

Church of the Sacred Heart

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

December 15, 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

You might hear it in a sales pitch for buying into solar panels. Or in a conversation about a new diet plan. Or an over-the-fence conversation about a new landscaper. It's the question "What should you do now? Call an 800 number? Tap your text icon? Whatever you do, do it now before it's too late!

The avid fans of the Baptist felt the pressure to act. John had preached so well and wisely. His topic was exhilarating and his enthusiasm catching. He charged people to reform and be ready to greet the longed-for Messiah because he is coming! In their excitement, people mistakenly thought that maybe John himself was "the One."

John knew that nonsense had to stop. It is a tribute to John's humility that he did it as fast as he could. "No, I am not him. More than that, I'm not even worthy to untie the man's sandal straps." He never let on that he had Jesus' special favor as a cousin. Later, we know that Jesus would pay John quite the compliment.

Today's Scriptures together speak of joy as the perfect reaction to the good news of the Savior's arrival. Of course, the way of His coming was not expected. There was no mounting of a stallion or a large assembly of troops. Certainly, no triumphant banners fluttering in the breeze.

Instead, He would be gently humble and strongly self-assured, bringing with Him a baptism with "the Holy Spirit and fire." He would separate the wheat from the chaff and burn away the latter with a catching fire.

Such descriptions left the people confused and not a little disappointed, considering what the long wait did to change the concept of Messiah into a military hero. What John was saying was startling. But it was also compelling. But they didn't flee the scene because John had an inherent magnetism. What he had to say was altogether new. It challenged their preconceptions of the Messiah. John spoke of an interior renewal that would lead one away from sinful ways.

There was also a resounding note of joy in John's message. Sharp contrast to their disillusion because of the long wait for relief from oppression. So many years they and their children had asked: "Where is God?"

To be frank, we've often asked ourselves that question. The devil seems to be in control of our world too. Aren't fellow Christians being persecuted in parts of our world? Aren't the jabs of sarcasm still aiming our way as they were for the early Christians reasons to doubt our faith? Isn't the relentless push to justify abortion on demand and the unchallenged indulgence in pornography simply evil with another name?

Those are just two reasons why we must turn to the gospel message of joy that comes with the approach of Christmas. It is the rebirth of hope. It is the powerful antidote to pessimism. It is the call to childlike trust because it's all about the birth of a holy Child. We can enjoy a rosy outlook (like the color of the vestments today) because we have the best Truth to believe in.

God love you and give you His peace.



CLERGY SCHEDULE

December 14	5 pm Vigil	Fr. Eschbach
December 15	8 am Mass	Fr. Eschbach
	10 Mass	Fr. Anthony
	12 Noon Mass	Fr. Anthony
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December 16-20	Daily Mass	Fr. Anthony
December 21	5 pm Vigil	Fr. Eschbach
December 22	8 am Mass	Fr. Anthony
	10 Mass	Fr. Anthony
	12 Noon Mass	Fr. Eschbach

The "Little Blue Books" are available in the church vestibule and are free of charge. Take time out of your busy schedule to read the six minute daily Advent meditations.

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING ©JPPC

Bless Our Sick

Dolores Bertoli, Gianna Best
Theodore Edward Broebeck, Leonard Bojanowski
Edward Brush Jr., Helen Brush
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, 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 14th</u>	
Edwin Boyd (<i>Boyd Family</i>)	5 pm
<u>Sunday, December 15th</u>	
The People of Sacred Heart	8 am
Bernard Encarnacion (<i>Marie Peticca</i>)	10 am
Thanks to Sacred Heart for Favors Received (<i>Maria Jimenez</i>)	12noon
<u>Monday, December 16th</u>	
Nancy Poliski (<i>Mike Poliski</i>)	8 am
<u>Tuesday, December 17th</u>	
Camille E. DeBerardinis (<i>The Cavallucci Family</i>)	7 pm
<u>Wednesday, December 18th</u>	
Howard Gwin (<i>Ann & Charles Ludvig</i>)	8 am
<u>Thursday, December 19th</u>	
George Raymond Niskala (<i>Traini Family</i>)	8 am
<u>Friday, December 20th</u>	
Joseph Brennan (<i>Joanne Tercha</i>)	8 am
<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>)	12noon



Pray For The Deceased

Rose Comer Kyle

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYER / FAITH FORMATION

The Third Sunday of Advent*** December 15, 2024

Introit:	Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.
Entrance Refrain (Sung)	The Lord will come to save his people.
First Reading:	Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Responsorial Psalm:	Cry out with joy and gladness for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.
Second Reading:	Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel:	Luke 3:10-18
Communion Antiphon:	Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.
Communion Refrain (Sung)	Behold the joy which comes to you from God.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Mass of the Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24th
4:00 on 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm
Wednesday, December 25th
8:00 am & 10:00 am

Mass of the Solemnity of Mary

Tuesday, December 31st at 5:00 pm
Wednesday, January 1st 9:00 am & 12:00 noon

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 this Tuesday, December 17th.

For more information contact Melissa King
gavins_mommy@msn.com

Advent Confessions Jesus waits for us in this beautiful sacrament of mercy and peace.



Opportunities for Advent Confessions in addition to their regular schedules are:

Our Lady Of Consolation Church, Parkesburg - Monday, December 16th 7-9 PM

St. Catherine, Quarryville - Monday, December 16th 6-8 PM

St. Patrick Church, Kennett Square - Tuesday, December 17th 7:00 PM

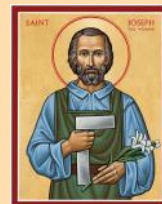
St. Cornelius, Chadds Ford - Thursday, December 19th 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM

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, December 19th** at **6:00 pm** starting in the parish hall.



STEWARDSHIP / PARISH COMMUNITY

Campus Happenings

Sunday, December 15th	Knights of Columbus Charity Wheel Tickets on Sale After All Masses Breakfast with Santa after the 8 am and 10 am Masses
	8:30 am PREP Classes Level K-6 (Parish Center)
	11:00 am OCIA (Parish Center 2nd Floor)
	6:30 pm AA Open to all (Parish Hall)
Monday, December 16th	1:00 pm Young at Heart Meeting (Parish Hall)
Tuesday, December 17th	10:00 am Adoration followed by Benediction and 7 pm Mass (Church)
	7:00 pm Knights of Columbus COR Meeting (Parish Hall)
Wednesday, December 18th	9:00 am AG Quilting (Parish Hall)
	6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Church)
	7:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group (Chapel)
Thursday, December 19th	6:00 pm St. Joseph the Worker Men's Group (Parish Hall)
	6:30 pm Music Practice (Church)



The Knights of Columbus
Present their
Annual Breakfast with Santa
Sunday December 15, 2024
8 am -12 Noon

Spirit of Christmas Giving Tree



Gifts Cards are due Sunday, December 22nd.

THANK YOU!

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, December 16th.

For more information contact Jo Anne
jawnorris7@gmail.com



Charity Wheel

Tickets On Sale Now!

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.

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, December 17th 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

Private Day of Prayer at Villa Maria Retreat Center by the Sea-Wednesday, December 18th from 10am-4pm. 101 11th Street, Stone Harbor, NJ. The cost is \$25/person. Lunch is included. For more information visit www.VMbythesea.com

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/>

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!

Collection Summary

Sunday, December 1, 2024
2024 - \$15,264.50 2023- \$15,513.00

December 8th Collection Summary will be published next week.

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 (300 State Road, West Grove) 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.



It has been brought to our attention that folks are parking in the fire lane of the Parish Center (former school building). The curb that runs parallel to the building is the fire lane. Please do not park there.
Thank you!

***** 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 statue made in Fatima, Portugal and blessed by Father Shenosky, 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.