

Sacred Heart Parish A Roman Catholic Faith Community



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Liturgical Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00 A.M. and 10:15 A.M.

Daily Mass Schedule
8:00 A.M. (Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday)

Holy Days:
8 a.m., 12:10 & 7p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:45 P.M.- 4:15 P.M.
or anytime by appointment.

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Stewardship: The Gift you have been given, give as a gift

(Mt 10:8)

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2024

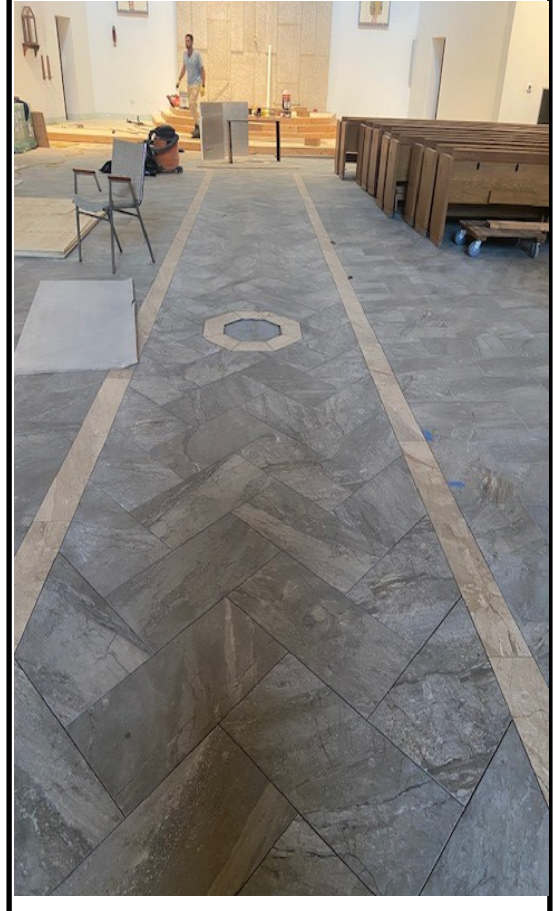
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 28 4:30 p.m.	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Charlie Babella By Evelyn Babella
Sunday, September 29 8:00 a.m.	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ronald Wade Marilyn Schaffer
10:15 a.m.	People who suffer strokes By Chris Maguire
Monday, September 30	St. Jerome Daniel & Rose Milbocker By The Spacek family
Tuesday, October 1 8:00 a.m.	St. Therese of the child Jesus Tim & Lora Givens Holt (Well-being) By The family
Wednesday, October 2	The Holy Guardian Angels No Morning Mass
Thursday, October 3 8:00 a.m.	Weekday The People of the Parish
Friday, October 4 8:00 a.m.	St. Francis of Assisi Carolyn Barz By Rudy Barz
Saturday, October 5 4:30 p.m.	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Tonicka Hofmuller By The Spacek Family
Sunday, October 5 8:00 a.m.	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Tony & Candi Printz Duenez (Well-being) By The family
10:15 a.m.	John & Elinor Murray By Mary Murray



THE WORK CONTINUES!

The finish line is in sight!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Next Saturday, October 5th we will have our annual Blessing of the Animals at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join Fr. Michael as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS!

Parents! please get your child's registration form to the parish office or email Doris at Doris_Battle@hotmail.com or call Doris to make an appointment to meet at 860-655-2097. We will have the first gathering for religious education students and parents on Sunday October 6th at 9:00 a.m. All youth in grades 1 through 8 are encouraged to attend. Our faith formation team is excited to begin the new year. Please spread the word!



Words from Fr. Michael

Jealousy can be a bitter struggle. I think it affects people in vastly different ways. We can be jealous for the sake of another person. We can be jealous for attention, possessions, and reputation. We can be jealous for control.

I've heard from many people over the years, especially in the Sacrament of Penance, expressing shock when they learn that they are jealous about something. It usually begins, "Father, I never get jealous, but when this thing happened, I felt jealous in a way that I haven't before..." The same is true for me. I don't normally think of myself as envious or jealous of others, but then something will happen, and I will realize that something deep within myself had been stirred up.

For example, when I was a newly ordained priest, a friend of mine received a job from the archbishop that I had no desire to do. Yet, seeing him receive the distinction of this additional job upset me in an unexpected way. I was jealous of the trust that he had been given. I didn't want the job, I am grateful for not having had that job, yet I still struggled when it was given to someone else.

Jealousy is not so much about things, but about one's identity. Thus, in the Old Testament reading this weekend, we hear that Moses' assistant, Joshua, was jealous because God had poured out spiritual gifts on people that Joshua didn't think deserved them. It is a good situation to meditate on: Joshua was jealous for the sake of Moses. He was upset because the order of operations that he understood seemed to be violated. Joshua's jealousy is complex. Our jealousy often is as well.

In the same way, Jesus' disciples are jealous and upset that someone else, whom they didn't know, was driving out evil spirits in Jesus' name. They wanted to prevent him. Once again, the question is: what are they jealous about? That someone other than themselves can invoke the name of Jesus? That someone else is able to do great works? That God favors someone other than themselves?

Whether for attention, reputation, or control, jealousy strikes at surprising times. It is usually when our own identity, sense of worth, or place in the world is questioned. Then, all of the sudden, we learn something new about ourselves, a gift of self-knowledge. This requires us to more deeply understand who we are, and how we bring ourselves to the grace of God to heal us and instill in us our identity as beloved children.

LOVE TO SING? Come join the Sacred Heart choir! We are very excited to make our home in the newly renovated choir gallery to make more beautiful music for all of you. If you're interested in serving your faith community while making a joyful noise unto the Lord, we hope you will consider joining our musical family! No auditions required, rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 4.



SCRIPTURE GATHERING

Are you interested in learning more about scripture? Join us every Friday beginning October 4th when we will study scripture using the upcoming Sunday readings as a starting point. You will be amazed at how much scripture you can learn while making these readings come to life. We will meet in Room 3 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. **For those of you who are not morning people, there is another opportunity each Friday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30p.m. (also in room 3)** Hope to see you there. Questions: please call Gail Hill at 860-523-7286.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST! October 6th!

Pancakes are coming back! Please join us as we celebrate the return to our renovated church with a wonderful Pancake Breakfast prepared and served by our loyal volunteers in our breakfast ministry. Pancakes and... will be served after both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Masses. This month's breakfast is sponsored by Vic Spacek in honor of Jana Spacek who loved each and every pancake buffet she attended. We hope you will join us. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact David Royce at 860.242-5266 or email David at: David.Royce@comcast.net.

DINNER CLUB

Please get your dinner reservations into the parish office by October 1st. If you would like to join us for dinner, and you are not a member, the cost is \$60.00 per person. Call or email the parish office to complete your reservation.

OCTOBER

The month of the Rosary



On October 7th, the Church celebrates the feast day of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary. The feast day was established by Pope Saint Pius V on the anniversary of the victory at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The naval victory was attributed to the Virgin Mary whose intercession was entreated through the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

The Church then proceeded to dedicate the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary so that individuals, families, and communities would pray the Holy Rosary, if possible, on a daily basis for peace in the world. “Not only do we earnestly exhort all Christians to give themselves to the recital of the pious devotion of the Rosary publicly, or privately in their own house and family, and that unceasingly, but we also desire that the whole of the month of October should be consecrated to the Holy Queen of the Rosary” (Pope Leo XII; *On Devotion of the Rosary*, September 1, 1883).

This October we offer 4 ways for each of us to honor our mother Mary through the rosary.

1. Monday, **October 7th** at 5PM we will begin Adoration in the chapel with recitation of the rosary each hour until 6PM on **Tuesday, October 8th**. Today’s insert describes this opportunity in more detail. There is a sign up sheet outside the parish office. We hope you will give an hour of your time.
2. Monday, **October 21st at 7PM** we will have a “Living Rosary”. We need 60 people to represent a bead and lead a Hail Mary or Our Father in the language of their choice. Sign up sheets will be available next week
3. Each Tuesday from 6:00PM to 7:30PM we offer adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Rosary. Stop by the chapel at any point on Tuesday evening.
4. Finally, everyone is encourage to individually say the Rosary. Pick a time in the morning, or on a walk, or any time that works for you.

Together, let us pray for peace for the world, for our families, for each of us!

Office hours: 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Monday –Friday— phone: 860-242-4142
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