



Church of the Sacred Heart

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August 23, 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parochial Administrator:
Reverend Joseph T. Shenosky

Deacon:
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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri - 8:00 am Tues - 7:00 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday at 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 — 4:40 pm

SACRED HEART PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Currently closed to the public

See inside for more details

REGISTRATION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS:

If you are new to the parish, we welcome you. You may come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ—there are no strangers in grace—in His name we pray you will find peace, hospitality and friendship with us. You are welcome to register by calling our parish office at 610-932-5040.

SACRAMENTS:

Visit our website, www.sacredheart.us for the sacrament page and information about becoming Catholic, Baptisms, Marriage, and PREP. If you would prefer, you may call the parish office at 610-932-5040 for details.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

If a loved one is dealing with a serious illness, it is wise to notify the parish office as soon as possible. This sacrament is intended by the Church to be a comfort and strength to people during their illness, not to be held out as “Last Rites”.

From The PASTOR

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the most memorable events in my nine years on the faculty of Saint Charles Seminary was the visit of Pope Francis in the fall of 2015. The Holy Father stayed at the seminary during his three day visit to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We began preparing for the visit months in advance. The seminary administration spent countless hours in meetings with Secret Service, Homeland Security, Vatican Security, and federal, state, and local law enforcement. The morning of September 26th, 2015, the whole seminary community gathered on the front steps of the college building, waiting in joyful anticipation for the pope to arrive. Then all the sudden, the papal motorcade could be spotted making its way down Wynnewood Road. When the papal motorcade arrived at the seminary, the pope got out of his blue Fiat, and was greeted with enthusiast cheers and applause. We were overjoyed to be in the presence of Pope Francis for many reasons: his love for the poor and marginalized, his simplicity, and his humility. We were also happy to be with him simply because he is the pope, the visible head and shepherd of the universal Church.

Our Gospel for this Sunday, the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, is taken from Chapter 16 of Matthew's Gospel. The words of Jesus to Simon Peter in Matthew 16:18 have special meaning for us as Catholics: "And so I say to you, you are Peter (Rock), and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." The Church has always seen in these words the founding of the Church by Christ, and His choosing of Saint Peter to be the visible head of the Church.

Saint Peter became the first bishop of Rome. The pope is the successor of Peter as the bishop of Rome and as the head of the universal Church. Another title for the pope is *the Supreme Pontiff*. The word "pontiff" is a contraction of the Latin word *pontifex*, which means "bridge builder." The pope is called to be the visible sign of unity in the Church, a bridge between God and humanity, a bridge between the Church and the world.

The Second Vatican Council, in its document on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, teaches that the Pope, Bishop of Rome and the Successor of Saint Peter, is "the perpetual and visible source and foundation of unity, both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful" (LG 23). When Christ, Our Lord, instituted the Twelve, "he constituted [them] in the form of a college or permanent assembly, at the head of which he placed Peter, chosen from among them" (LG 19). The pastoral office of Peter and the other apostles belongs to the Church's very foundation, and is continued by the bishops under the primacy of the Pope (CCC 881).

In his book *Called to Communion*, Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI notes that: "The Roman primacy is not an invention of the popes, but an essential element of ecclesial unity that goes back to the Lord and was developed faithfully in the nascent Church" (p. 72). Throughout the more than two-thousand year history of the Catholic Church, many popes became canonized saints. A few of them were notorious sinners. I think it is important to keep in mind that the importance of the papal office (including the gift of papal infallibility) does not depend on the holiness of any individual pope. Instead, it has to do with a gift that the Lord gives to the Church for confirming us in matters of belief.

In *Called to Communion*, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI observes that when one considers the entire history of the papacy, papal primacy is actually an affirmation that it is God alone who sustains the Church, rather than human beings, because ultimately no man could possibly be up to this function. In considering Catholic teaching on papal primacy, he writes: "When the Church adheres to these words in faith, she is not being triumphalistic but humbly recognizes in wonder and thanksgiving the victory of God over and through human weakness (p. 73)."

As we reflect on the Lord's founding of the Church on Peter, and the office of the papacy, let us always keep in our prayers Pope Francis, that the Lord may strengthen him with His grace, as he shepherds the People of God.

May God bless you and Mary keep you,
Father Shenosky

AT THIS TIME:

The Parish Office will remain closed to the public during the month of August.

Staff will continue to be available via voice messages left at our Parish phone number, 610-932-5040 between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:00 pm or via Parish e-mail at info@sacredheart.us or personal e-mails.

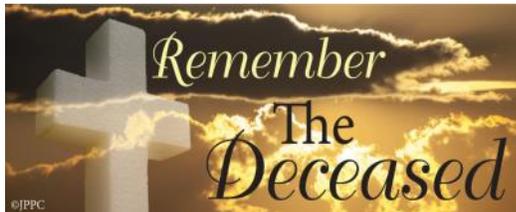
We will continue to evaluate our status as we navigate this pandemic being mindful to keep both our staff and the public safe.

Campus Ministries and Groups

All campus ministries, groups and events are being assessed as we move into the "Green Phase" of reopening our community. At this time, the following groups will resume while continuing to abide by all State, County and Archdiocesan Guidelines.

Private Personal Prayer - Mon. to Fri. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Conscious Contact (AA - open)-Sundays 6:30 pm Parish Hall
Eucharistic Adoration -Tuesdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Please continue to abide by all established guidelines for disinfecting, social distancing and reduced capacity.



**Leo Somma
Francis Andrew Poliski**

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

**Attention 2019-2020
Sacred Heart School Families**

Effective immediately, all requests for transcripts from a receiving school, requests for information, or general questions can be emailed to:

shsoxford@sacredheart.us
or call the Parish Office at (610) 932-5040 and leave a message.

We look forward to continuing to serve your family in the days and months ahead.

"Many Families, One Heart"

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., August 22nd- Vigil Mass

5:00 pm James Rowe

Sun., August 23rd - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am John Moulder

10:00 am The People of Sacred Heart

12:00 pm Peter Michalski

Mon., August 24th - St. Bartholomew

8:00 am Deacon Frank Murphy (living)

Tues., August 25th - Weekday

7:00 pm Kathleen & Christopher Dallmer

Wed., August 26th - Weekday

8:00 am Melvin Saul

Thur., August 27th - St. Monica

8:00 am Shannon Lehmann & Family (living)

Fri., August 28th - St. Augustine

8:00 am Finnian Joseph Chudzik

Saturday, August 29th - Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Peter Comero

Sun., August 30th - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am John Moulder

10:00 am The People of Sacred Heart

12:00 pm James Marousek

**** To request a Mass Card ****

Please use e-mail address info@sacredheart.us
or mail request to 203 Church Road,
or call the Parish Office and leave a message.



Joanne Kennel, Vincent Nawroozi, Ruthann Miller, Rita Marra, Brian Kozakowski, Mary Jane Carroll, Laura DeMasi, Robert Minnick, Francis Cornell, Richard Miller, The Kolody & Iadicicco Families, Greyson Pickar, Beth Van Woert

Also please remember in your prayers all of our parishioners with special needs and those serving in our military.



Bulletin Submission Guidelines

Bulletin ad submissions are due by Monday at 12:00 noon the week you would like the ad to appear. Ads should be fully complete with all information details (date, time, location, group/event name) fully edited and in a Microsoft Word format if possible. Please do not send a PDF file. There is no way to edit for space/size or use any logos or images you've included if you send a PDF. Ads will be placed as space allows. Call Beth in the Parish Office with any questions at 610-932-5040.

Collection Totals

Sunday Offertory

Aug 15th / 16th

Sunday Offertory: \$7,648.75

Catholic University: \$256.00

Poor Box: \$163.00

Candles: \$22.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Protecting God's Children For Adults

Required For Volunteers in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

As we begin to reopen various ministries within the Parish, if you plan on volunteering and need to complete your required Security Clearances, please visit the Sacred Heart website at:

www.sacredheart.us

and check out our Safe Environment page. This has links to the various clearances that are required.

Beginning this month, the *Protecting God's Children* course has been moved to a live online training session facilitated by the Archdiocesan OCYP staff. You can register online at www.virtusonline.org. Sessions are limited to 20 participants and will be offered at different times of day. This is the one-time session that "Pre-Covid-10" was required to be taken in person. This is a great opportunity to fulfill the requirement from the comfort of your home.

Please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator,
Claudia Karat with any questions at
ClaudiaKarat.SacredHeart@gmail.com



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.



HOLY MATRIMONY

Marriage Preparation in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

6 Steps to a Rewarding Marriage Preparation Experience

Step 1 - Meet with your Parish Priest or Deacon - After you become engaged you should contact your parish as soon as possible and set up a meeting with a priest to assist you in your Marriage Preparation. Call our Parish Office at 610-932-5040 to make an appointment..

Step 2 - Marriage Preparation "Inventory" - Shortly after your meeting you will complete a marriage preparation "inventory" designed to assess each of your habits, expectations and values.

Step 3 - The Marriage Preparation Course - The Archdiocese offers an excellent educational component designed to introduce you to the rich and engaging teachings of the Church on the Sacrament of matrimony, including the truth and meaning of human sexuality.

Step 4 - Natural Family Planning - When you begin to start a family, you may discover difficulties in trying to conceive. NFP is not only effective for organically postponing pregnancy, it is also highly effective for overcoming some fertility issues.

Step 5 - Sacrament of Reconciliation - The Church invites all Catholics to prepare themselves spiritually prior to their marriage by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Even if you are not of the Catholic Faith, you would still benefit from spiritual direction from your priest or deacon.

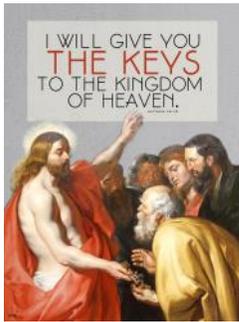
Step 6 - Final Meeting with your Priest - Communicate regularly with the priest or deacon who will be witnessing your wedding. Meet with him just prior to your marriage to ensure that everything is in order concerning your sacrament.

More information about Marriage Preparation and **Pre-Cana Schedules** can be found by visiting:

PhillyCatholicMarriagePrep.com

ALL MINISTERS AT MASS: ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS, EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & SACRISTANS

Please update your availability in Ministry Scheduler Pro as soon as possible as the needs at Mass are great and your service is appreciated. Any questions or concerns please contact Georgeanna Singley at gcsingley@msn.com or at 484-942-6725



Family Faith Formation
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23rd 2020

First Reading
Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm 138

The Gift of Authority
“Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.”

Second Reading
Gospel

Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

Eternal Glory
The First Pope

2020-2021 Family Faith Formation PREP Registration
Registration is now open for all NEW and RETURNING families!

Information and Registration packets are located under the Faith Formation tab on the Parish Website at www.sacredheart.us.



Serve Jesus ~ Serve Your Church
Altar Server Training

Sacred Heart is in need of Altar Servers. If you are in 4th grade or higher and are interested in helping Father during Mass, you're invited to attend 3 altar server training sessions on: **September 23rd, 30th and October 7th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm** in the Church. If you are interested in signing up or have questions, please contact Mrs. Singley at:

gcsingley@msn.com or at 484-942-6725

Congratulations
To
The
Newly Baptized

- Abigail Ward*
- Breccan Quinn Robinson*
- Lucas Thomas Frees*
- Ana Isabella Negron*
- Alice Everly Maher*
- Brooke Elizabeth Saubier*
- Alexis Adelaide Saubier*
- Logan Francis Porter*
- Raylan Christopher Rawlins*



- Joe & Judy Castagna*
- The Leonard Family*
- The Porter Family*
- Vincent & Kristen Lazor*
- The Gillin Family*
- The Guss Family*
- The Murray-Bowers Family*
- The Tredway Family*
- The May Family*

FAITH & COMMUNITY

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Please find below a variety of job opportunities in our area as well as links to more information on requirements/applications

St Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother - Avondale, PA

*Director of Religious Education

Mail or fax resume to Mrs. Silvia Lawrence at
PO Box 709 Avondale, PA 19311 Fax: 610-268-5022

St. Mark's High School - Newark, DE

*Full Time Spanish Teacher grade 9-12

*P/T Maintenance Person

*Long Term Sub - Art Teacher

Email resume' to Mrs. Bonnie Moore at

bmoore@stmarkshs.net

For more information visit www.stmarkshs.net

Salesianum School - Wilmington, DE

*Long Term Sub - Social Studies

*Chemistry - Physics Teacher

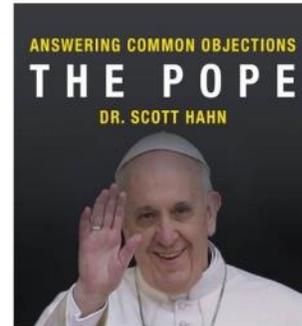
For application instructions, please visit

www.salesianum.org/about/employment

For more information on employment within the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia, please visit
archphila.org/about/employment/

For information on teaching opportunities available
within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, please visit
aop Catholicschools.org/about/careers/

FORMED
PICK OF THE WEEK



The Pope

Covering the Biblical evidence for the authority of the Pope, the doctrine of Purgatory, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, the Sacrament of Confession, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and more, the remarkable set is an essential resource for answering the various objections that Protestants makes to the Catholic Faith.

[SIGN UP FREE AT FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP](http://FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP)

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Welcome Back To Mass

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 12:00 noon

Daily Mass Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:00 am, Tuesday at 7:00 pm

As our county shifts into the “**Green Phase**” of statewide reopening as of Friday, June 26th, all of us need to do our part to make sure the return to Mass is a peaceful and safe experience for all. We ask everyone to follow the established guidelines when attending Mass during this period as these three areas of caution and responsibility remain in effect:

*Social Distancing *Sanitation *75% Gathering Capacity

General Points

- ◆ The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days continues to be lifted until further notice.
- ◆ Please stay home if you are sick, feel ill, or are at high risk of serious illness with COVID -19.

Before Coming to Mass

- ◆ Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water
- ◆ Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this are “children younger than 2 years, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance” (CDC Guidelines)
- ◆ Missalettes will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

CDC Guidelines for Those at Higher Risk for Severe Illness:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>