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

Monday through Friday at 8:00am

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Sunday: 9:30to9:50am
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7:30 to 7:50am & 6:30 to 7:00pm
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AUGUST 9, 2026
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure."
~St. John Paul II

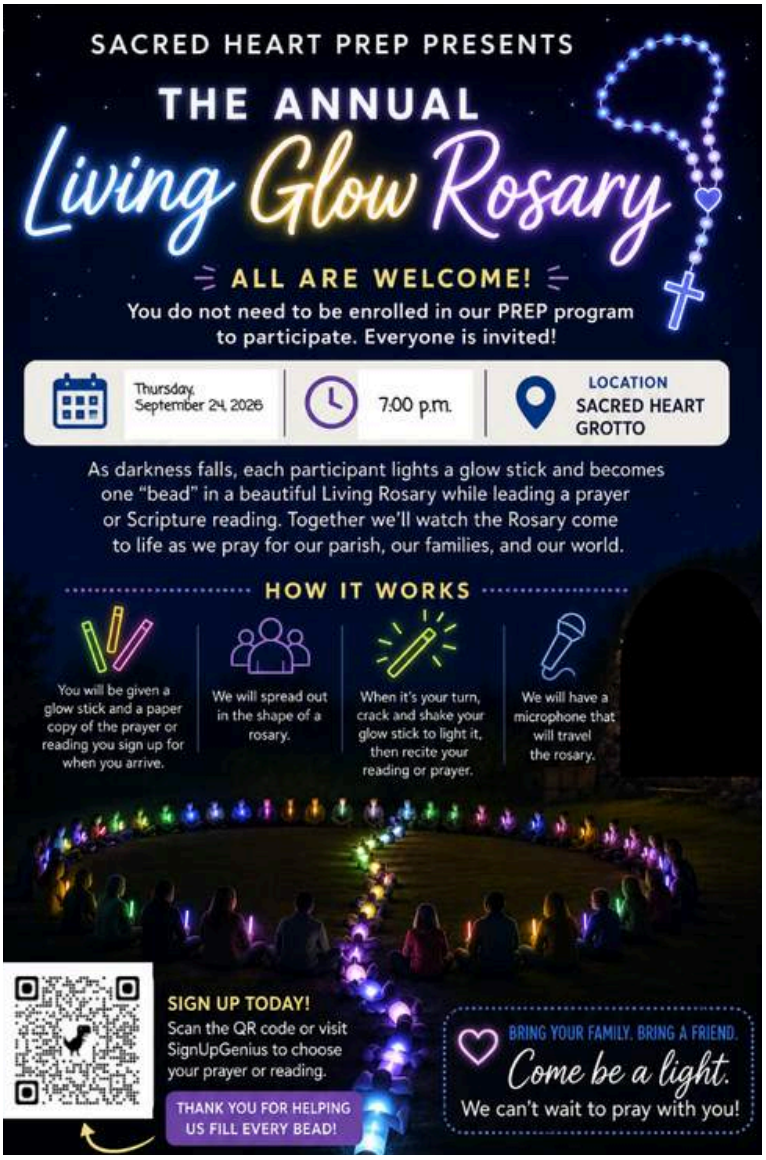
Nellie Anne Reardon

Baptized on Sunday,
August 2, 2026

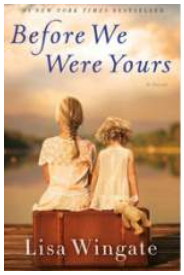
Congratulations to Nellie's Parents:

Brian & Mary

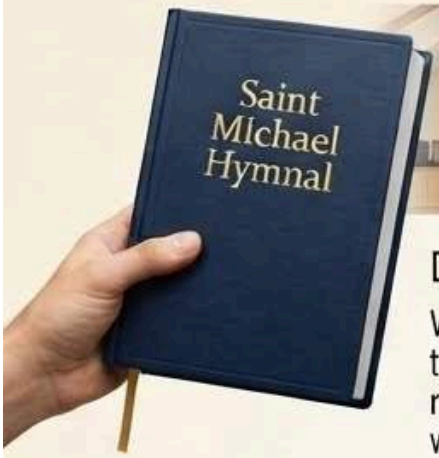
May your Child's Baptism be just the start of a life filled with blessings!



Our Book Club will begin meeting again in September. The September meeting will be held on September 15th at 1:30 in the Rectory Meeting Room. The book we are reading for this meeting is Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. Pick up a copy today! New members are welcome to join at any time.



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: _____

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 10

8:00am John 'Blackie' Maslayak
Requested by Lou Puco

Tuesday, August 11

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

Wednesday, August 12

8:00am Nancy & John Tirone
Requested by Lou Puco

Thursday, August 13

8:00am Jamie Strizziere
Requested by John & Connie Capaldo

Friday, August 14

8:00am Ernesto DiGenova
Anniversary Remembrance
Requested by Wife, Placida

Saturday, August 15

4:00pm Antoinette DiMaria

Sunday, August 16

8:00am For the Intentions of
Louis Prinzivalli
Requested by His Family
10:15am For the Intentions of
Raymond Kalivas
Requested by Mom & Dad

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LECTOR SERVER EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS SACRISTAN CANTOR USHER

Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, August 15:
4:00pm
Celebrant: Father Giuffre
Lector: Helen Keller Surman

Sunday morning, August 16:
8:00am
Celebrant: Father Lyons
Extraordinary Minister: Larry Kilian
Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am
Celebrant: Father Giuffre
Lector: Chris Kilian

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Weekly Report
August 1 - 2, 2026
$6,785.45

Thank you for the support of Our Parish!

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

- St. Maximilian Kolbe
Feast Day ~ Aug 14

#143 Sacred Heart

We extend a warm welcome to

Joseph Wolfrom

who recently registered in our Parish!

2nd Collection for Venezuela

The powerful earthquakes last month in Venezuela raved regions of that country, devastating loss of life, thousands of injuries, and destruction of personal property on a massive scale. The archdiocese suggested a 2nd collection to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services. We will be taking up a second collection on the weekend of August 15 - 16, please help if you are able. Thank you as always!

We collected 147 boxes of breakfast cereal for the month of August, which was given to Martha's Choice Market, a food pantry operated by Catholic Charities. Thanks for your generous response in helping others.

During the month of July we collected $407.00 in the Poor Box. This money has been sent to St. Francis Inn Ministries in Philadelphia to assist with their work on behalf of the homeless.

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
Parker Grey Davis
Catherine Martin
Joseph Puzio
Piper Kaplan
Karen Braithwaite
Elaine Fertal
Barbara Pruskowski
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
Marion Raup
Butch Rodenbaugh
Nicholas Janicki
Laurie Ronan

VENERATION OF THE MAJOR (FIRST CLASS) RELICS OF SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, July 22, 1647-October 17, 1690, was a French Visitation nun and mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in its modern form. Many mystics throughout the centuries have had apparitions of Mary around the world, while, seemingly, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque and Saint Faustina received messages from our Savior, Jesus Christ.

FIRST STATION FOR PUBLIC VENERATION
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103
Parking available

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

2:00 PM	Arrival of the Relics to the Cathedral Chapel
5:00 PM	Relics are moved to the Cathedral Basilica until 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

8:00 AM	Relics in the Cathedral Basilica
2:30 PM	Relics are moved to the Cathedral Chapel
5:30 PM	Relics are moved to the Cathedral Basilica until 8:00 PM

For the Mass and Confession schedule at the Cathedral Basilica for these two days, please visit, https://cathedralphila.org/

SECOND STATION FOR PUBLIC VENERATION
Sacre Coeur Perpetual Adoration Shrine
Located on the campus of St. Denis Parish
2401 St. Denis Lane
Havertown, Pennsylvania 19083
Parking available

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
Relics in the Adoration Shrine all throughout the day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
Relics in the Adoration Shrine until Noon

For the Mass and Confession schedule at Saint Denis Church for these two days, please visit, https://saintdenis.org/

ETERNAL REST,
GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!
In your kindness,
please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

Francis A. Rodenbaugh III
Son of Butch & Barbara Rodenbaugh

Who was called from this life on
July 31, 2026

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

What a joy it must have been for the Apostles to find Jesus alive, their Jesus of Nazareth, after the tragedy of the Cross! It is equally wonderful to find Jesus living in the Tabernacle where He eagerly awaits us!
~Francis Fernandez

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 9, 2026

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

If time travel were possible, I would enjoy a relaxed conversation with St. Peter about his past fears, especially his fear of drowning. My own fear of the same happened many years ago when I was a boy on a lakeside summer vacation with my family. I was wading carefree in the cool water when suddenly the soft ground beneath me disappeared, and I started to sink. My arms flailing about happily caught the lifeguard's attention, and I soon felt the power of his strong arms around me as he carried me to shore. My fear of deep water born that day has been with me ever since. This despite several failed efforts to learn how to swim.

In our gospel scene today, we see wonderfully impetuous St. Peter leap from the storm-tossed boat when he heard his Lord invite him to join him by simply saying "Come!" But it wasn't an easy ocean walk. The big fisherman felt small as he started to sink. His one prayer became: "Lord, save me!" Afterward, Jesus had to ask our first pope: "Why did you begin to have doubts, O man of little faith?"

Jesus had always insisted that people should look at a situation in its entirety before they acted (Matthew 16:24-25). He was always completely honest with people, as He still is with us. He urged any who would follow Him to see the difficulties of doing so before they joined Him on "the Way." A thread runs through Christian history of people's failure to count the cost of a decision and not act on impulse or emotion. Dare I cite Judas as an example?

So, it is well to have our own emotions in check when we are considering doing something "for Jesus' sake." Prudence is a virtue. It is not so much a harness on our generosity as it is a cautionary blinking yellow light on our internal switchboard. The rent money, after all, has a built-in purpose.

Like all of us, St. Peter and the chosen Eleven had to learn the truths of the Lord the hard way. Experience is a hard teacher because first you get the test and then the lesson. So, it is wise to pay attention to life lessons from Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

At the Milan Cathedral in Italy there are three inscriptions over the respective doorways. Over the right-hand door there is this motto: "All that pleases is but for a moment." Over the left-hand door the words are: "All that troubles is but for a moment." But over the central door there is a simple sentence: "Nothing is important save that which is eternal."

God love you and give you prudence.

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