



Church of the Sacred Heart

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm Friday-9am-Noon



December 22, 2024

Prayer / Devotion Schedule

Morning Rosary

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
at 7:30 am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday following 8:00 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 10 am—6:45 pm

Chaplets of Divine Mercy

Wednesday following 8:00 am Mass

Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm—Chapel

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

First Saturday of each month at 4:15 pm

Evening Rosary

First Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

First Friday Night of Reparation

First Friday/Saturday of each month
7:00 pm—2 am

Masses at 8 PM & 12 Midnight

Parish Staff

Pastor - Reverend Anthony Raymundo

Weekend Assistant- Reverend Victor J. Eschbach

Permanent Deacon- Deacon Justin Watkins

Business Manager- Doug Singo

Director of Parish Services- Susan Casavant

Coordinator of Religious Education- Alexis Witiak

Music Director- Amy Murphy

Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministries- Clare Sceski

Bulletin Coordinator- Lisa Brown

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Daily Mass Schedule:

M, W, R, F at 8 am

T at 7 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil at 5 pm

Sunday at 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00-6:45 pm

Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

~ Prayer to Saint Michael ~

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Christmas is all about connections. When you stop and think about it there are many. There are the personal ones, of course. And then there are the biblical ones. The latter come from God the Holy Spirit, and they complete the picture.

The personal connections, I trust, are those happy memories of past Christmases, when we were “young and foolish” as the song says. Perhaps it was our first encounter with Santa, when we walked nervously toward the smiling gentleman with our list of wants and desires lined up in memory. Usually, a photo was taken of that event, which found its way into the family album. Today’s photos likely wind up on a phone collection.

Or maybe it was that Christmas when the one toy we really wanted stayed hidden for a while until Mom or Dad prompted us to look behind the tree.

Or maybe it was the Christmas eve you proposed to the girl of your dreams and offered her a ring that sparkled almost as much as her eyes when she said “Yes!”

I must give a nod here to the strong possibility of a possibly unhappy Christmas memory because the big day came too close to the funeral of a beloved parent. That one happened to my beloved Mom when she was a little girl.

The biblical Christmas connections are those annual scenes and memorable words that come around each year, often enriched with our personal meanings. For example, there is that visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth which highlights the Blessed Mother’s charity and concern. Something we have come to depend on also as our life moves on.

Underneath that obvious one is the deeper Scriptural message about the two baby boys awaiting their birth. These cousins will be connected more powerfully than usual. John the Baptist is connected spiritually with all the great prophets who preceded him in the Old Covenant times. John is the last of their kind, and he connects the New Covenant with the Old. John will also be the precursor of Jesus when both reach maturity.

Admittedly it can be a struggle at this time of year to stay focused on the spiritual. So many secular accumulations have come along over the centuries to our celebration of Christmas, either from our nationalities or those special family traditions that we must maintain our faith connection with the story. Our personal connection with Christ remains the ultimate reason for our joy at this holy time.

Perhaps the best help is one attributed to Stephen Covey. He said, “Always remember that the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.”

A blessed Christmas to you and yours!



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The office staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year!



The parish office will be closed beginning Tuesday, December 24th through Wednesday, January 1st. In case of emergency please call the parish office at 610-932-5040 and press 6 to leave a message.

CLERGY SCHEDULE

December 21	5 pm Vigil	Fr. Eschbach
December 22	8 am Mass	Fr. Anthony
	10 Mass	Fr. Anthony
	12 Noon Mass	Fr. Eschbach
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December 23	Daily Mass	Fr. Anthony
December 24	4 pm Mass	Fr. Anthony
	6 pm Mass	Fr. Eschbach
	8 pm Mass	Fr. Anthony
December 25	8 am Mass	Fr. Eschbach
	10 am Mass	Fr. Anthony
December 26-27	Daily Mass	Fr. Anthony
December 28	5 pm Vigil	Fr. Anthony
December 29	8 am Mass	Fr. Eschbach
	10 am Mass	Fr. Anthony
	12 Noon Mass	Fr. Anthony

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING ©BPC

Bless Our Sick

Dolores Bertoli, Gianna Best, Leonard Bojanowski
Edward Brush Jr., Helen Brush, Mary Lou Burton
Francis (Frank) Cornell, John Corrigan
Debbie Dickerson, Peter Dinon, Nicole DiFonzo
Audrey DiPasquale, Anne Donaldson, Gene Edgett
Bill Fili, Lara Frieman, Joseph Freiling
Ellenclare Pia Gartland, Arlene Gillis, Mike Grigg
Joe Gwin, Brian Harrison, Sandra Henderson
Gabrielle Hackman, Tara Hillegass, Ginny Holt
James Johnson, Janice Howard, Kathy Iadicicco
Francisco Jimenez, Beau Jones, Joanne Joyce
Jim Keating, Brian Kelly, Zyilian Kelson, Brian King
Cathy & Walter Koncir, Cass Kormanichi
Brian Kozakowski, Ed Maher, Susan Marcheski
Mike Marks Sr., Patrick Marzouca, Heather McClure
Seamus McMahon, Margaret McNair, Louella Meehan
Stella O'Donnell Michael Milligan, Melissa Pacella,
Peter Pankowicz, Bob Petersen, Greyson Pickark
Kenneth Pierce, Madison Piercy
Jane & Joseph Piscoglio, Mary Ann Plavcan
Lisa Rocchino, Jennifer Roma, John Rorex
Justin Smith, Sarah Stowe, Marie Strohmaier
Bridget Subers, Katalina Thompson, Nancy Torello
Jessica Townsend, Sandra and Jerry Treon, Joan Truman
Claire Vincent, Catherine Wright, Theresa Watson and
Sean Young

Please contact the office to add, renew or remove a name.

MASS INTENTIONS *(Requested by)*

<u>Saturday, December 21st</u>	
The People of Sacred Heart	5 pm
<u>Sunday, December 22nd</u>	
William Quigley <i>(Kevin & Carol Quigley)</i>	8 am
Connie Merkel <i>(Charlie Merkel)</i>	10 am
Tyler Hass <i>(Joe & Susan Casavant)</i>	12 noon
<u>Monday, December 23rd</u>	
William T. Liddle <i>(Suzanne Liddle)</i>	8 am
<u>Tuesday, December 24th</u>	
Deceased Membrs of Dunn & Strahlendorf Family	4 pm
The People of Sacred Heart	6 pm
The People of Sacred Heart	8 pm
<u>Wednesday, December 25th</u>	
50th Wedding Anniversary of Catherine & Richard Grebner <i>(Richard Grebner)</i>	8 pm
Achille Rota-Sebatian Rota <i>(Living)</i> <i>(Adela Rota)</i>	10 am
<u>Thursday, December 26th</u>	
Diana Wills <i>(Marie Peticca)</i>	8 am
<u>Friday, December 27th</u>	
Carl Burton <i>(Mary Lou Burton)</i>	8 am
<u>Saturday, December 28th</u>	
Erik, Patrick, Liam King	5 pm
<u>Sunday, December 29th</u>	
The People of Sacred Heart	8 am
Joseph T. Shenosky <i>(Connie McIlwain)</i>	10 am
Karra Kathryn Clevenger <i>(Traini Family)</i>	12 noon

Planning for Your Child's Baptism

Congratulations on the upcoming baptism of your child!
To arrange for this blessed occasion, please pick up a **Baptism Registration** form that can be found in the church narthex. After the form is completed, please personally give it to **Fr. Anthony Raymundo** right after any of the weekend or weekday Masses at which he presides. This meeting will give the parents and Father Anthony an opportunity to get to know one another as well as to go over preparation details for this joyous day.

God bless your entire family in this first step in your child's spiritual life!! Your parish family celebrates with you!!!

PRAYER / FAITH FORMATION

The Fourth Sunday of Advent*** December 22, 2024

Introit:	Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.
Entrance Refrain (Sung)	Let the earth bring forth a Savior.
First Reading:	Micah 5:1-4a
Responsorial Psalm:	Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
Second Reading:	Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel:	Luke 1:39-45
Communion Antiphon:	Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.
Communion Refrain (Sung)	Behold, the Lord our God is with us!



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays 6:00-6:45 pm
Saturdays 3:30-4:45 pm

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Adoration

There will be no adoration Tuesday, December 24th.
Adoration for Tuesday, December 31st will be from
10:00 am-4:45 pm followed by Benediction and
Mass at 5:00 pm.

SACRED HEART RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Sacred Heart's Respect Life Ministry invites you to join us to learn how you can help promote the Sanctity of Life from womb to natural death and help to find ways to support women experiencing unplanned pregnancies.

We will meet once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month following the 7PM Mass in either the Chapel or the Parish Hall. Please come and join us.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 21st.

For more information contact Melissa King
gavins_mommy@msn.com

YOUTH GROUP MONTHLY HOLY HOUR



DID SOMEONE SAY ICE CREAM?

HELP US KICK OFF SPRING '25 THE RIGHT WAY! JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP FOR A PARTY FILLED WITH HOAGIES, GAMES, MUSIC, ADORATION, & ICE CREAM!

JAN. 5TH / 5:30PM - 9PM

ICE CREAM PARTY

St. Joseph the Worker Men's Group

Come and join men of the parish for scripture study and adoration at Church followed by fraternity at Casa Carmen Farm and Winery.

For more information contact José Sáenz Crespo
josesaenz77@gmail.com

The next meeting is **Thursday, January 16th** at
6:00 pm starting in the parish hall.



STEWARDSHIP / PARISH COMMUNITY

Campus Happenings

Sunday, December 22nd

Knights of Columbus Charity Wheel Tickets on Sale After All Masses
5:30 pm AA Open to all (Parish Hall)



Young at Heart

Come join us for camaraderie and fun!

Young at Heart is an organization for men and women of a certain age in our parish who get together twice a month to socialize, plan, and have fun.

Young at Heart meets the first and third Mondays of each month, September through May at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Please come to a meeting and enjoy light refreshments, camaraderie and fun!

Our next meeting is Monday, January 6th.

For more information contact Jo Anne
jawnorris7@gmail.com



Charity Wheel

Tickets On Sale Now!

Two Sundays left to purchase your ticket!

The 2025 Knights of Columbus Charity Wheel tickets are on sale after all Masses.

Sales will go until all 180 are sold or the last weekend of 2024 whichever comes first. Tickets are \$60.00 and are good for all of 2025.

December winnings numbers

\$200- #130

\$100- # 099

\$100- # 087

Did You Know Our Sacred Heart Parish has an app?

Our Sacred Heart Parish app is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones.

Enjoy features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish.



COR

ATTENTION MEN OF SACRED HEART Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity of Men

The men of the Knights of Columbus are excited to share the implementation of **COR**, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of Sacred Heart parish. Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Come join our group of parish men on the **third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 21st at 7:00pm in the parish hall.**

For more information contact Rodney Hammond
hammondservices27@gmail.com
or Rich Hackett richhackett@gmail.com

FAITH IN ACTION in the Community

CYACC - Chester County Catholic Young Adults Event– Wednesday, January 1 - Holy Hour with music and night prayer - 7:30pm at St. Agnes in West Chester. Join us for one of our most beautiful events, an evening of adoration, music, and night prayer. Access the chapel by entering the side door to the basement. All are invited out afterwards for food, drinks, and fellowship. For more information about our organization visit www.cyacc.org or find us in Facebook or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com

The 2025 Lecture Series featured speaker on “The Church and Social Communication” - Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm at Julia Ball Auditorium at Gwynedd Mercy University. President & COO of EWTN News, Ms. Alvarado served as an Emcee of the 10th Annual National Eucharistic Congress and is the recipient of the 2024 Religious Freedom Impact Award. More information visit <https://www.scs.edu/chairs/foley-chair-of-social-communications/cardinal-foley-lecture-series/>

Cardinal Dougherty High School Class of 1975 Reunion - Saturday, April 5, 2025 6-10 PM. For additional questions email 1975cdreunion@gmail.com

The Sacred Heart Food Pantry

Specific items will be requested monthly to help aid St. Rocco's parish.

**For the month of December
Canned fruit is being requested.**

Basic food items are also still needed.
THANK YOU for the continued support!

SAVE THE DATE

**March for Life
Washington, D.C.**

Friday, January 24, 2025

Life is a precious gift from God!

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of men, women, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill. It is the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest... **TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE.**

Please join Sacred Heart Church as we partner with Assumption BVM, St. Gabriel and St. Patrick Parishes to sponsor a bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the 52nd Annual March for Life. The motor coach bus will depart Assumption BVM Church parking lot at 6:30 am and return approximately 7:00 pm. We will attend the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. We will then reboard the bus and travel to the National Mall for the Rally and March for Life. For questions or to **sign up** for the bus, call or text Stephanie at 484-467-6675.

Collection Summary

**Sunday, December 8, 2024
2024 - \$15,299.90 2023- \$15,204.50**

December 15th Collection Summary will be published next week.

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***** DID YOU KNOW?? *****



Did you know that our parish is privileged to have its own Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima? It is a beautiful, blessed statue made in Fatima, Portugal that travels throughout our parish to encourage devotion to Our Lady and her Most Holy Rosary.

A person or family welcomes the statue into their home, situates it in a place of honor and enjoys Our Lady's special presence with them for a period of about a week.

The statue then moves on to the next person or family (transportation will be provided or it can be exchanged at church).

Our Heavenly Mother brings special blessings with her wherever she goes!

If you are interested in honoring Our Lady, please contact Karen Orpneck at kmo@zoominternet.net or at 610-932-8106 to schedule your week.