

Church of the Sacred Heart

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

A Faith That Divides

August 17, 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

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

Email: info@sacredheart.us

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

When anyone in a crowded space suddenly shouts “Fire!” there is a mass exit that could be dangerous. But when Our Lord says that He came to start a fire, nobody moves because we want Him to explain. And so, He does by way of the Holy Spirit’s help. The “fire” our Lord refers to is the presence of God, embracing both His love and His judgment.

Some background: For the past few weeks in our Sunday Gospel readings, Our Lord has been instructing His chosen Apostles. You may recall Him warning them (and us) to be prepared for our eventual demise. We are not going to be here on earth forever.

Then last weekend we pondered what Jesus said about the good and faithful servant: who is he and what is he like. That amounts to a portrait of success for a Christian believer.

Today, one can almost hear Our Savior’s frustration. Why? Because He wants His chosen Twelve to understand His mission and bring it to its fulfillment. He is almost weary of the time delay, although, as always, He accepts the Father’s will. He wants to let the Apostles know that the Father’s presence is genuine and loving, but that if they’re unresponsive, there will be judgment and a necessary purification. (Read “purgatory”) He stresses that loyalty to Him is more important than family unity.

All of this should bring to our attention not only the imperative He felt about His mission, but also that the same should motivate us as His followers, as we go about fulfilling our Baptismal obligation to spread the Good News.

The threat of non-acceptance is always there, so we go forth with eyes wide open. Christ always threatens the comfortable. Anticipating the message centuries before, note how scary things came for poor Jeremiah, as the “powers-that-be” had him tossed in a deep cistern. Only the fervor of a true believer got him rescued.

Jeremiah did not give in to discouragement, nor should we. Yes, we live in an apathetic world that only yawns at our fervor, but heaven is with us to cheer us on, if only we would listen. That is the blessing of God.

When you think about God’s blessings, remember one child’s description of an elevator: “I got in this little room and the upstairs came down.”

God love you and give you His peace.

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Monday, Sept 22nd
Rally 11 a.m. | March 12 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish will be participating in the PA March for Life.

Father Anthony will offer the 8am Mass for the unborn,
and afterwards we will meet in the parking lot to
carpool to Harrisburg.

For more information please contact
Karen at

kmo@zoominternet.net

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.

**Our next meeting is in the cry room at Church.
Monday, September 14 at 7:00pm**

For more information contact
Mary Ann Pluciennick pluciennikma@gmail.com
Karen Orpneck kmo@zoominternet.net

CLERGY SCHEDULE

August 16	5 pm Mass	Fr. Anthony
August 17	8 am Mass	Fr. Anthony
	10 am Mass	Fr. Anthony
	12 Noon Mass	Fr. Eschbach
August 18-22	Daily Mass	Fr. Anthony
August 23	5 pm Mass	Fr. Eschbach
August 24	8 am Mass	Fr. Eschbach
	10 am Mass	Fr. Anthony
	12 Noon Mass	Fr. Anthony



Thomas Chiomento, Jr.

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



Bless Our Sick

Jimmy Albensi, Cecilia Barlow, Amalia Bellini,
 Ginny Brennan, Nicole Burruano, Barbara Carrigan
 Adelaide Marie Casavant, Francis (Frank) Cornell
 Debbie Dickerson, Dorothy Durnan, Bill Fili
 Joseph Fischetti, Lara Frieman, Ellenclare Pia Gartland
 Arlene Gillis, Ralph Girardi, Judy Green, Brian Harrison
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 Mike Marks Sr., Charlie Merkel, Miguel Angel Morales
 Stella O'Donnell, 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, August 16th	
Kathleen Dallmer <i>(Jennifer Hill)</i>	5 pm
Sunday, August 17th	
The People of Sacred Heart	8 am
Thomas A. Breslin	10 am
<i>(Daughters of St. Francis de Sales)</i>	
Leonard & Antoinette Spatocco	12 noon
<i>(Joe & Linda Lanciano)</i>	
Monday, August 18th	
Greg Cohen <i>(The Casavant Family)</i>	8 am
Tuesday, August 19th	
Gene Allport <i>(The Reilly Family)</i>	7 pm
Wednesday, August 20th	
William Roach <i>(Peggy Roach)</i>	8 am
Thursday, August 21st	
Father Anthony Raymundo	8 am
<i>(Sacred Heart Parish)</i>	
Friday, August 22nd	
Father Victor Eschbach	8 am
<i>(Sacred Heart Parish)</i>	
Saturday, August 23rd	
John J. Kenny IV <i>(John & Debra Kenny)</i>	5 pm
Sunday, August 24th	
Adam & Sophie Jaszczynski	8 am
<i>(Nicholas Leo)</i>	
Clara Federici <i>(The Newcamp Family)</i>	10 am
The People of Sacred Heart	12 noon



The Sacred Heart Food Pantry

For the month of **August** we are collecting cereal and individually wrapped back-to-school snacks.

THANK YOU for the continued support!



PRAYER / FAITH FORMATION

***The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time– August 17, 2025

Introit:	Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
Entrance Refrain (Sung)	Turn your eyes, O God, and look upon us.
First Reading:	Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Responsorial Psalm:	Lord, come to my aid!
Second Reading:	Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel:	Luke 12:49-53
Communion Antiphon:	I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.
Communion Refrain (Sung)	Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Little Margaret Mary's

Girls who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to consider joining the Little Margaret Mary's, a group aimed to encourage Works of Mercy and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, inspired by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

Our first meeting will be at Sacred Heart **Sunday, November 2, 10AM Mass** followed by a Work of Mercy and social time.

For more information visit
Littlemargaretmarys.com



HEALING MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Our Lady of Consolation Church
Schneider Parish Center
2995 Cemetery Rd
Parkesburg, PA 19365
Wednesday, August 20th

Father Sean O'Neill will celebrate **Mass at 7 pm** with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This Sacrament is offered to the faithful who suffer from chronic illness, are about to undergo surgery and for the elderly hampered by a weakened condition.

Come early for **Praise and Worship at 6:30 pm**. After Mass, prayer teams will be available for personal prayer.

For questions, please contact Sue Havey at 717-419-9053 susanhav@epix.net, or Mary Beth Rhorer at 610-857-3510

Night of Reparation Vigil **At Sacred Heart First Friday and** **First Saturdays** **Our next Night of Reparation will be** **September 5th-6th**

Join the alliance of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary in a Communion of Reparation Vigil.

7:00pm - Rosary, 9 Offices of the Sacred Heart, Consecration Prayers, and Adoration.

9:30pm - First Friday Mass, Confession, and Fellowship.

11:45pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

12:00am - First Saturday Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Offices of the Immaculate Heart, and Rosary.

Ministry of Consolation

After a death of a loved one, the Ministry of Consolation offers hope, support, and a listening ear to those who are grieving. Confidentiality and compassion are the focus of this group.

We will meet on **Thursday, August 21st** at 7 pm in the Assumption BVM Chapel in West Grove, and our meetings last approximately an hour.

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

Consolation@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org

STEWARDSHIP / PARISH COMMUNITY

Campus Happenings

Sunday, August 17	8:30 am 6:30 pm	Confirmation Class (Parish Center Gym) AA Meeting Open to All (Parish Hall)
Tuesday, August 19	10:00 am	Adoration followed by Benediction and Mass at 7:00pm
Wednesday, August 20	9:00 am 6:30 pm	AG Quilting (Parish Hall) Adult Choir (Church)
Thursday, August 21	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Stitching for Service (Parish Hall) St. Joseph Men's Group (Parish Hall)
Friday, August 22	5:00 pm	PREP Ice Cream Social (Parish Hall)

Daughters of St. Francis de Sales Association

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St. Francis de Sales

The Daughters of St. Francis de Sales are vital members of the Salesian family. They are lay Catholic women (single, married, or widowed) who live their lives grounded in the Gospel and the spirit of Saint Francis de Sales. The Daughters are part of the Association of St. Francis de Sales.

If you desire friendship within a spiritual family, following St. Francis de Sales, the "gentle saint" along our journey towards God, please read more information at the following link:

<https://sfdsassociation.org/>

If you are feeling called to find out more, please join us at our meeting on **Tuesday, September 16**, following the **7:00pm** Mass at Sacred Heart in the Hall.

For questions, please contact Kathy Corkadel
kgebhart23@yahoo.com.

Regional CYO Fall Sports

Registration Closes on August 23rd

VOLLEYBALL: for grades 5 – 8
Registration closes August 23rd

CROSS COUNTRY: for grades 5 – 8
Registration closes August 23rd

SOCCER: for grades 5 – 8
Registration closes August 23rd

FIELD HOCKEY: for grades 5 – 8
Registration closes August 23rd

CHEERLEADING: PeeWee grades 1-4 and Varsity grades 5 – 8
Registration closes September 7th

The registration site is:

<https://assumptionbvmregionalcyo.teamsnapsites.com/registration/>

If you are interested in **coaching or volunteering**, please contact Neil O'Donnell
at CYO@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org



Padre Pio Jubilee



The Sacred Heart Ladies Auxiliary arranged bus transportation from Sacred Heart Church to the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA on **Saturday, October 11.**

This is a unique and 'one of a kind' opportunity to view an extraordinary relic – full size, authentic habit worn by Saint Pio, never before seen in the US. Brother friars will be in attendance.

There will be a Mass at 10:30 am and ample opportunity to tour the Shrine. The bus will depart Sacred Heart at **7:00 am** and depart the Shrine at **3:30pm**. The cost is \$25 per person. You are invited to bring beverage/snack. There will be Italian food available for purchase at the Shrine.

The Ladies Auxiliary kindly ask that you reserve your seat and provide payment after the Masses on Saturday, September 6th or Sunday, September 7th.

We look forward to seeing you for this unique opportunity.

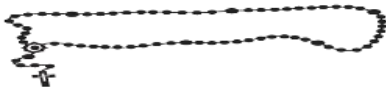
FAITH IN ACTION in the Community

CYACC - Chester County Catholic Young Adults Events-August 23- Cyacc Goes Kayaking – 12-4pm Join us at Marsh Creek State Park - [700 Park Road, Downingtown PA](#). Enjoy a picnic, the summer weather & opportunities to go kayaking! For more information about our organization: check www.cyacc.org or find us in Facebook / email us at cyacc1@gmail.com

Canonization Simulcast & Celebration Under the Stars– September 7th from 3:00am-6:30am on the lawn at the Malvern Retreat House. Join us under the stars as Blessed Carlo Acutis and Pier Frassati are elevated to Saint-hood. Bring your chairs, a blanket and don't forget your coffee and snacks! Together we will celebrate Mass and watch the celebration in Rome via a large screen on the field. Let us come together as a community for the Dawn Sainthood of Carlo and Pier! RSVP at kmoulter@malvernretreat.com

ABBEYFEST 2025 - September 20, 2025, New Location: National Shrine of our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. AbbeyFest brings many of the top Christian contemporary artists to our big stage. In addition to music, we have some exceptional speakers. Stay tuned for the details. Visit www.theabbeyfest.com

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Women's Conference- Join over a thousand Catholic women for the Catholic Women's Conference on our 10th anniversary! Our theme is "Women on Mission: The Feminine Genius in the New Apostolic Age. **Saturday, October 18th from 9:00am-4:00pm** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA. For more information visit www.catholicwomensconference.org



Mass Intention Requests

Visit the Parish Office during office hours to book your Mass intention requests for 2026.

The 2026 Mass Intention Book will open Monday, August 18th.

Please limit yourself to 3 Masses until September 5, 2025 to allow others their dates.

Praying the Mass and offering the Masses for our loved ones, living and deceased, is a great gift especially for the souls of the faithful departed.

Intention Request Options at Sacred Heart Parish

1) An Announced Mass at Sacred Heart Parish:
(\$10 offering - 1 Mass) The Mass intention is printed in our bulletin and announced at Mass here at Sacred Heart. A date is selected based on availability.

2) An Announced Mass at a Mission:
(\$10 offering - 1 Mass) These requests are sent to foreign missions where the intention is announced and Mass offered. The option to pick a specific date is not available.

3) The Purgatorial Society:
(\$25 offering - 12 Masses) Your loved one is included in our Purgatorial Society Masses for one year. The Mass for our enrollees is the first 5:00pm Vigil Mass each month. A list of those enrolled is published in our bulletin.

Collection Summary

Sunday, August 17, 2025

2025 \$15,885.00 2024 \$13,881.00

Attention Ministry Heads!!

Please submit your ministry's 2025/26 parish calendar requests before Labor Day, if possible. Kindly include **specific dates** for all the meetings and/or events along with **detailed info** regarding **windows of time** (specifying set up and cleanup time needed) and location. Without this detailed information, we cannot schedule anything. Specific requests cannot be guaranteed

Please submit to scasavant@sacredheart.us

Attention Parents!!

PREP begins September 7th and this is the last chance to register before classes begin. Please contact Alexis Witiak to register at awitiak@sacredheart.us.



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