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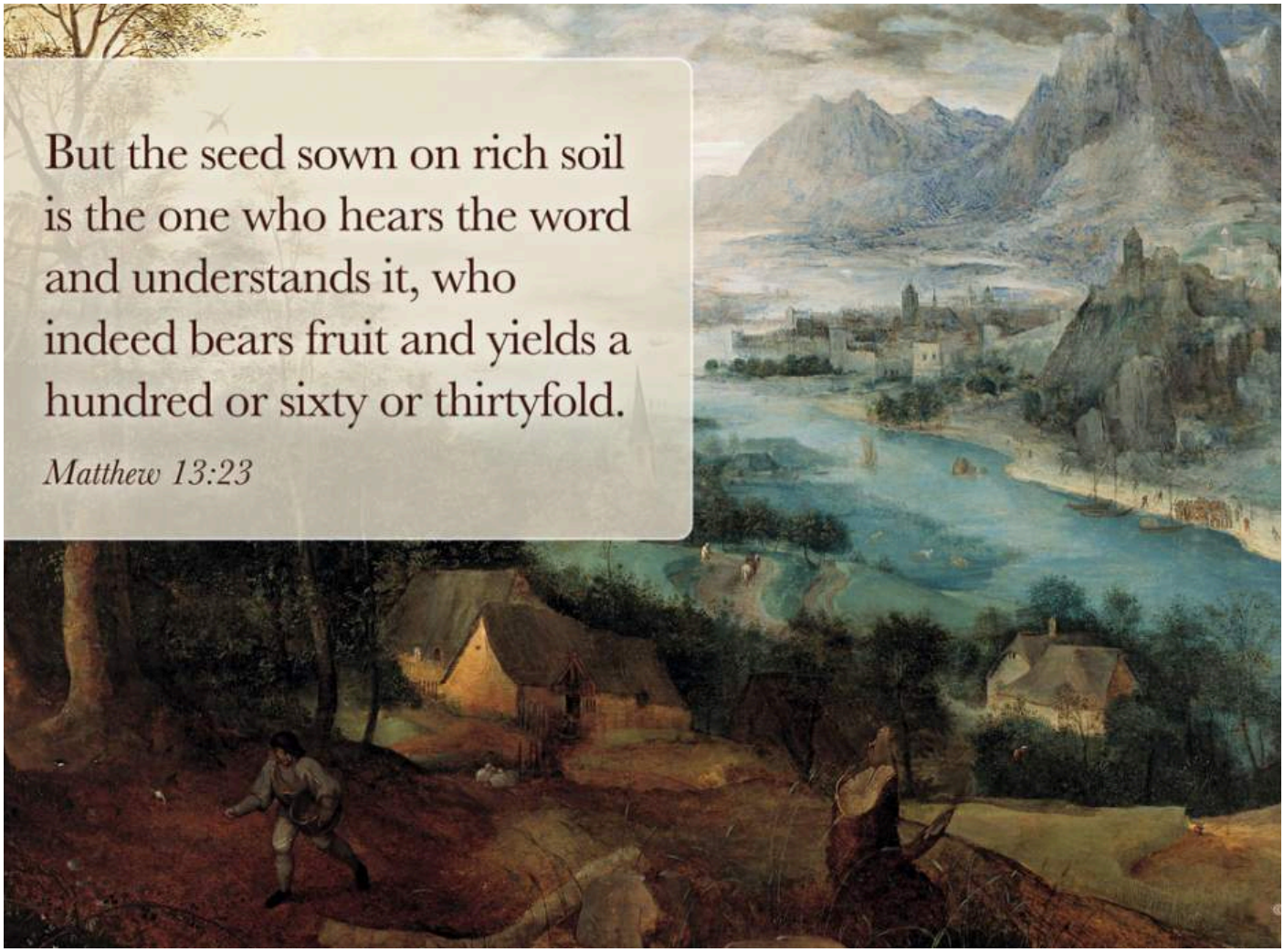

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Holy Mass:
Saturday: Anticipated Mass4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am &10:15am

Monday through Friday at 8:00am

Sacrament of Penance:
Sunday: 9:30to9:50am
Wednesdays:
7:30 to 7:50am & 6:30 to 7:00pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45pm

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JULY 12, 2026
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARTIN SAINTS
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Martin Saints Classical High School is so grateful to Fr. DiMaria and Sacred Heart parish for inviting us to the 10:15 Mass today. Our school and your parish are neighbors; we're located in East Norriton, ten minutes away, just across the river from Bridgeport. We are named for the Martin family of saints, whose feast we celebrate today. We are a Catholic high school with a strong curriculum, art and music, sports and extracurriculars, and college guidance. But the greatest thing about Martin Saints is our commitment to the Catholic faith. Every teacher is on mission. The school atmosphere is joyful, faith-filled, committed, orthodox. We're low tech (no devices in school), we go camping and do service, we have craftsmanship classes. Please, come join say hello and learn more. Join us today for coffee and cake after Mass in the parish hall, and pick up a brochure. You're also invited to learn more online at whymsc.org.

We extend a warm welcome to

Jacob Bradbury

Kathleen Strosser

who recently registered in our Parish!

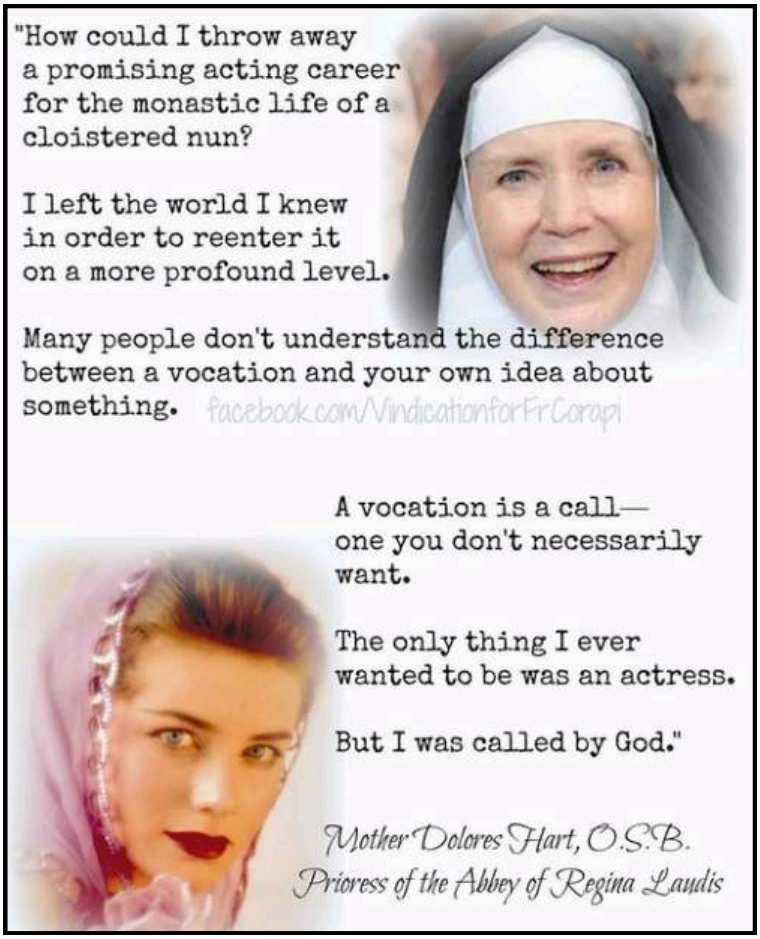
ETERNAL REST,
GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!

In your kindness,
please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
Ann M. D'Ginto
Who was called from this life on
June 27, 2026

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

Sin only gives you anxiety, sadness, unhappiness and emptiness. Let God be the anchor of your life and the compass that guides your steps.

~St. Charbel



Stewardship Beyond Our Lifetime

"Well done, my good and faithful servant… Come, share your master's joy." — Matthew 25:21

A well-prepared will is a statement of faith, hope, and love. Family, charities, and others in need benefit from this final act of material kindness. Sacred Heart Parish considers it a profound privilege to be mentioned in yours. Thank you for your remembrance and all your gifts.

Our official legal name for estate planning is:
Sacred Heart Parish, Bridgeport, PA

As you enjoy summer travels and weekends away, we wish you a restful and safe season!

Please remember that parish ministries and expenses continue all summer long. Your steady financial support is vital to keeping our community running while attendance dips.

If you are away, please support us through:

- **Electronic Giving**: Set up automatic gifts on our website.
- **Mail-In Donations**: Send envelopes to the parish office.

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Have a blessed summer!

#143 Sacred Heart

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 11

4:00pm Mike & Rita Moore
Anniversary Remembrance
Requested by Bores & Stalker Families

Sunday, July 12

8:00am Betty Shannon
Requested by Mark & Mary Leszczynski

10:15am Elizabeth Evan
Birthday Remembrance
Requested by Eleanor & Junior

Monday, July 13

8:00am Evelyn Horning
Requested by Mary Sue & Larry Kilian

Tuesday, July 14

8:00am Louisa & Lorenzo Puco
Requested by Lou Puco

Wednesday, July 15

8:00am Richard L. Stiles, Sr.
Requested by Bud & Joanne

Thursday, July 16

8:00am Antoinette Hildebrand
Birthday Remembrance
Requested by John

Friday, July 17

8:00am Joseph P. Calabrese

Saturday, July 18

4:00pm Aimee Fromm
Birthday Remembrance
Requested by Her Dad

Sunday, July 19

8:00am Sandra Wilkinson
Requested by Joe & Kathy Gasko

10:15am Kristin Leszczynski
Anniversary Remembrance
Requested by Grandparents, Stan & Marge Leszczynski

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
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Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The followingMinistersare scheduled for our ParishMasses.

Saturday evening, July 18:
4:00pm
Celebrant: Father DiMaria
Extraordinary Minister: Barbara JanFrancisco
Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, July 19:
8:00am
Celebrant: Father Lyons
Extraordinary Minister: Larry Kilian
Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am
Celebrant: Father DiMaria
Extraordinary Minister: Andy Moletzsky
Lector: Chris Kilian

Stewardship
a way of life

Weekly Report

June 27 - 28, 2026
$6,622.50

July 4 - 5, 2026
$8,917.15

Thank you for the support of Our Parish!

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This week the bread and wine for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as well as the Santuary Lamp in the Church burns in memory of

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Pogash

at the request of their Daughters, Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren

Please Pray For All Who Protect Our Country, especially…

John F. K. Benedict*(Major,USAFANG), son of Christine & Vince Benedict; Anthony C. Brandt (CW3 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army Reserves), son of Eileen Brandt; Zachary T. Brandt (Sergeant U.S. Army), grandson of Eileen Brandt;* **Matthew J. Capaldo** (Commander, U.S. Navy) son of John & Connie Capaldo; **Michael DeStefano, Jr.** (Sergeant U.S. Army) grandson of Jack & Sue DeStefano; **Michael Gutkowski**(Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy), grandson of Pat Gutkowski; **Samuel Hoey** (Cpl,U.S.M.C), grandson of Leona Cottone; **Noel Irizarty** (Sergeant, U.S. Army), son of Patricia Epright; **Shane Jones** (Sergeant U.S. Marines) grandson of Fran Toth; **Matthew McNulty** (Chief Warrant Officer 4 U.S.M.C.), son of Irene McNulty **Rick McVoy** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy) son of Rich McVoy; **Greg Philips** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy); **Jessica Prostack** (CW2 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army), daughter of Richard Prostack **Jack Razin** (1st Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force), **Luke Razin** (Captain, U.S. Air Force), son of Rich & Julie Razin; **Jeffrey Seamans** *(Captain, U.S. Army)*, son-in-law of Dolores Burton; **Stephanie Zugay** *(National Guard)*, granddaughter of Greg & Grace Zugay.

In Loving Memory

We are grateful for a donation received in Memory of

Lorraine Keszczyk

On behalf of:

John & Bernadette Golbreski

We are grateful for a donation received in Memory of

Bertha Basile

On behalf of:

Lorraine Molnar Monaghan

Monday Night Rosary will be recited in church each Monday at 7 p.m.

Pro Life Holy Hour at 12:00 noon each Wednesday in church.

All are welcome!

John Bednar
Paula Davis
Monica Reuter
Maria Welch
Salvatore Salamone
Francisca Diniz
Lisa Ronan
David Reuter
Bob Bores
Chas Pires
Julie Burk
Greg Schloth
William J. Ryan
June DiDesidero
Cindy Burke
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Catherine Martin
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Al Cowling
Mary (Puzio) Stephenson
Mary Boyle
Fran Toth
Joan Birely
John Smoczylo
Kelly Benedict
Patricia Gaffney
Angela Desmond
Eileen Brandt
Denise&Tom Kavanagh
Michael Martin
Ronald Halas
Marge&Stan Leszczynski
Fran & Rob Worral
Marion Raup
Irene Elliott
Butch Rodenbaugh
Nicholas Janicki
Laurie Ronan

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This Week on Formed

Week of July 12, 2026

St. Kateri Tekakwitha | God's Princesses

Follow along with Sister Imelda as she tells of the inspiring journey of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a young Mohawk girl who comes to know the Gospel with the help of pioneering priests. Choosing to follow Jesus, Kateri is faced with great challenges as she does her best to bring God's love to her own people! A fun and inspiring example of not giving up!

St. Bonaventure | Catholic Saints

A Franciscan cardinal-bishop and contemporary of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure is an excellent example of saintly humility. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor," St. Bonaventure loved God above all else. Join Dr. Chris Mooney and Mary McGeehan as they explore the life of this great saint.

What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity

Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is Mary? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters according to the Bible? Find out answers to these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.

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The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It can be a contemporary office seeker's response to a reporter. Or a remembered comment from a persecuted Christian missionary. Or your pastor's statement in his homily last weekend. Or even a remark made by your 6 year old granddaughter. You will note it. You may even remember it, at least for a while. But the odds are that you won't retain it for long. It's the way it is with us poor humans. Most of the time.

But today we meet a glorious exception to the rule. Isaiah the prophet "nails it," as we so often say. I refer to God's holy Word and how powerful it is. Here is the prophet's timeless assessment from today's First Reading: " For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth...so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I intend, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

This on God's part, is not a wishful hope or a mere possibility. It is a bold proclamation made in confidence. As such, it should give us confidence when we truly hear it. So many other "words" across history have gotten lost or contradicted by actual events. But not God's word.

The parable of the Sower teaches us how indifferent responses to the word of the kingdom prove to be unfruitful. Distractions come first of all from the world; and then from the flesh; and finally, from the devil.

On the other hand, fruit brought forth from the responsive heart is everywhere and abundant. "Fruit" is a word common in bible usage to represent the good works and faithfulness that flow from God's grace. And that can be measured as a hundredfold, or sixty, or thirty. The measurement is God's task. The producer of the response is either you or me or both.

The story has been told of a new commander who was sent to an army fort on the American frontier. He soon was involved in a conference with an important Indian chief. Working through a translator, he nervously asked the chief a number of questions and was surprised to get no reply. After the meeting, he asked the translator why he had gotten no response. The translator replied, "That's what we call Indian time." "He has enough respect for your questions to go away and think about them before answering them."

Maybe we all need to practice more "Indian time."

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