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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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AUGUST 2, 2026
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Caring for Friends Annual Dinner at Peppers by Amadeus
Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Join us for our annual Caring for Friends dinner at Peppers by Amadeus on Wednesday, August 12 at 6:00pm.

Come out 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.

Caring for Friends™

Jude Kolbe Wittmer

Baptized last weekend

***Congratulations to Jude's Parents*:**

James & Amy

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

PRAY *about everything*
WORRY *about nothing*

Philippians 4:6

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!

SCAM ALERT!

Please know that Father DiMaria and the Sacred Heart staff will never email or text requests for money, gift cards, or help in any way. If you receive one, please DO NOT respond to these requests!

Honoring God with Your Estate Plans

"The Earth is the Lord's and all it holds, the world and those who live in it." — Psalm 24:1

Everything we own is a gift from God. More than a mere legal document, a well-prepared will is a statement of faith, hope, and love. Through this final act of material kindness, you can continue to bless your family, support charities, and help those in need. Sacred Heart Parish considers it a privilege to be remembered in your legacy. Thank you for your enduring sacrifices and generosity.

To include the parish in your estate plans, our official legal name is:
Sacred Heart Parish, Bridgeport, PA

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 3

8:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Dunleavy Family
Requested by Danny & Debbie Dunleavy

Tuesday, August 4

8:00am Richard Stiles, Sr.
Requested by Cathy Middleton

Wednesday, August 5

8:00am Pat Gutkowski
Requested by Dante & Jen Saldutti

Thursday, August 6

8:00am Andrew Whitco
Requested by Suzanne Antonello

Friday, August 7

8:00am Louise Santini
Requested by Lou Puco

Saturday, August 8

4:00pm Alfreda & James Campbell
Requested by Son, Tim

Sunday, August 9

8:00am Martha Smoczylo
Requested by Len & Sharon Brzoska

10:15am Marie Natali
Requested by Barbara D'Amore

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 8:
4:00pm
Celebrant: Father DiMaria
Extraordinary Minister: Barbara JanFrancisco
Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, August 9:
8:00am
Celebrant: Father DiMaria
Extraordinary Minister: Larry Kilian
Lector: Tony Viggiano

10:15am
Celebrant: Father Lyons
Extraordinary Minister: Pat Moletzsky
Lector: Daniel Fahy, Jr.

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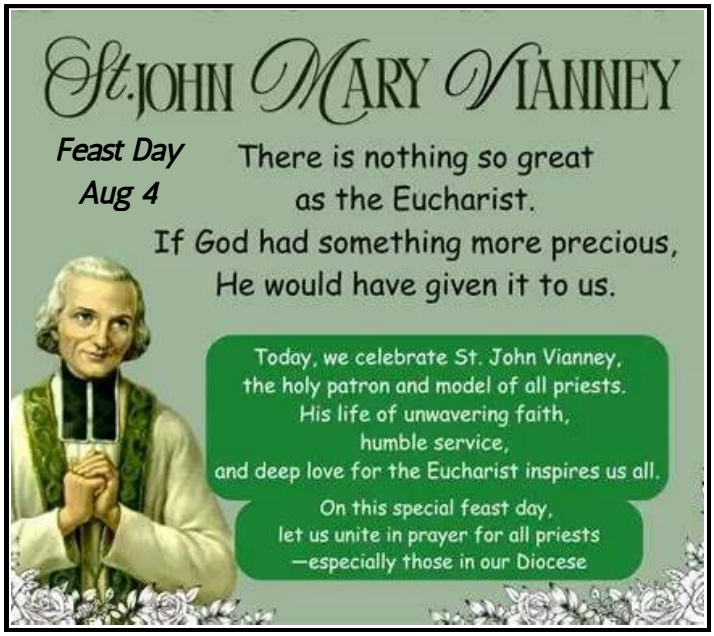
Weekly Report
July 25 - 26, 2026
$7,427.05

Thank you for the support of Our Parish!



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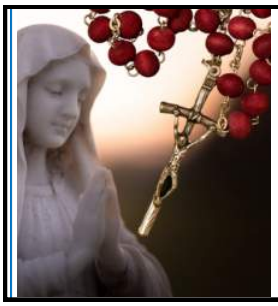
ETERNAL REST,
GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!
In your kindness,
please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
Irene K. Elliott
Who was called from this life on
July 21, 2026
at the age of 106 years old.
"May Her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed Rest in peace."



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.

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.

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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Piper Kaplan
Francis Rodenbaugh III
Karen Braithwaite
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George Minnis
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
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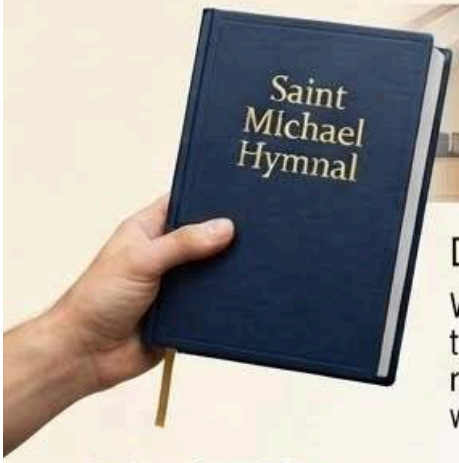
Butch Rodenbaugh
Nicholas Janicki
Laurie Ronan

New Hymnal Dedication Opportunity



Dear Parishioners,

We are excited to announce the introduction of the **Saint Michael Hymnal** to our parish liturgy! This comprehensive hymnal will expand our musical repertoire, enriching our worship and enhancing our celebration of the Mass with a wider variety of hymns and chants.

In Loving Memory

We are offering a special opportunity to dedicate a hymnal in loving memory of deceased relatives and friends. Each hymnal purchased will be inscribed with a beautiful memorial label.

Cost: $25.00 per Hymnal

A personalized label listing the name of the deceased and the name of the donor will be placed inside the front cover of each purchased hymnal.

This is a meaningful way to honor your loved ones while contributing to the beauty of our parish music program. Please complete the form below to participate.

MEMORIAL HYMNAL DEDICATION FORM

Please fill out this form and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket in an envelope marked 'Hymnal Dedication".

☐ Yes, I would like to purchase a hymnal

In Memory of: (Name of Deceased): _____

Given By: (Donor Name(s)): _____

Total Enclosed: $_____ (Check #_____)

Please make checks payable to: **Sacred Heart Church**

Contact Phone Number: _____

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 2, 2026

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

August could be called " the month for daydreamers." I say that guardedly because not all of us are on vacation. But a lot of people are. Those lucky souls have the chance to stare up into the sky from wherever they go to relax and daydream as they note the shape of the clouds. Or they could lie back on the beach sand or their backyard hammock and think deep thoughts along with their dreams. May I suggest one such thought that would not arise immediately, but it is encompassed by the famous story we read in the gospel for today? It is "the priesthood of the laity."

Obviously, there is what the Church calls "the ministerial priesthood." This is the one instituted by Christ at the Last Supper table when He told his baffled Apostles to "Do this in memory of Me." That's the priesthood of the ordained gentlemen who graduated from a seminary.

But we can turn to St. Paul's writings to tell us what the Church has steadfastly taught, and still does, about another priesthood more common and fundamental namely the "priesthood of the faithful." Paul writes: "Through Baptism all the members of the Church share in the priesthood of Christ."

Now this doesn't mean that you should start shopping for Mass vestments. Or look for the nearest seminary. Rather, does this teaching give a formal name to what you have hopefully been living your whole life. That is, living as Christ would if He were in your place. It also encourages you "to share their ordained priests' anxieties and help them as far as possible by prayer and active work so that they may be better able to overcome difficulties and carry out their duties with greater success." (Vatican II, no.9)

So, you and I are in a certain partnership with Christ to continue His work here below. In that way, we are assured of a spot in the "place above." Just by your example of being here at Mass to worship God on an August Sunday when so many "so-called Catholics" who should be here are not. This priesthood we share makes us both like the boy in this closing story who is flying his kite.

The boy's kite was so high that it had disappeared into the clouds. A man came by and asked, "Why are you holding on to that string?" The boy said, "I've got a kite up there." The man looked up and said, "I don't see it." The boy replied, "Well, I know it's there because I can feel the tug."

That's like the tug we all feel from time to time in our hearts, which lets us know that God is for real and He cares for you. That's a fact, and not a summer daydream.

God love you and let you feel His tug this week.

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