She is the humble servant of a God who embraces an unimaginable level of humility. The Eternal Word of God, as St. Paul says in Philippians, *emptied himself*, taking the form of a servant, a vulnerable child in the womb of the *New Eve*.

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The *tree of life*, is now the wood of the cross, the torture and shame that Mary’s Son embraced as the perfect sacrifice to redeem the human family from the sin of our first parents.

This is not the fervent progressive fantasies of a Handmaid’s Tale. This is the heart of the Christian faith; a message of true liberation and freedom from the bondage of Satan’s lies.

Pray for those Who Persecute You

We must remember how much the Blessed Mother loves her children, especially those, like the activists at St. Veronica, who are most in need of the healing and forgiveness of her son Jesus. The corruption of their innocence, and darkening of their minds and hearts, intimately [wounds her Immaculate Heart](#).

While we may be tempted to lash out in anger at attempts to disrupt the sacred liturgy, perhaps we can use these opportunities to pray and intercede for the protestors, for the children at risk for abortion, and all who have been [wounded](#) by their participation in abortion.

As protestors are taking place, and as protestors are charitably and safely removed from the Church, the congregation could pray the Our Father/Hail Mary/Glory Be in reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for the conversion of those seduced by abortion ideology.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.



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

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

Monica E. Aquilante

Who was called from this life on June 17, 2022

“May Her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed Rest in peace.”

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



Elizabeth Malpezzi

at the Request of Betty Barto

This week the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns



*In Memory of
Anna Thackray*

*at the Request of
Betty Barto*

**Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
June 29, 2022**



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PICK OF THE WEEK

June 26, 2022

WATCH

THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

We are celebrating a feast day, consecrated for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labours, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching. This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, each of whom spread the Gospel to the nations in the earliest days of the Church. In honor of Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, enjoy this film the Bible Collection!



LEARN

LECTIO: PETER: EPISODE 1: PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP



The character of St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the “rock” upon which Jesus would build his Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, and personal insights, Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter in this Lectio series.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 25

4:00pm Mariesa Hinchey
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Karen

Sunday, June 26

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Ed Gunsalus

Requested by His Family

Monday, June 27

8:00am Louis R. DiMaria

Tuesday, June 28

8:00am Philomena Kurcik

Requested by Her Family

Wednesday, June 29

8:00am Annunziata DiNenna

Requested by Nicole & Doug Bellah

Thursday, June 30

8:00am Richard Wallauer

Friday, July 1

8:00am Maryann Zadroga
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Son & Family

Saturday, July 2

8:00am Eleanor Bores
*Requested by Son, Robert & Daughter-in-law,
Barbara Bores*

4:00pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday, July 3

**8:00am For the Intentions of the Members of
the Marian Society**
Requested by Sacred Heart Marian Society

10:15am Peter D. Ganime



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, July 2:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Margie Pruskowski

Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, July 3:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Larry Kilian

Lector: John Keidel

10:15am

Lector: Danielle Cantando

Celebrant's Mass Schedule

Saturday evening, July 2:

4:00pm - Father DiMaria

Sunday morning, July 3:

8:00am - Father DiMaria

10:15am—Father Shea



Weekly Report

June 18—19, 2022

\$5,856.00

Peter's Pence

\$882.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!





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.



Summer Time Support

Now that summer is here many of our parishioners will be away for vacation or take advantage each weekend of their summer homes down the shore or up at the mountains. We pray that you have a relaxing and rewarding summer. Please remember that we can never take a vacation from God, however, so please continue to pray, worship, and receive the sacraments wherever you chose to vacation.

We also ask that you continue to generously support our parish in your absence. Our operational expenses are many and we continue to be dependent upon your generosity.

You may always mail your contributions to the rectory or place them in the mail slot at the rectory front door. You may also wish to consider electronic giving which is easy to use and has proven to be a reliable source of income for many parishes throughout the country. For more information about our electronic giving program please see the parish website.

May God reward your goodness to the parish!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

PLEASE CONSIDER ENROLLING IN ONLINE GIVING.

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Click on "ELECTRONIC GIVING"

In Your Charity, Please Pray For Our Sick



John Puzio, Jr.; Helene Dulaney (Sister of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith); 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; Nicholas Yacovelli; Kyle Kolva (Friend of Kathy Smith); 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; We are happy to keep your loved ones on our Parish prayer list for four weeks. If they would benefit from remaining on our prayer list after this period of time, please call the rectory.

June 26, 2022 - THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

They are called “Arapsodokians,” figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected, and frequently humorous. (Winston Churchill loved them.) Some examples: *“If I agreed with you, we’d both be wrong.” “Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.” “You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.”* You get the idea of what the big word denotes.

There are two more in a list a friend sent me that I find apropos of today’s selection of Scripture readings. The first is *“Where there’s a will, there are relatives.”* Second is *“Where there’s a will, I want to be in it.”* The attraction of course in the last two is the tantalizing possibility of new-found money coming without a bill attached. In stark contrast, we hear Jesus declare today that to be an authentic disciple of His, one must be free of all such attachments, be they persons, places or things.

There is no denying that the attraction to worldly goods remains tempting. Many who start out strongly for Jesus often weaken and fall by the wayside. Consider Judas Iscariot. A sad disillusioned man who loved money more than his Master.

The lure of the “world” is strong and we are only human. Yet Jesus insists we have the power to opt out of the struggle for wealth, power or fame, the triad of temptations. It takes true devotion, authentic love and dogged determination.

In reality, that’s the stuff of saints. Search Church history, in any era, right up to our own, and you will find our “holy Hall of Fame” peopled by men and women born to wealth who happily gave it all up for the sake of a unique call to follow Jesus.

An example from our own country is St. Katharine Drexel, whose shrine is at the Cathedral Basilica of Philadelphia. She is the millionairess who gave her money away to found multiple missions among the Afro-Americans and Native Americans, including a university. She experienced a peace within herself beyond compare, even though she too had to struggle with her dark side. Now if sainthood is our ultimate goal in life, we can learn so much from practitioners in other times and places, from a Francis of Assisi, Ignatius of Loyola, Thomas More, Elizabeth of Hungary, Zelig Martin, the mother of St. Therese “the Little Flower”, Elizabeth Ann Seton and Dorothy Day.

In our time, we face a powerful enemy of detachment operating out of our cell phones. They spew out a hundred or more messages a day touting wealth and an accumulation of things as the only real way to happiness. And it’s not just the young who are targeted. This calls for a new form of strength and courage to combat the pressure.

You may have seen the famous painting of Jesus knocking on someone’s front door. Sharp eyes pick up on the fact that there is no knob on the door. No keyhole either. And when the artist was confronted about his supposed mistake, he widely answered that when Jesus knocks at our door, it can only be opened from the inside.

There’s another arapsodokian that fits in here: *“Going to church doesn’t make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.”*

God love you and give you His peace.

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