

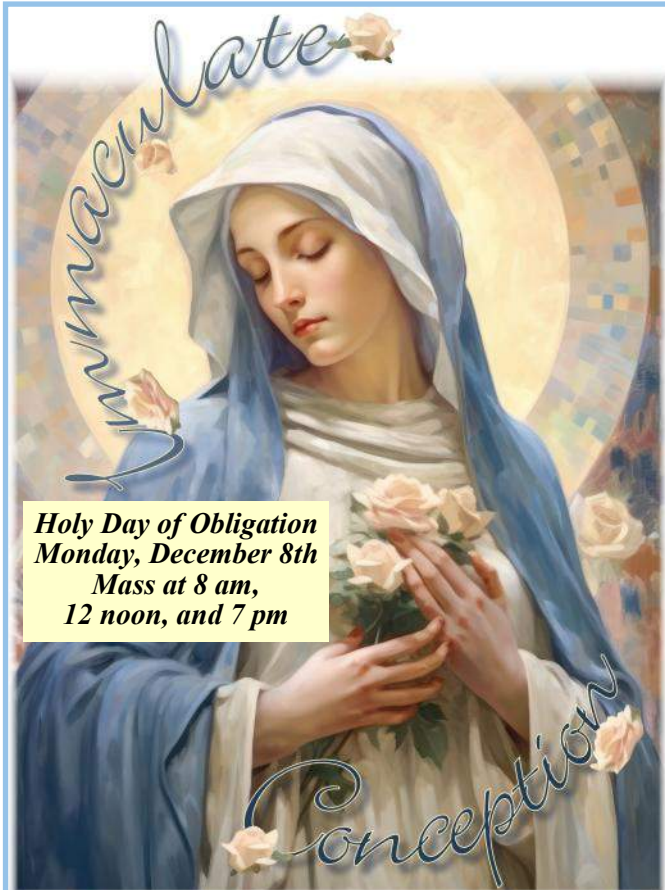
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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm Friday-9am-Noon



Holy Day of Obligation
Monday, December 8th
Mass at 8 am,
12 noon, and 7 pm

December 7, 2025

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

Chaplet 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

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Music Director- Amy Murphy

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, 2 pm (Spanish)

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

Those of us of “a certain age” became educated by a process called “Rote Learning.” You’ll recognize it as I define it here: “a memorization method that relies on repetition and drilling to commit information to memory without necessarily understanding the underlying concepts.” It is a technique for retaining specific facts, like the times table, historical dates, and vocabulary, and that allows for quick recall, but it does not foster critical thinking, or deep comprehension of the subject matter. In addition, with the passage of time, we have learned that rote learning does not prepare youngsters for higher education and does not usually build knowledge. Yet, for all that last critique, I can quickly recall $9 \times 6 = 54$ when I need it, without turning to my smart phone.

All of this brings us to consider how the ancient Hebrews in Our Lord’s audience had no choice but rote learning. This was underscored by the twin facts that there was no printed matter to refer to, and for the common folk at least, no way to read if there had been.

No wonder, then, that Our Lord, as the Master Teacher, would tell stories to bolster their knowledge of truth, with what we would call today “meaningful learning.” For example: How to be a good neighbor? Consider the classic parable of “The Good Samaritan.”

Even we moderns can learn from John the Baptist’s living example and his preaching, what the short season of Advent is all about. He doesn’t tell stories, like his cousin does. But watching him and listening to him is enough. He tells us to “Repent, because the Kingdom of heaven is near.” That kingdom was afterward personified by the Infant in the manger.

In practical terms, observing Advent could mean some deliberate fasting before the coming feasting. Or scheduling some quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of these weeks to pray. Certainly, the making of a good confession in Advent is a good idea, because it clears away the debris from the “stable” of our souls to welcome Jesus.

Of course, there are other ways to learn besides the two I have mentioned. Not necessarily all pleasant. We have this story of a man who wanted to train his mule. The first thing he did was to pick up a big stick and hit the mule with a resounding wallop between the ears. As the mule staggered about, someone said to him “What’s the matter with you? Why did you do that awful thing? The man said. “Listen, to teach a mule, you must first get his attention.”

Poor mule! Yet anybody who has taught knows you need the attention first. Let the Advent season get our attention for authentic prep for Christmas.

God love you and have a good Advent week.



ADVENT MEDITATIONS

Christ and Mary’s Love For Us
Join us **Tuesdays beginning December 2nd**
5:45-6:40pm in the Parish Hall with
Sue Mathews.



There will be several priests available to hear confessions on **Thursday, December 18th** beginning at **7:00pm** in the parish hall.

Spirit of Christmas Giving Tree



Thank you in advance for taking a tag from the tree. Please remember to bring the gifts back by **this Sunday, December 7th and the gift cards back by Sunday, December 21st.**

We will be joyfully serving our parish and community families as well as Ware Manor, Oxford Neighborhood Services, Lighthouse Youth Center, Divine Sent Food Bank, and Cornerstone Pregnancy Center.

If you have any questions please text or call Jen Tipton at 610-547-9234.

The Knights of Columbus present Breakfast with Santa



Sunday, December 14th
after the 8am and 10 am Masses.
\$10 per person; 5 and under are free
There is a sign- up sheet in the Narthex.

CLERGY SCHEDULE

December 6	5 pm Mass	Fr. Eschbach
December 7	8 am Mass	Fr. Anthony
	10 am Mass	Fr. Anthony
	12 Noon Mass	Fr. Eschbach
Dec. 8 (Holy Day)	8 am Mass	Fr. Anthony
	12 Noon Mass	Fr. Eschbach
	7 pm Mass	Fr. Anthony
December 9-12	Daily Mass	Fr. Anthony
December 13	5 pm Mass	Fr. Eschbach
December 14	8 am Mass	Fr. Eschbach
	10 am Mass	Fr. Anthony

**The parish office will be closed on
Monday, December 8th
for the Immaculate Conception**



Mass will be held at 8am, Noon, and 7pm

**The Parish Office will also be closed
Friday, December 12th.**



Bless Our Sick

Jimmy Albensi, Janet Allen, Joe Anastasio
Cecilia Barlow, Amalia Bellini, Ginny Brennan
Nicole Burruano, Barbara Carrigan
Adelaide Marie Casavant, Francis (Frank) Cornell
Ronald Cornell, Dan Decamillo, Debbie Dickerson
Dorothy Durnan, William Fili, Lara Frieman
Ellenclaire Pia Gartland, Arlene Gillis, Ralph Girardi
Judy Green, Jane Hallman Brian Harrison
Tara Hillegass, Ginny Holt, Beau Jones, Brian Kelly
Cathy & Walter Koncir, Brian Kozakowski
Matthew Krause, Frank Kriwicki, Sam Lala
Kathleen Marker, Joey Marzouca, Mike Marks Sr.
Charlie Merkel, Miguel Angel Morales
Stella O'Donnell, Peter Pankowicz, Kimberly Peavy
Jeremy Pierce, Kenneth Pierce, Joseph Piscoglio
Mary Ann Plavcan, Jennifer Roma Virginie Santiago
Jeri & Joe Santine, Mac Slifer, Justin Smith
Kurt Strohmaier, Marie Strohmaier, Kara Tabella
Sandra and Jerry Treon

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

MASS INTENTIONS (*Requested by*)

Saturday, December 6	
The Purgatorial Society	5 pm
Sunday, December 7	
The People of Sacred Heart	8 am
Jane Piscoglio (<i>Cathy Thomas</i>)	10 am
John Rahner (<i>Jenn & Pat Carr</i>)	12 Noon
Monday, December 8	
Rose Marie Oram (L) (<i>Marie Peticca</i>)	8 am
For The Intentions of Father Anthony (<i>Joann DiLiberto</i>)	12 Noon
Father Anthony (L)	7 pm
Tuesday, December 9	
Edwin Boyd (<i>Boyd Family</i>)	7 pm
Wednesday, December 10	
Thomas & Frances McCann (<i>Charlie Merkel</i>)	8 am
Thursday, December 11	
Kristen Johnson (<i>Charles McGrogan</i>)	8 am
Friday, December 12	
Bill & Catherine Dorsch (<i>Bill & Deb Dorsch</i>)	8 am
Saturday, December 13	
Nancy Poliski (<i>Mike Poliski</i>)	5 pm
Sunday, December 14	
Carmelite Hermits of Lake Elmo (<i>Marie Dunn</i>)	8 am
The People of Sacred Heart	10 am
Joseph Edward Dunn (<i>Guss Family</i>)	12 Noon

Holiday Bulletin Submission Schedule

Our bulletins are due to the publisher earlier than usual during Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you would like something placed in the bulletin please use the following schedule.

SUNDAY BULLETINS	PLEASE SUBMIT BY
Sunday, December 21	Wednesday, December 10
Sunday, December 28	Tuesday, December 16
Sunday, January 4	Monday, December 22

Ads should be fully complete with all information/details (date, time, location, group/event name), fully edited, and in Microsoft Word format, if possible. Ads will be placed as space allows. Please email ads to

lbrown@sacredheart.us

PRAYER / FAITH FORMATION

2nd Sunday of Advent– December 7, 2025

Introit:	O people of Sion behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.
First Reading:	Isaiah 11:1-10
Responsorial Psalm:	Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.
Second Reading:	Romans 15:4-9
Gospel:	Mathew 3:1-12
Communion Antiphon:	Jerusalem arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Please Pray for the Members of the Sacred Heart Purgatorial Society

Norma & Grant Baumgarder *Leonard Bojanowski *Mary Breslin *Thomas Breslin
Burton & Himes Families *Edward & Anne Caulfield *Caitlin Coggon *Alfred Dezzi
Peter Dinon *Betty Duffy *William Francis Duffy, Jr. *Becky Flick *Gaj Family
Ray & Irene Guiliano *Michael G. Guss *Hussong & Brumbaugh Families
Jones Family *Howard Joyce *Maureen Carroll Joyce *David W Kormanicki *Daniel McCarthy Sr
*Dennis McCarthy *Dorothy McCarthy *Lynn McCarthy *McGrogan & Ricedorf Families
*Connie Merkel *Miller & O'Connor Families *Irene Namowicz *Marcos Olivera
O'Neill & Krajewski Families *Oswald & Brobeck Families *Edward Poliski *Nancy Poliski
Ripa Family *Louis Rivera *Luis Rivera *Roma Family *Santine Family *Brian Smith

Purgatorial Society Enrollments

The Sacrifice of Mass for a deceased loved one(s) in the Purgatorial Society is celebrated the First Saturday of each month for 1 year. Enrollment and renewals can be obtained by completing a Purgatorial Society form from the Sacred Heart Parish office.

Ministry of Consolation

The Bereavement Support Group is a peer ministry that offers information about the grief process while providing an opportunity for people to share their thoughts and feelings in a supportive environment.

Our next meeting is **Thursday, December 11th at 7:00PM** in the Assumption BVM Chapel, 300 State Road, West Grove. If you have lost a loved one and are looking for support, guidance and direction, consider joining us. Do you need help sooner?
Contact Dennis at 610-345-1480, or email Consolation@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays 6:00-6:45pm
Saturdays 3:30-4:45pm
Thursday, December 18th Penance Service at 7 pm

The Nativity of the Lord

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

The Solemnity of Mary

Wednesday, December 31st at 4:00 pm
Thursday, January 1st 9:00 am & 12:00 noon

Little Blue Books

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.

STEWARDSHIP / PARISH COMMUNITY

Campus Happenings

Sunday, December 7

Donut Social After All Masses

Knights of Columbus Charity Wheel Sales After All Masses

8:30 am	Prep (Parish Center Gym)
2:00 pm	Spanish Mass (Church)
6:30 pm	AA Meeting - Open to All (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm	Youth Group (Youth Group Room)

Monday, December 8

Parish Office Closed

8:00 pm Eagles Game with Knights of Columbus (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, December 9

10:00 am Adoration followed by Benediction and Mass at 7:00pm
5:45 pm Advent Meditation with Sue Mathews (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, Dec. 10

9:00 am AG Quilting (Parish Hall)
6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Church)
6:30 pm Evangelization Meeting (Parish Center Café)
7:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group (Cry Room)
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting (Parish Hall)

Thursday, December 11

6:30 pm Christmas Bell Choir (Church)

Friday, December 12

Parish Office Closed

9:00 am Sacred Heart Book Club (Parish Hall)

FOOTBALL with the Knights
Monday, December 8th after the 7pm Mass in
the Parish Hall



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Our parish is inviting men and women, **4th grade through Social Security** to serve weekend and Holy Day Masses. Experienced or not, now is a wonderful time to step in and help out.

Training is provided- just bring a willing heart.

Contact Lucas Witiak at 484-748-1618
ljwitiak@icloud.com.

Knights of Columbus

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Family Service Organization open to all practicing Catholic gentlemen who are 18 years of age or older.

For question please contact:

Ed Allen edkoc13241@gmail.com
Louis Moylan CPTLOU2@yahoo.com
Patrick Carr Pat24k936@hotmail.com



CYACC - Speaker Event: "St John Paul II and Living the Gospel of Life" by: Chris Massaro- Wednesday, December 10th from 7:00 – 8:00pm at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, 1325 Boot Rd, West Chester, PA. Let us dive deeper into learning about the prophetic papal encyclical Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life) written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995 reaffirming the value and inviolability of every human life and to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life.

CYACC Christmas Cookie Party-Wednesday, December 17 from 7:00 – 9:00pm at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, 1325 Boot Rd, West Chester. Tis' the season for our Annual CYACC Cookie party! Please bring cookies as a dish to pass to share amongst our fellow friends. All young adults are welcome from the ages 18-35. It will be a joyful celebration with games, prizes and fellowship. We encourage you to come wearing festive clothing but if you don't have anything feel free to come casual.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Vigil



Join with others on
Thursday, December 12th
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Patroness of the Pro-Life Movement.

Come be a part of this Annual Prayer
Vigil held at
Planned Parenthood
8 S. Wayne St., West Chester
11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Child sacrifice ended in Mexico after
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in 1531.
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occurring locally and around the world.

For more information contact
Jo Christof at jochristof@verizon.net or
610-942-3571

Collection Summary

Sunday, November 23, 2025

\$13,850.50

Thank you for your goodness to Sacred Heart!

Please use this QR Code for your online parish giving.



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 2025 whichever comes first.

Tickets are \$60.00 and are good for all of 2026.



ALL ARE WELCOME

at Sacred Heart Parish.

To Register, please pick up a registration form that can be found on the website www.sacredheart.us or 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 you and Father Anthony an opportunity to get to know one another.



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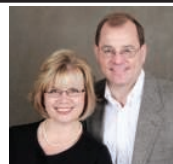


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