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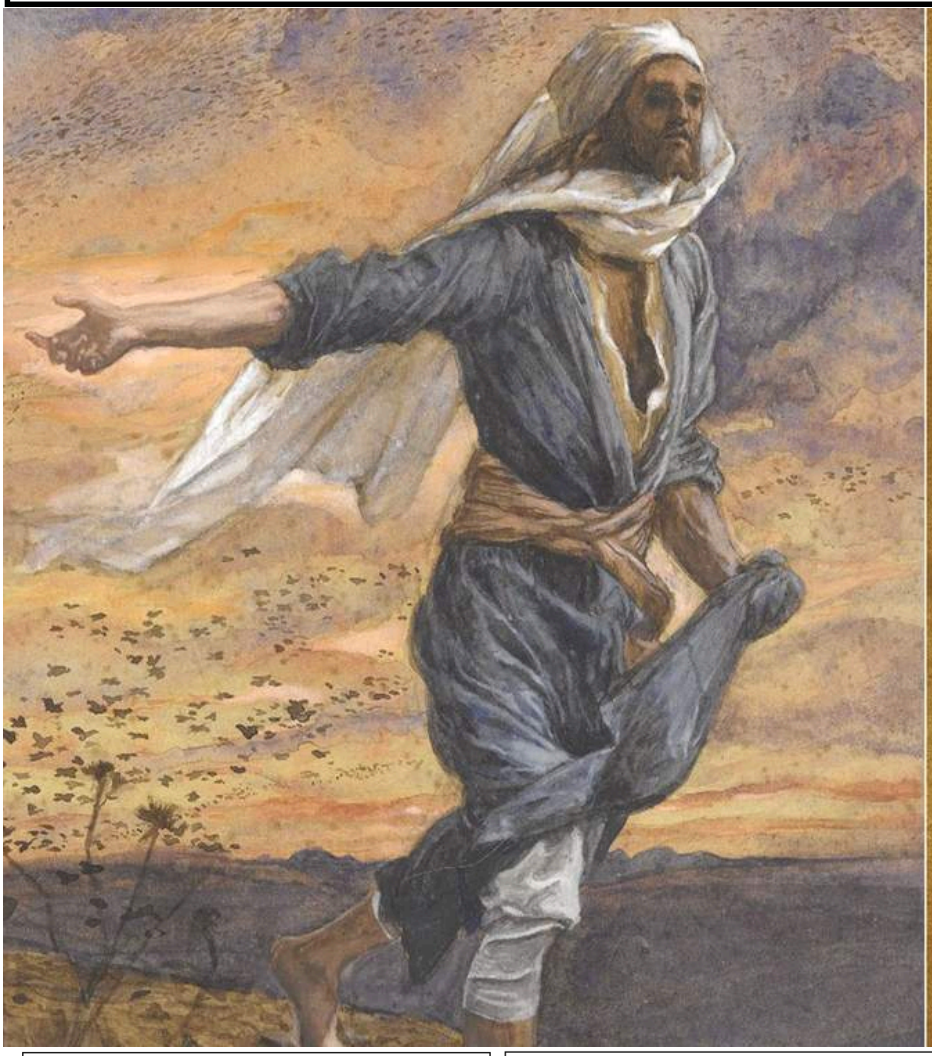

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Saturday: Anticipated Mass4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am &10:15am

Monday through Friday at 8:00am

Sacrament of Penance:
Sunday: 9:30to9:50am
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7:30 to 7:50am & 6:30 to 7:00pm
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JULY 19, 2026
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Louis Stephen Davenport

Baptized on Sunday, July 12, 2026

***Congratulations to Louis's Parents*:**

James & Mary Katherine

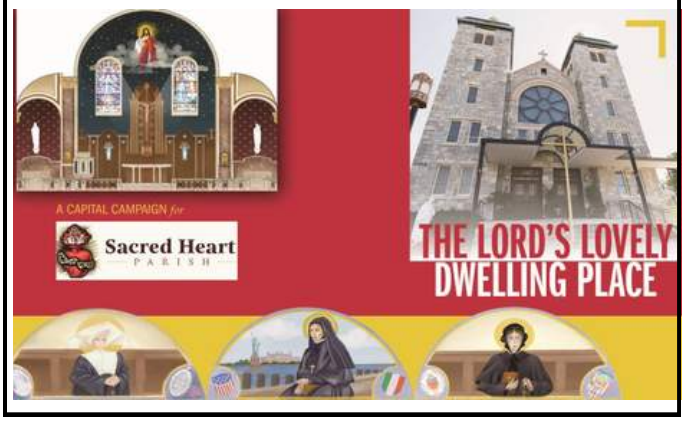
May your Child's Baptism be just the start of a life filled with blessings!

Campaign Update

We are deeply grateful to our parishioners who have and continue to respond so generously to our "The Lord's Lovely Dwelling Place" campaign to help fund the church painting project.

Through your goodness, to date we have received $188,696.68 of the $268,460.00 pledged. To those who made a pledge: thank you, and please remember to keep regular with your payment schedule so that we can fulfill our financial commitments.

May God bless your generosity.



Caring for Friends
Annual Dinner at
Peppers by Amadeus

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Please save the date for our annual Caring for Friends dinner at Peppers by Amadeus on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

Join us for an enjoyable evening as we celebrate this wonderful ministry, learn more about its impact, and spend time with fellow parishioners who have been part of Sacred Heart's Caring for Friends for the past 10 years.

Peppers by Amadeus has generously supported Caring for Friends by donating soup each month. We are grateful for their ongoing generosity and look forward to showing our appreciation by gathering for our annual dinner at this local favorite.

Dinner includes choice of three Entrees, Salad, Bread, Side Vegetable, Non-Alcoholic Beverages (with refills). CASH BAR

Entree Choices:

Chicken Cacciatore,
Crab Cakes,
Stuffed Pork Tenderloin

Cost of Dinner: $48.00 p.p. inclusive of taxes and gratuities.

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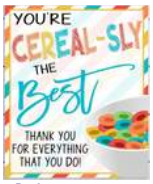
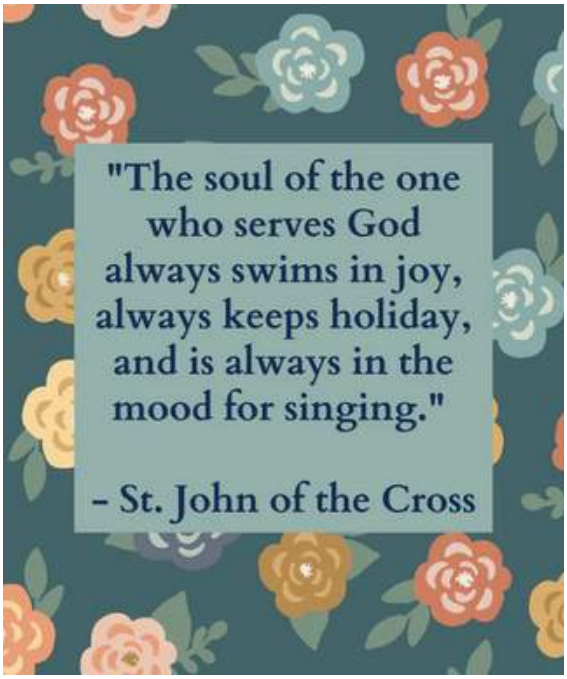


Cereal Sunday Success

One hundred and thirty- seven (137) boxes of breakfast cereal was collected the weekend of July 4 & 5 and donated to Martha's Choice Market which is the largest food pantry operated in Montgomery County by Catholic Charities. We thank everyone who participated in our cereal collection.



St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter For Homeless Families

We collected $434.00 in the Poor Box during the month of June. The funds have been sent to St. Mary Franciscan Center in Phoenixville who describe their mission in the following fashion: "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 that fosters the dignity of each person, and we perpetually seek innovative ways to help families move toward independence." Thank you for your assistance to the less fortunate in our midst.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 20

8:00am Mark Scott, Jr.
Requested by Lou Puco

Tuesday, July 21

8:00am Colleen Griffies
Requested by Jo-Ann Lawler

Wednesday, July 22

8:00am Rita & Joe Russo
Requested by Lou Puco

Thursday, July 23

8:00am For the Intentions of Al Cowling
Requested by Friends of Al

Friday, July 24

8:00am 50th Wedding Anniversary
Blessings for Vincent & Janet Mallon

Saturday, July 25

4:00pm Jerry Brady
Requested by Kathy Brady & Sons

Sunday, July 26

8:00am Henry 'Hank' Pearson
Requested by MaryCatherine Murphy

10:15am Scott Wittmer
Requested by Jackie & Mel Muscarella, Jr.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, July 25:
4:00pm
Celebrant: Father DiMaria
Extraordinary Minister: Pat Moletzsky
Lector: Robert Stefanik

Sunday morning, July 26:
8:00am
Celebrant: Father DiMaria
Extraordinary Minister: Joan Koeck
Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am
Celebrant: Father Lyons
Extraordinary Minister: Valencia Zaremba
Lector: Danielle Carbone

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Weekly Report
July 11 - 12, 2026
$8,096.25

Thank you for the support of Our Parish!

#143 Sacred Heart

This week the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns in Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of

Vincent & Janet Mallon

May God bless you both

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!

In Loving Memory

We are grateful for a donation received in Memory of

Theresa Marconi

On behalf of:

Gregory & Ellen Niksa

The highest perfection consists not in interior favors or in great raptures, but in the bringing of our wills so closely into conformity with the Will of God that, as soon as we realize that He wills anything, we desire it ourselves with all our might.

~St. Therese of Lisieux

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.

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Paula Davis
Monica Reuter
Maria Welch
Salvatore Salamone
Francisca Diniz
Lisa Ronan
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Barbara Pruskowski
George Minnis
Al Cowling
Mary (Puzio) Stephenson
Mary Boyle
Fran Toth
Joan Birely
John Smoczylo
Kelly Benedict
Patricia Gaffney
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Eileen Brandt
Denise&Tom Kavanagh
Michael Martin
Ronald Halas
Marge&Stan Leszczynski
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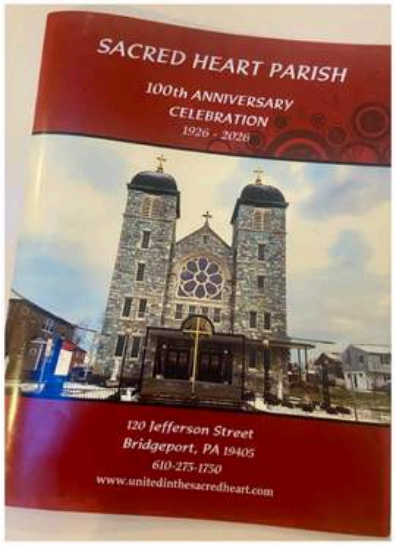
REMINDER!

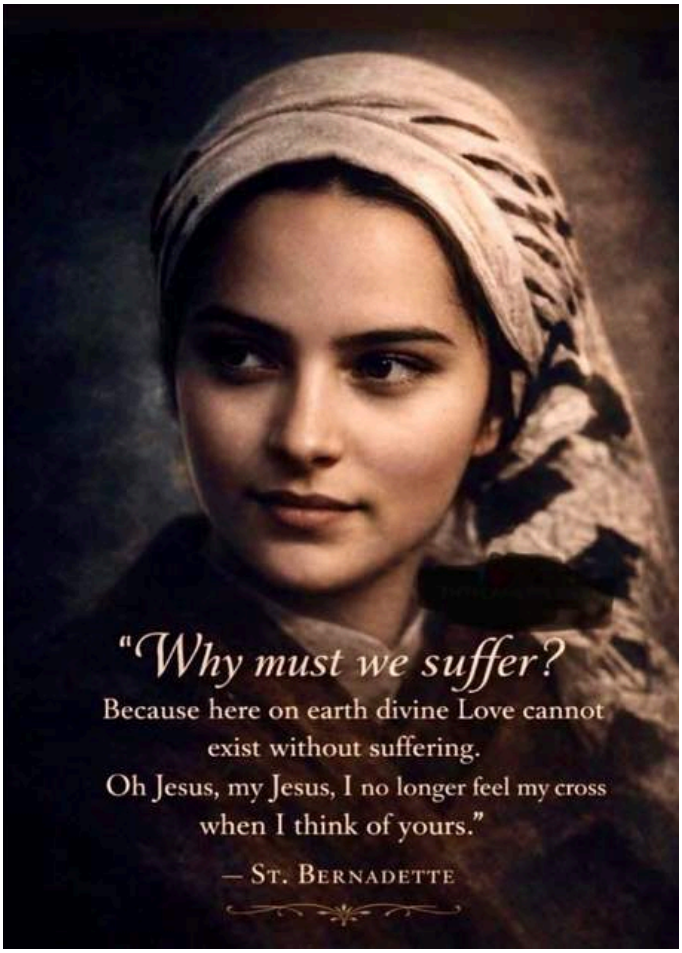
We have several people who need to pick up their photo directory.



If you had your portrait taken by the professional photographers, you are entitled to a copy of the directory.

Please pick it up at the rectory.

Thank you.



Throughout the year, the Pontifical Mission Societies support the proclamation of the Gospel, the building of the Church, and the work and witness of mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay pastoral leaders. These missionaries provide food, education, and medical care to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Through their work, they reveal the compassionate heart of Jesus. Help support their efforts ~ and be right there with them, offering hope.

Upcoming August Monthly Special Collection
In your generosity, please remember
The Weekend of

August 1 - 2, 2026

Mission Co-op Appeal

Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas in July Karaoke

Saturday July 25, 2026

7PM to 11PM

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The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2026

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

For being such a highly qualified carpenter, Jesus displays a lot of farming know how as well. I state that as today we hear a series of His parables based on truths about working the land. By the Holy Spirit's mute record of those thirty-three years of the so-called "hidden life," we are left with lots of room for conjecture about them. Did He tend a little garden behind His home in Nazareth? Did His Mother add in some vegetable plants for practicality? Or did He have a r elative who had a farm? Or did the town itself sponsor a common garden for everyone's use? At any rate, Jesus taught the basics using the device of "parables." Remember that He lived long before the invention of photography, much less video.

These stories of Jesus are and remain unique. No superfluous words. No detours from the main point. Colorful and appealing even 2,000 years later. True masterpieces from the One they called "The Master."

St. Matthew provides several examples. For the sake of brevity, allow me to focus on that first one about the weeds and the wheat. His original audience would recognize the evil involved when some twisted soul would mix in weeds with a newly planted wheat field. Not only was it an unjust act, but it also was a selfish one, destined to harm the basic food of everyone who depended on a successful harvest.

Tares were one of the curses against which a farmer had to labor. They were called "darnel." In their early stages the tares so closely resembled the wheat that it was impossible to distinguish the one from the other. When both had produced seed heads it was easy to distinguish them; but by that time their roots were so intertwined that the tares could not be weeded out without tearing the wheat out with them. The tares and the wheat are so much alike that the Jews called the tares "bastard wheat."

One of several lessons for us here. There is always a hostile force in our world, ever ready to destroy any good seed, or better "any good deed" we do. We have to be on our guard all the time so that we won't be caught unaware. One thing that's ever ready to do harm is hypocrisy. We can see it in others easily enough but not in ourselves.

Once upon a time, a father complained about the amount of time his family spent in front of the television. His children watched cartoons and neglected schoolwork. His wife preferred soap operas to housework. His solution: "As soon as the baseball season's over, I'm going to pull the plug."

God love you and be open to the whole truth.

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