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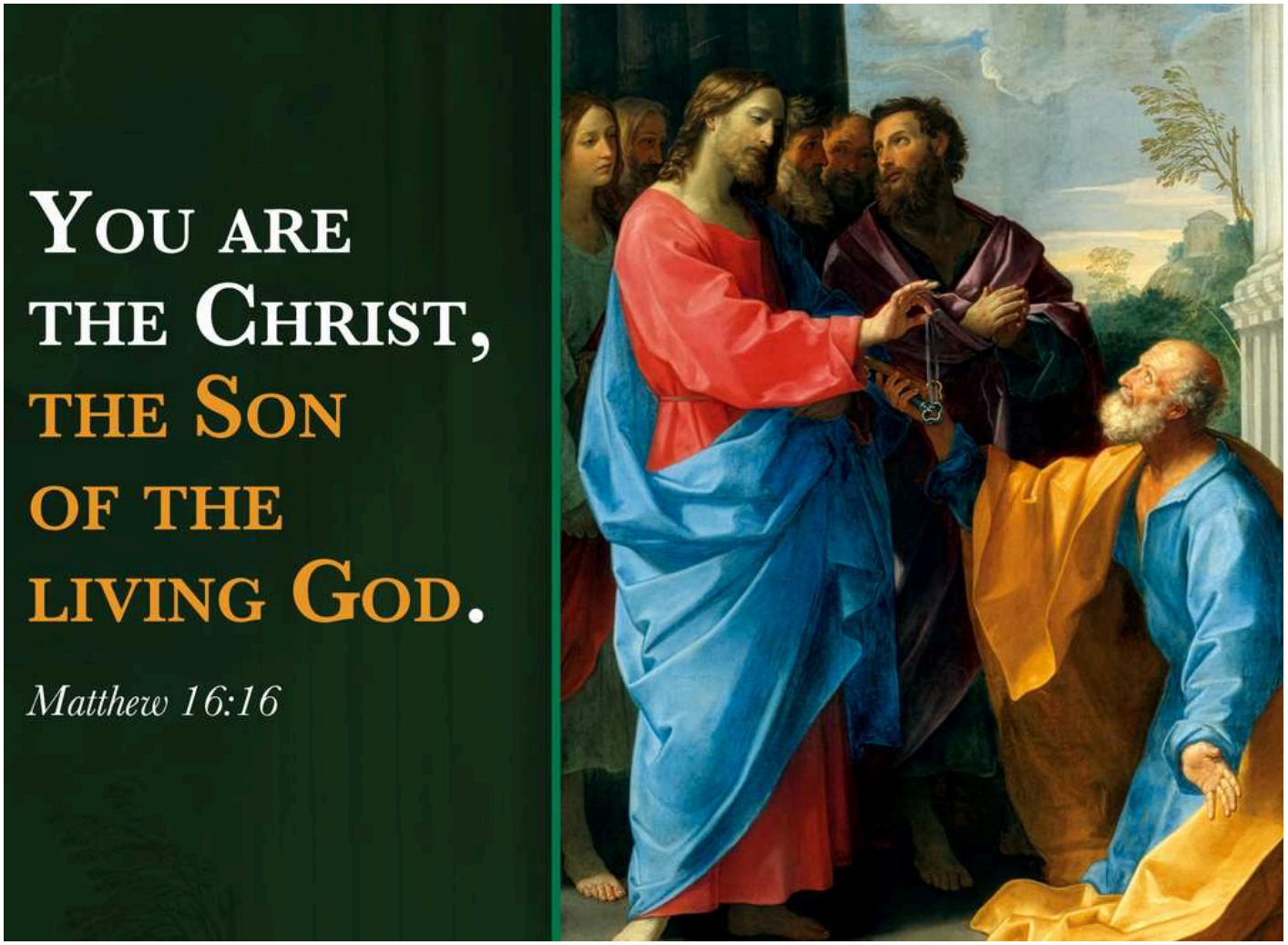

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Holy Mass:
Saturday: Anticipated Mass4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am &10:15am

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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AUGUST 23, 2026

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Peaceful Space for Prayer

Find Your Quiet at Mass

Do you struggle to find moments of deep prayer during Sunday Mass? We have wonderful news! Beginning Sunday, October 25th, our new parish nursery will be open during the 10:15 AM Mass. This dedicated space allows you to entrust your little ones to safe hands so you can worship more attentively and peacefully. While our children under the age of reason are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass, adults are called to fulfill this obligation in a spirit of true recollection. Silence and focused attention are essential parts of assisting at Holy Mass. By utilizing the nursery, you can enter more deeply into prayer while remaining considerate of your fellow parishioners' need for a quiet, reflective worship environment. Give yourself the gift of peaceful encounter with the Lord!

SACRED HEART

PARISH COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER DAY!

FENCE INSTALLATION PROJECT

Dear Parishioners, we will be installing a **VINYL FENCE** around the rear & left sides of our **PARISH PARKING LOT.**

WHEN:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th
TIME: Beginning at 8:00 AM.
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

SACRED HEART PREP PRESENTS

THE ANNUAL *Living Glow Rosary*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

You do not need to be enrolled in our PREP program to participate. Everyone is invited!

Thursday, September 24, 2026 | 7:00 p.m. | LOCATION: SACRED HEART GROTTO

As darkness falls, each participant lights a glow stick and becomes one "bead" in a beautiful Living Rosary while leading a prayer or Scripture reading. Together we'll watch the Rosary come to life as we pray for our parish, our families, and our world.

HOW IT WORKS

- You will be given a glow stick and a paper copy of the prayer or reading you sign up for when you arrive.
- We will spread out in the shape of a rosary.
- When it's your turn, crack and shake your glow stick to light it, then recite your reading or prayer.
- We will have a microphone that will travel the rosary.

SIGN UP TODAY!
Scan the QR code or visit SignUpGenius to choose your prayer or reading.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FILL EVERY BEAD!

BRING YOUR FAMILY. BRING A FRIEND.
Come be a light.
We can't wait to pray with you!

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 22

4:00pm James Strizziere
Requested by Gary & Karen DeNardo

Sunday, August 23

8:00am *Barry Kelly*
Requested by Brigida Shertzer

10:15am Virgilio D'Amore
Requested by Wife, Barbara

Monday, August 24

8:00am Ralph Colucci
Requested by Lou Puco

Tuesday, August 25

8:00am Elizabeth McQuaid
Requested by Jo-Ann Lawler

Wednesday, August 26

8:00am Barbara J. Lawrence

Thursday, August 27

8:00am Pat Gutkowski
Requested by Jeanette & Joe

Friday, August 28

8:00am Jamie Strizziere
Requested by Vincent & Janet Mallon

Saturday, August 29

4:00pm Jack Grabowski
Anniversary Remembrance
Requested by Wife, Eleanor

Sunday, August 30

8:00am *Martha Smoczylo*
Requested by Lee Ann, Hilary & Jeff

10:15am Edward Gunsalus & Steve Barainyak
Requested by The Family

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 29:
4:00pm
Celebrant: Father Lyons
Extraordinary Minister: Andy Moletzsky
Lector: Robert Stefanik

Sunday morning, August 30:
8:00am
Celebrant: Father Lyons
Extraordinary Minister: Marjorie Pruskowski
Lector: Tony Viggiano

10:15am
Celebrant: Father English
Extraordinary Minister: Joan Koeck
Lector: Sal DiNenna

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Weekly Report
August 15 - 16, 2026
$7,182.00

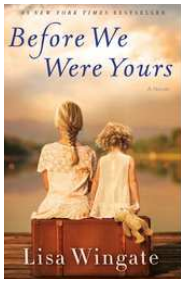
Thank you for the support of Our Parish!

We congratulate:

Brian Nolan & Maria Lourdes Mummert

Who were united in marriage on
August 15, 2026
at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in
Newport News, VA

by Father DiMaria



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.

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.

If we direct our work towards God, we shall work better than we know.

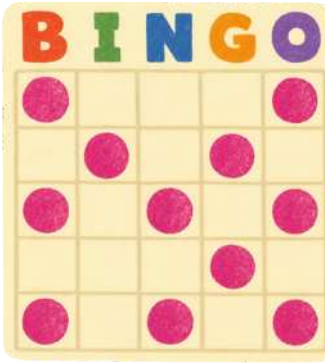
~Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

The Knights of Columbus Friday Night Bingo will resume on Friday,

October 9th

Sacred Heart Parish Hall @ 7:00 PM

Doors open @ 6:00PM



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
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Maria Welch
Salvatore Salamone
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Lisa Ronan
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George Minnis
Al Cowling
Mary (Puzio) Stephenson
Mary Boyle
Fran Toth
Joan Birely
John Smoczylo
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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

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

14th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Sat., September 12, 10:00 - 11:00AM
ST. AUGUSTINE CEMETERY
175 W. DeKalb Pike
King of Prussia

Pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 65 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community. Together, let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for an end to this injustice in our land. More info: Contact Joe McGuire at jmcg6518@gmail.com

6th Annual PA March for Life

Be a voice for the voiceless - because every life has purpose!

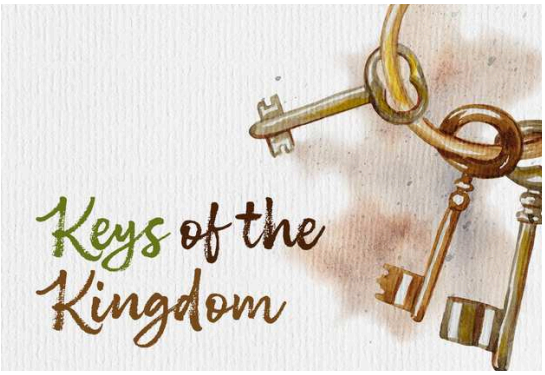
Monday, September 21st 7:30AM - 4:00PM
St. Maria Goretti Church - Mass in their Chapel
Bus departs from their Parking Lot @8:30AM
1601 Derstine Rd, Hatfield, PA 19440
11AM Rally for Life at the State Capital
12 Noon March - 2PM Bus leaves Harrisburg -
Cost: $20. Bring own lunch/snacks
Tickets must be purchased in advance.
Mail your check to St. Maria Goretti Parish, at the above address, Memo: Pro-life March with your name, address and number of attendees. Questions? Contact Bob @ Bobmcc52@gmail.com or 267-903-6163

#143 Sacred Heart

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



Surveys are to some web sites like ants to picnics. Part of life and hard to avoid. But if Jesus gets involved in anything, even a survey, we have to pay attention. We just heard (or read about) Our Lord conducting a survey of His chosen men.

First, the locale. Usually significant in the gospels. We're in Caesarea Philippi, a predominantly Gentile city north of Palestine. Originally known as Panias because of a shrine built there to honor the god, Pan. When Herod the Great's son Philip became tetrarch, he rebuilt the city and named it Caesarea to honor Tiberius the emperor...He cleaned and dressed it up (not with a ballroom) and added his name so the emperor would know it.

So here, among impressive Roman marble and plentiful statues of pagan gods, Jesus asks the Apostles two important questions:

"Who do men say that I am?" and then "Who do you say that I am?"

We can assume a stunned silence from the group and then a list of possibilities before Peter pipes up, as he is wont to do, with the correct answer: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!" "Wow!" we think.
"Peter sure got it right!" And Jesus wholeheartedly agrees. (Try to remember this scene next Holy Thursday night, when Peter vehemently denies Jesus to the servant girl in the high priest's garden when she confronts him hovering by the fire.)

Jesus rightly pinpoints the source of Peter's insight as the Holy Spirit within him. Then He gives Peter the keys to the kingdom, with power and authority of office that begins here and brings us right to Leo XIV from Chicago!

Rather than defend the papacy to all sorts of critics out there in cyberspace, I'd rather reflect on what St. Peter's answer to Christ means for you and me. But what does it mean? Certainly, the endurance of the Church for more than twenty centuries comes to mind. That plus the comfort of knowing with certainty the Church's purpose. The realization that its central truths about Jesus are forever. That no other plan on how to live is as responsive to God's will as that of Christianity. Certainly, I must add that we are part of the only Church with a pope as successor to Peter.

But now comes the question right at you and me this summer Sunday. Who do you say Christ is? Your answer and mine determine everything. We shouldn't need a survey to tell us. Allow me to close with a quote that fits the situation: "The true Christian is a person who is right-side-up in a world that is upside down."

God love you and give you His peace.

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