A painting of the Virgin Mary holding the infant Jesus, surrounded by white flowers. The scene is set against a dark background, with the figures illuminated by a soft, golden light. The Virgin Mary is depicted with a serene expression, her eyes closed in a state of peaceful contemplation. She wears a blue robe and a white shawl. The infant Jesus is nestled in her arms, wrapped in white swaddling clothes. The composition is framed by clusters of white flowers, possibly lilies or tulips, which add a sense of purity and grace to the scene.

*Thank her for
the depth
of her Love. . . .*

*Happy
Mother's Day*

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Happy Mothers' Day!

As Catholic people we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter but as a nation we celebrate Mother's Day. In our Mass today, we give thanks to God for all the women in our lives who have given us life and have nurtured us in so many ways.

May the following poem be a reminder for all of us of what it means to love:

Love in the Home

If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in its place,

but have not love, I am a housekeeper—not a homemaker.

If I have time for waxing, polishing and decorative achievements,

but have not love, my children learn cleanliness—not godliness.

Love leaves the dust in search of a child's laugh.

Love smiles at the tiny fingerprints on a newly cleaned window.

Love wipes away the tears before it wipes up the spilled milk.

Love picks up the child before it picks up the toys.

Love is present through trials.

Love reprimands, reproves, and is responsive.

Love crawls with the baby, walks with the toddler, runs with the child; then stands aside to let the youth walk into adulthood.

Love is the key that opens salvation's message to a child's heart.

Before I became a mother I took glory in my house of perfection.

Now I glory in God's perfection of my child.

As a mother, there is much I must teach my child.

But the greatest of all is love.

Author Unknown



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Here in the United States there is a great need for revitalization through evangelization. The Church at home needs to be strengthened by sharing the message of Christ in all of its beauty. Soon, as an Archdiocese, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA). This annual collection supports the neediest dioceses in the United States. Funds generated by this initiative make the basic faith formation programs possible in dioceses where Church communities are impoverished and struggling to share the message of the Gospel.

The Melkite Eparchy of Newton, with about 35,000 members, covers the entire United States. Melkite Catholics are members of one of the Eastern Catholic Churches, with their own cultural and liturgical traditions in full communion with the Holy Father and Catholics from the Latin Rite. The nationwide reach of the eparchy means that its parishes and administrative offices are found in locations all around the country. Communications through the internet and the diocesan quarterly magazine are crucial ministries that keep members in touch with each other and their bishop despite the challenge of geographic distance.

With generous support from Catholic Home Missions, Sophia Press distributes its quarterly magazine to 12,000 members. It publishes liturgical books that the faithful need to participate fully in the liturgy. The eparchy's Office of Communication also maintains the eparchy's website and conducts the Annual Bishop's Appeal. When you contribute to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, you provide a lifeline that allows members of mission dioceses to remain in contact with each other, even if they live across the country.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please be generous to this appeal through the collection offertory envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. #GiveCatholicTogether (<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-catholic-home-missions>) also accepts funds for the collection. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Jesus Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

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Archbishop of Philadelphia

Join us for a PARISH FEAST DAY DINNER

Friday, June 24th

5:00 PM Church Service

5:30 PM Dinner

*Dinner to be held at the Swedesburg
Fire House*



Dinner includes:

Hors D'Oeuvres

Caesar Salad

Ravioli & Penne

Chicken in White Wine & Hand Carved top round

Grilled Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes

Fresh Rolls & Butter

Soda, Coffee, assorted Italian pastries and cakes

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Bring your homemade soups to scoop! Doors open at 6:00PM.

Wednesday, May 11th – Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Come out for and join this wonderful ministry to help our less fortunate neighbors.

Snack baggers needed as well. Bring the kiddos and make it a family outing!

Donations needed:

- ◇ Feminine Hygiene Products
- ◇ Shaving cream/razors
- ◇ Ensure

Monetary donations can be dropped in collection basket marked CFF.

Checks made payable to Sacred Heart.



Sunday Eucharistic Adoration

Please note that Eucharistic Adoration which immediately follows the 8 am Sunday Mass will be discontinued for the summer months and resume in the Fall. Today will be the last time for Sunday adoration.



St. Mary's
Franciscan Shelter
For Homeless Families

April Poor Box Collection

Our poor box collection for the month of April was \$363.00.

This amount is being sent to

St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter for Homeless Families in Phoenixville, PA which was founded in 1987. The Shelter describes its mission and reason for serving in the following way:

Guided by the Gospel and the spirits of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi, we provide temporary shelter for homeless families. We create a community environment which fosters the dignity of each person, and we perpetually seek innovative ways to help families move toward independence.

In America this year, nearly 2.5 million children and their parents will experience homelessness. At St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter, we serve these families in our community who are experiencing homelessness, and we support them along their journey to find **stability, independence, and a place to call home**. We believe that families should stay together, and we work to ensure that during the most difficult times in their lives they can do just that. With the help of our generous volunteers, we serve over 25% of the approximate 100 homeless families in Chester County each year.

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2022 BLUE MASS

Sunday, May 15 - Mass begins at 10:15 am

A Blue Mass is a Mass celebrated annually throughout the United States in the Catholic Church for those employed in the "public safety field" (i.e. police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators and EMS personnel).

09:45 Wreath laying ceremony to honor Public Safety Workers we have lost.

AOH Hall, 342 Jefferson Street, Bridgeport, PA

Directly following the ceremony, we will walk 2 blocks down the street to the church led by Irish Thunder Pipes & Drums.

10:15 Blue Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 120 Jefferson Street, PA

Directly after mass, Public Safety Employees and families are invited back to the AOH Hall for food and beverages. All courtesy of AOH Notre Dame Div. 1, Montgomery County. **Please RSVP, if attending at (610) 420-6970.**



*In our motto: Friendship, Unity and
Christian Charity*



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 7

4:00pm Living & Deceased Mothers of Our Parish

Sunday, May 8

8:00am Living & Deceased Mothers of Our Parish

10:15am Living & Deceased Mothers of Our Parish

Monday, May 9

8:00am Frank Janoski, Jr.

Requested by Regina Janoski & Family

Tuesday, May 10

8:00am Health Blessings for Robert Glace

Requested by Friends, Ed Johnson & Stephen Gober

Wednesday, May 11

8:00am Health Blessings for Lauren Hottinger & Fran Menna

Requested by Susan Cash

Thursday, May 12

8:00am Gertrude Bolibruch

Requested by MaryCatherine Murphy

Friday, May 13

8:00am Deceased Members of the Kuroczko Family

Requested by Spike & Joan DeStefano

Saturday, May 14

8:00am Leslie Zadroga

Requested by Joseph & Kay Sugalski

4:00pm Gerald "Jerry" Kelly, Sr.

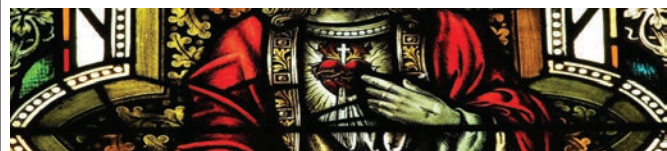
Requested by Stephanie Sylvester

Sunday, May 15

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Esther & Robert Cantando

Requested by The Family



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, May 14:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Karen Hinchey

Lector: Helen Surman

Sunday morning, May 15:

8:00am

Lector: Lisa Pagnotti

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Andy Moletzsky

Lector: Mike Gould

Celebrant's Mass Schedule

Saturday evening, May 14:

4:00pm - Father DiMaria

Sunday morning, May 15:

8:00am - Father Shea

10:15am—Father DiMaria



Weekly Report

April 30—May 1, 2022

\$6,322.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish !



PRAY FOR
PEACE

The Sacred Heart Pro Life Holy Hour

Please 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!





All Proceeds go to:



Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022

Registration: 11:30 am

Game time: 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Location: Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall

633 East 4th Street

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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



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

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; 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); 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.

May 8, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Easter



Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

There was one scene broadcast worldwide at the height of the war in Ukraine that will forever be etched in my memory. It was a small but significant march of Ukrainian men heading back from safe homes in neighboring countries to their homeland to take up the fight along with their fellows. How to explain it other than courageous patriotism mixed with love. The combination acted as a certain magnetic energy drawing them from comfort to confidence in their cause.

Although it is certainly quite different in context and meaning, I daresay there is in the Easter event a certain magnetism that draws us as believers into the lifelong battle with spiritual evil, personified in the devil. We too have a cause, namely to make Jesus and His teachings known and loved throughout the world. Easter clarifies His identity once and for all.

The battlefield for the struggle is not on foreign soil by any means, but takes place on two fronts, the deeply personal and the wide reaching interpersonal. First we must be armed with knowledge of Him whom we champion, as well as of His actual teachings, as presented to us by the teaching office of His Church.

We will be ineffective at our task if all we have is a superficial knowledge of Jesus. Childhood portraits, well-meaning as they may have been, will tend to repel hardened adults. A superficial acquaintance of Jesus will soon give itself away as having no basis in the Scriptures.

Equally important is articulate sharing of what Jesus and His Church teaches. No flimsy understanding based on magazine articles, media presentations, or the pompous posturing of misinformed "talking heads" will substitute for familiarity with the official Catholic Catechism or authorized journals and other official sources. We have to know what we're taking about or else we set the cause back some or many measures.

If the Church is indeed a family, there is added attraction built into it that makes it easy for us to incorporate even a secular celebration like Mother's Day. The magnetism of the Master certainly derived from the wonderful woman who birthed Him. Among Our Lady's many honorific titles is "Mary, Mother of the Church." So saying, we acknowledge her as our Mother too, bequeathed to us from Her Son on His cross.

Whatever we cherish in our earthly mothers is inevitably linked with that same virtue in Mary. In her we see that goodness raised to its highest level. Well did her own prayer begin with the words "My soul magnifies the Lord."

Meanwhile, she supports all our efforts to make her Son known and loved, so we need not fear being alone with the task. In addition, she knows the best road home for us soldiers of the Lord. Forever shall she be as the poet Wordsworth described her: **"Our tainted nature's solitary boast."** Happy Mother's Day!



God love you, give you His Easter peace.

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