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The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.

Matthew 13:44

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Pastor Emeritus
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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 26, 2026

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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!

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.

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.

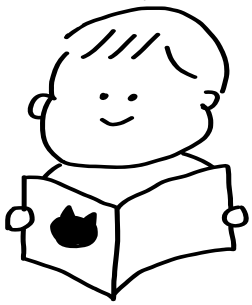
Dinner includes choice of three Entrees, Salad, Bread, Side Vegetable, Non-Alcoholic Beverages (with refills).
CASH BAR ~ Entree Choices: Chicken Cacciatore, Crab Cakes, Stuffed Pork Tenderloin ~

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

Kindly text or call Lisa Pagnotti no later than WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5 at 610-639-7704 or email suburbantravel@yahoo.com.

Help Us Stock Our New Parish Sunday Mass Nursery!

We are excited to be preparing a new Sunday Mass nursery for the youngest members of our parish family! If you have new or gently used items that are clean and in excellent condition, we would be grateful for your donation.
We are looking for items such as:

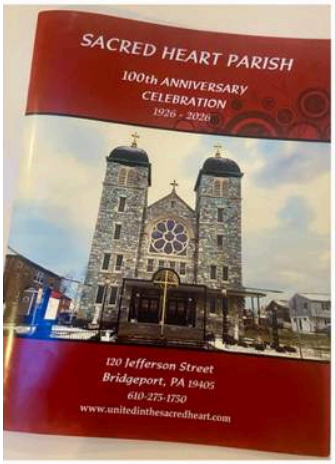


- **Toddler puzzles**
- **Age-appropriate toys for infants and toddlers**
- **Board books**
- **Pack and Play (meeting current safety standards)**
- **Toddler-sized table and chairs**
- **Soft building blocks**
- **Large stacking toys**
- **Shape sorters**
- **Push-and-pull toys**
- **Toy storage bins**

If you have items you'd like to share, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the rectory or email lmoser@shswedesburg.org before bringing anything in so we can coordinate and make sure the items will be a good fit for our needs. If you feel called to support this effort with a monetary gift, kindly mark your check "Nursery Donation."

Thank you for helping us create a safe, welcoming, and joyful space where our youngest parishioners can feel at home while their families participate at Sunday Mass. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

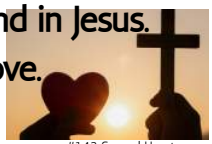
REMINDER!
We have several people who need to pick up their photo directory.



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.

If you have faith to move mountains; but do not have love, you are nothing.

Love is a person. Love is Jesus Christ. St. Faustina said, "I do all things with Jesus, through Jesus, in Jesus." Love is to be consumed by Jesus, so that our every motive, in every moment with and through the Heart of Jesus, is for the glory God and the salvation of souls. Be fertile soil. Don't just hap hazardously go to Communion. Prepare your heart for Jesus. Trust as you have never trusted before. Surrender total control to Jesus in every moment. Forget yourself. Put on Christ in every thought, word, and deed. Do everything with Jesus, through Jesus, and in Jesus. Become one with Christ. Become love. Become a saint.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MASS INTENTIONS

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.

Monday, July 27

8:00am Pat Gutkowski
Requested by Stan & Marge Leszczynski

Tuesday, July 28

8:00am Mary Ann Collison
Requested by Kathy Smith

Wednesday, July 29

8:00am Mark Scott, Jr.
Requested by Danny & Debbie Dunleavy

Thursday, July 30

8:00am Alice Scott
Requested by Lou Puco

Friday, July 31

8:00am John Nelson, Sr.
11th Anniversary Remembrance
Requested by Wife, Roberta, Children, & Grandchildren

Saturday, August 1

4:00pm Michael T. DiCamillo
Requested by Sal & Charlotte DiNenna

Sunday, August 2

8:00am Edward Keszczyk
Birthday Remembrance
Requested by Wife, Lorraine & Family

10:15am For the Intentions of Rachel Kalivas
Requested by Mom & Dad

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LECTOR SERVER SACRISTAN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS CANTOR USHER

Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, August 1:
4:00pm
Celebrant: Father DiMaria
Extraordinary Minister: Andy Moletzsky
Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, August 2:
8:00am
Celebrant: Father Lyons
Extraordinary Minister: Marjorie Pruskowski
Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am
Celebrant: Father DiMaria
Extraordinary Minister: Valencia Zaremba
Lector: John Keidel

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Weekly Report
July 18 - 19, 2026
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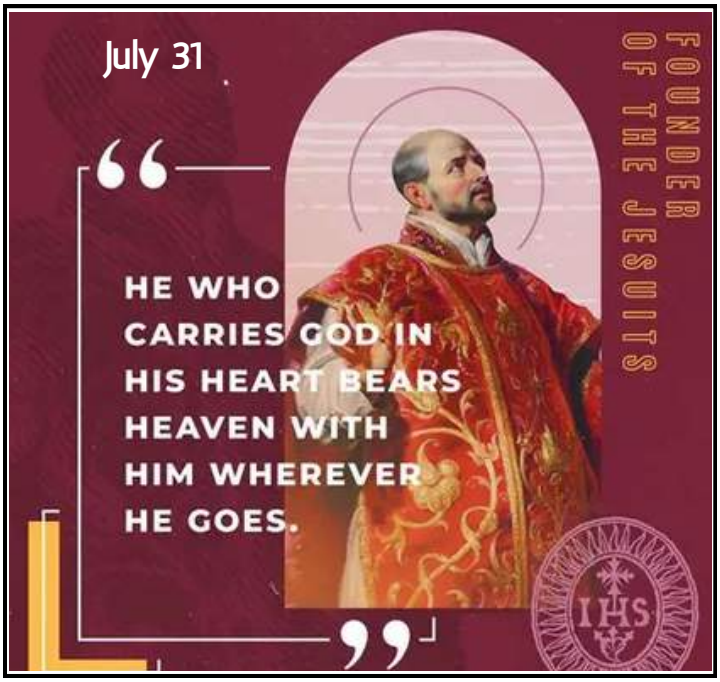

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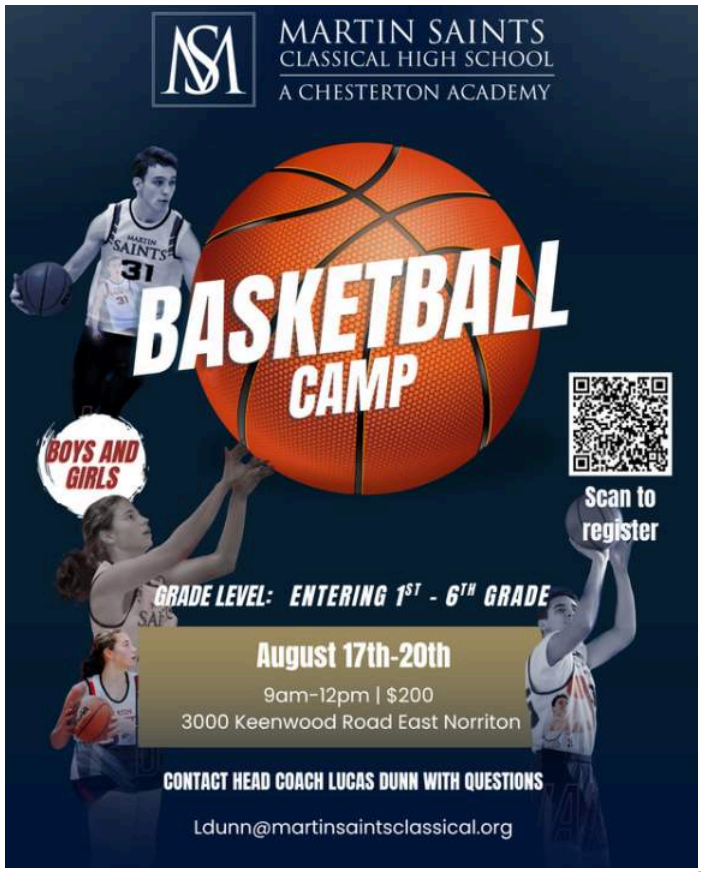
Please Pray For All Who Protect Our Country, especially…

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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Salvatore Salamone
Francisca Diniz
Lisa Ronan
David Reuter
Bob Bores
Chas Pires
Julie Burk
Greg Schloth
William J. Ryan
June DiDesidero
Cindy Burke
Parker Grey Davis
Catherine Martin
Joseph Puzio
Piper Kaplan
Francis Rodenbaugh III
Karen Braithwaite
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Al Cowling
Mary (Puzio) Stephenson
Mary Boyle
Fran Toth
Joan Birely
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Whether you were baptized in another faith, never baptized or just want to learn more, you are welcome here.

Contact Us Today

Reach out directly to Fr. DiMaria to start the conversation:

- Phone: 610-275-1750
- Email: frdimaria@shswedesburg.org

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2026

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

If you say that someone is a wise guy, you dislike the fact that they think they are very clever and always have an answer for everything. Or that they are cocksure, conceited, and often insolent. Nothing to be proud of as a reputation. Surely not the type of person the Lord urges us to be when He urges us to be wise.

In the context of His speaking of the kingdom of God, He means for us to be the opposite of arrogant but rather to be both docile and desirous of one thing in life: to be part of God's kingdom. That's our one real "job" in this life. Wise people know it and live for it. The question the gospel asks is "Are you one of the wise?"

Asking that of ourselves on a Sunday morning after Mass and we are practically bound to answer "For sure." But it's not the same ready answer a few days or nights later in the week. Or perhaps when we are faced with a personal or family health challenge. Or financial stress. Or parental difficulty with one's teenager. The list seems to change and lengthen as time moves along.

Yet there comes a point in life, acknowledged in the Bible and in our unwritten biographies where we attain a real but elusive "senior wisdom." We've "been there and done that" to the point where we can offer sage advice to the young among us who have the sense to ask us. Of course, in this case the young have to take the initiative. Unsolicited advice is never accepted no matter how wise.

Our Lord Jesus only asks that we get our priorities straight, no matter our age. Yet, it is essential that we have signs and markers along the way. Otherwise, we fall victim to a defective human only wisdom that entices us away from the genuine straight and narrow path. We can get lost. The Bible, Church teaching, and the example of some good older people are those markers,

Once upon a time the young new president of a bank made an appointment with his predecessor to seek some advice. "Sir," he began, " I wonder if you would kindly share with me some of the insights you have gained from your years here that have been the keys to your success."

The older man looked at him with a stare and replied: "Young man, two words: good decisions." The young man responded. "Thank you very much, sir, but how does one come to know which is the good decision?" "One word young man: experience." "Buy how does one get experience?" "Two words, young man: bad decisions."

God love you and guide your decisions this week.

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