

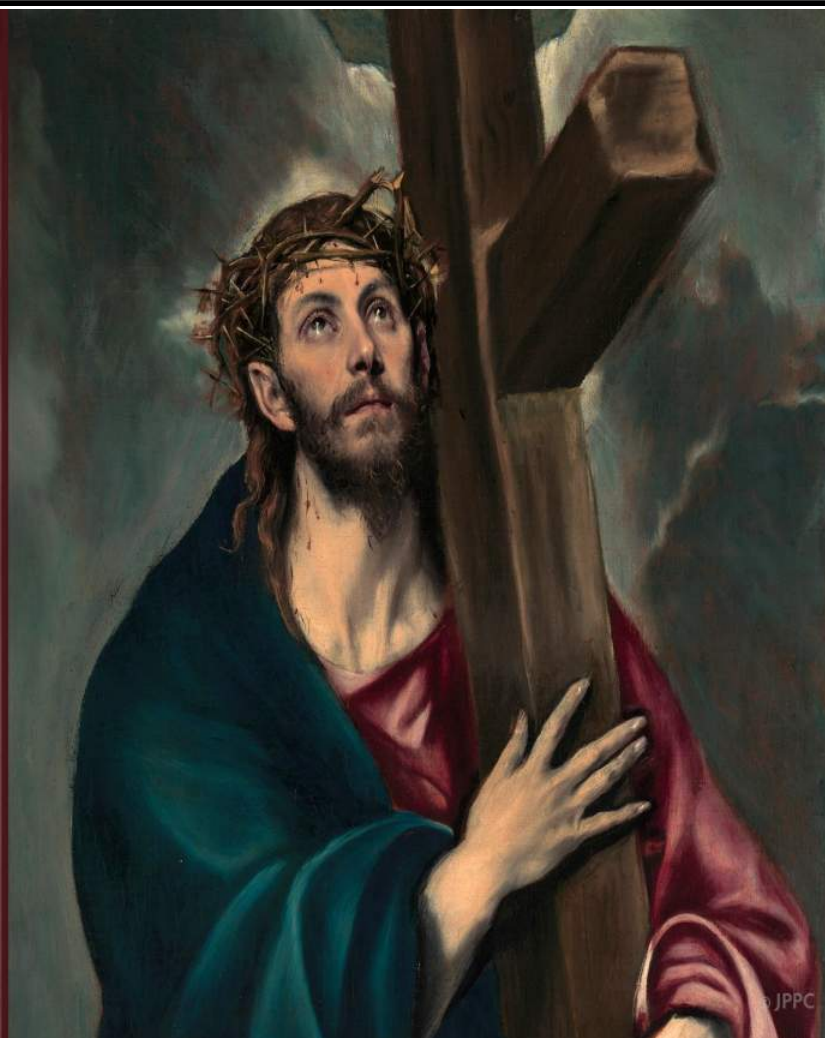
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Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Monday through Friday at 8:00 am

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MARCH 29, 2026
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Dear Friends in Christ:

Holy Week has arrived. It is the time when we actively walk with Christ through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

I want to personally invite you to step away from the noise of the world and join us for the **Sacred Triduum**. These are not three separate events, but one continuous liturgy that anchors our faith:

EASTER
Triduum



- **Holy Thursday:** We gather at the Lord's Altar to celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood, witnessing the humble service of the washing of the feet.
- **Good Friday:** We stand at the foot of the Cross. It is a day of solemn silence and profound gratitude as we venerate the wood of our salvation.

By walking through the darkness of these days together, our hearts are truly prepared for the glorious light of the **Easter Resurrection**. Easter is more than a single day; it is the ultimate victory of Life over Death and the foundation of our hope.

To prepare your soul for these mysteries, I strongly encourage you to seek the Lord's mercy in the **Sacrament of Confession**. There is no better way to welcome the Risen Lord than with a heart made clean and new.

Finally, I ask you to look around your own circles—your homes, your neighborhoods, and your workplaces. If you know a friend or family member who has been away from the Church, please **invite them home** for Easter. Sometimes, a simple, warm invitation from a loved one is exactly what the Holy Spirit uses to bring a soul back to Himself.

Let us journey together to the Empty Tomb. May this Holy Week be a time of deep renewal for you and your families.

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world!

God love you!
Father DiMaria

Confessions

Tuesday, March 31
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 1
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 3
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
The Church will remain open until
11:00 pm for visits to the repository



Good Friday

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
2:00 pm

The Church opens at
8:00 am for visits to the
repository



Aziel Resendiz
Baptized on Sunday,
March 22, 2026

Congratulations to Aziel's Parents:

Aaron & Anai

May your Child's Baptism be just the start of a life filled with blessings!




EASTER DECORATING

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Easter. We will assemble in the Church at 7:00 pm on Good Friday, April 3rd to decorate. Many hands make light work!



BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD


HOLY SATURDAY
April 4 @ 1:30 PM

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday
8:00 am & 10:15 am

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Our Lord, Jesus Christ Has Risen!



Youth Holy Week Mission: Tuesday, March 31

This Holy Week, our parish is coming alive with the spirit of the New Evangelization! On **Tuesday, March 31**, approximately 40 teenagers and young adults will set out on a **Youth Mission** throughout the streets of our parish's neighborhoods.

Their mission is simple but profound: to bring the joy of the Gospel and the message of Christ's Resurrection directly to our community. These young missionaries will be visiting homes to offer prayers, share their faith, and extend a warm invitation to our upcoming Easter liturgies.

How you can help:

- **Welcome them:** If you see these young people in our streets or if they knock on your door, please greet them with a warm smile and an open heart.
- **Pray for them:** We ask for your prayers for the success of this outreach. Pray that the Holy Spirit guides their words and opens the hearts of everyone they encounter.

Let us support our youth as they boldly witness to the love of Jesus Christ!



Celebrating 10 Years of Compassion: Caring for Friends Ministry

Please Join Our Celebration
It has been an amazing journey, and we want to celebrate this milestone with the people who made it possible. Please stop by the **Parish Hall on Wednesday, April 8, at 6:00 PM** as we honor 10 years of service together.

With deep gratitude, *Lisa Pagnotti*

Cereal Sunday for April will be cancelled due to Easter and will resume for May.

Thank you for always being willing to help others!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28

4:00pm Diana Rose DeRosato
Requested by Nick DeRosato

Sunday, March 29

8:00am Joseph & Connie Pizza
Requested by Bob & Theresa Wagner

10:15am Helen Razin
Birthday Remembrance, March 5
Requested by The Razin Family

Monday, March 30

8:00am John & Theresa Lattanze
Requested by Son, John & Family

Tuesday, March 31

8:00am Mari Miletto
Requested by Brother, Thomas

Wednesday, April 1

8:00am Lorraine Keszcyk
Requested by Therese & Scottie Dolga

Thursday, April 2

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 3

2:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 4

7:00pm Easter Vigil



Sunday, April 5

8:00am Helen A. Bednar
Birthday Remembrance, March 29
Requested by Son, John

10:15am The Intentions of the Benedict Children, Vincent, John, Christopher, & Michael
Requested by Their Parents



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Holy Thursday, April 2:

7:00pm

Extraordinary Minister: Valencia Zaremba

Lector: John Keidel

Good Friday, April 3:

2:00pm

Extraordinary Minister: Barbara JanFrancisco

Lectors: John Simmons & Tony Viggiano

Saturday evening, April 4:

7:00pm

Celebrant: Father DiMaria

Lectors: Helen Keller Surman & Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, April 5:

8:00am

Celebrant: Father Lyons

Extraordinary Minister: Joan Koeck

Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Celebrant: Father Giuffre

Extraordinary Minister: Andy Moletzsky

Lectors: Chris Kilian



Weekly Report

March 21 - 22, 2026

\$7,618.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!

Rejoice in the Lord this

Palm Sunday

It is your task and mine to introduce others to their destiny by unveiling the mystery of God for them. It is your task and mine to assist all those who cross our paths to fulfill their destiny. Serving others in this way will also allow us to fulfill our own destiny. This is one of the brilliant ways that God has tied us all together.

~Matthew Kelly





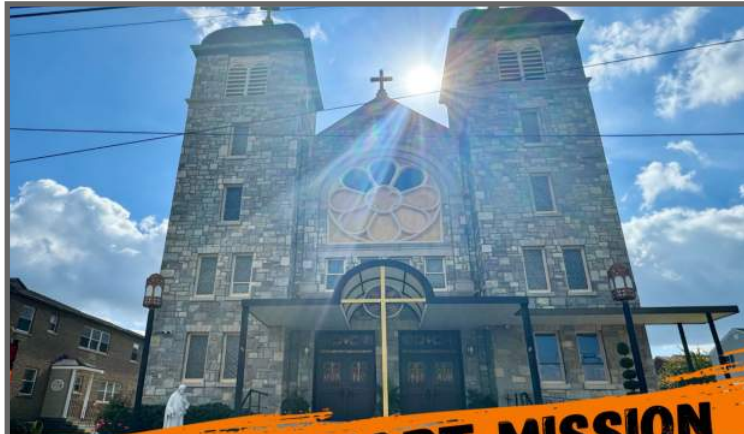
Update on Sanctuary Mural

We were recently informed that the artist who was commissioned to paint the nine-foot mural of the Sacred Heart for the sanctuary wall has completed the painting. The painting has been shipped from Poland and will need to go through US Customs. The installation of the painting has been scheduled for the week of April 20th. We anxiously await the mural's arrival and installation.



Please Pray For All Who Protect Our Country, especially...

John F. K. Benedict (Major, USAF ANG), son of Christine & Vince Benedict; **Anthony C. Brandt** (CW3 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army Reserves), son of Eileen Brandt; **Zachary T. Brandt** (Sergeant U.S. Army), grandson of Eileen Brandt; **Matthew J. Capaldo** (Commander, U.S. Navy) son of John & Connie Capaldo; **Michael DeStefano, Jr.** (Sergeant U.S. Army) grandson of Jack & Sue DeStefano; **Michael Gutkowski** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy), grandson of Pat Gutkowski; **Samuel Hoey** (LCpl, U.S.M.C), grandson of Leona Cottone; **Noel Irizarry** (Sergeant, U.S. Army), son of Patricia Epright; **Shane Jones** (Sergeant U.S. Marines), grandson of Fran Toth; **Matthew McNulty** (Chief Warrant Officer 4 U.S.M.C.), son of Irene McNulty; **Rick McVoy** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy) son of Rich McVoy; **Greg Philips** (Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy); **Jessica Prostack** (CW2 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army), daughter of Richard Prostack; **Jack Razin** (1st Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force), son of Rich & Julie Razin; **Luke Razin** (Captain, U.S. Air Force), son of Rich & Julie Razin; **Jeffrey Seamans** (Captain, U.S. Army), son-in-law of Dolores Burton; **Stephanie Zugay** (National Guard), granddaughter of Greg & Grace Zugay.



SACRED HEART MISSION
WITH MISSION YOUTH

JOIN US IN EVANGELIZING OUR NEIGHBORS

9 May, 2026 Sacred Heart Parish

SCHEDULE
11:00AM-ARRIVAL AT SACRED HEART
11:15-12:00PM-TRAINING & HOLY HUDDLE
12:00-2:00PM CROSSWALKS
2:00-3:30PM-PIZZA AND HIGHS & LOWS
4:00PM - VIGIL MASS

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| David Reuter | Joan Birely |
| Bob Bores | Martha &John Smoczylo |
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| Julie Burk | Patricia Gaffney |
| Greg Schloth | Angela Desmond |
| William J. Ryan | Eileen Brandt |
| June DiDesidero | Denise &Tom Kavanagh |
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| Elaine Fertal | Nicholas Janicki |
| Barbara Pruskowski | Laurie Ronan |
| George Minnis | |

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

Friday, April 10th

Doors open 6:00 PM ~ Games at 7:00 PM

Parish Hall

Chance to win up to \$500.00

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Good Friday Stations of the Cross Prayers for The Crucified Innocence at the Modern Day Calvary

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SACRED HEART SOCIAL EVENT

April 19, 2026 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

\$5.00 admission

Admission sales will be raffled off!

The more people joining the Bingo Fun,
the BIGGER the Jackpot!

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!



CRAZY BINGO

- Snacks
- Beverages
- **BYOB**
- School Hall

- Each person brings a \$5 value gift
- Wrap it in a CRAZY/FUN way
- Bring it to the Bingo event
- Instructions & Fun begin there!

Ticket Sales begin after Masses on

March 21st until April 11th

and at the Rectory during
regular business hours.

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
DURING EASTER WEEKEND!**



Time to Register for Sacred Heart PREP Summer Session

The session runs from June 15 to
June 19, 2026, scheduled daily from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*If Upper Merion Area School District schedules a
makeup day on June 15, the program will begin on June
16, with an extra hour added each day.

PREP registration fees are as follows:

- \$125 for one child
- \$150 for two children
- \$175 for three or more children

**Register before March 29. Registrations submitted
after March 29 will incur a \$50 late fee.**

CANCELLED

Suddenly Seniors Bus Trip to Shady Maple Smorgasbord & Hollywood Casino in Morgantown

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Lent Dinner

Good Friday, April 3

5 PM – 8 PM - Eat in Or

Take Out

See Facebook for info



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personal relationship with Jesus Christ, our hope and our strength.
He forms our hearts for service and sends us forth to share His
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MARCH 29, 2026

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD**

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

An assessment of the Passion of the Lord has been made over and over through the ensuing centuries by learned and holy people, many of whom are recognized saints of our Church. Therefore, I exclude myself as a worth analyst.

But I can at least offer my take on the matter as "a unique, powerful, and life-changing account of a love like no other. This is authenticated by another Gospel writer, namely John, who wrote that God is love.

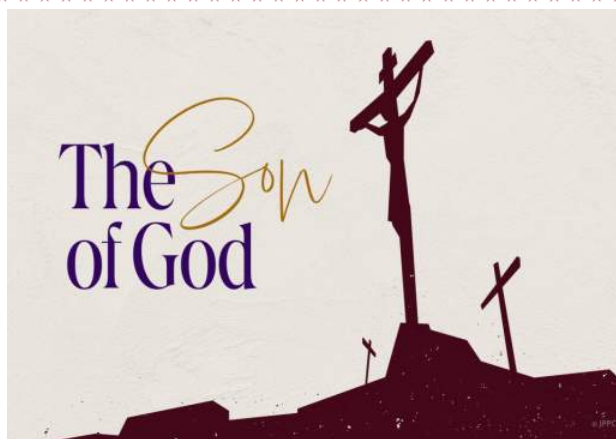
That same writer, working later than Matthew, gives us another approach than the linear of the Three Days. He offers a circular approach, meaning that the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus is one Magnificent Event, one that saves the whole world and is clearly a mystery of faith.

In his narrative, always proclaimed on Good Friday, Jesus is clearly in charge of events, a royal figure that allows what happens as part of His triumph over evil.

Today's account is powerful enough in depicting Jesus as the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, but it makes the other figures dominate what occurs and Jesus as the victim.

The Responsorial Psalm today, however, makes the most important point for us hold dear: Jesus throughout the ordeal is "robed in the Father's love."

God love you and have profitable Holy Week.



Our Lenten Campaign continues through March 29th. We are delighted to report that **71 babies have been saved so far**, thanks to your prayers and fasting. May God continue to bless us and answer our prayers.

*The Parish Office
will be closed on
Good Friday,
April 3rd &
Easter Monday,
April 6th.*



*The Catholic Church of Philadelphia warmly invites
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Bishop Efren Esmilla, Celebrant



**Saturday, May 2, 2026
5:15pm Anticipatory Mass**

**Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
1723 Race Street, Philadelphia**

A special blessing will be offered for those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (1, 5, 10, 25, 30, 50+ years). Everyone, including friends and family, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

If you would like to receive a certificate, please register with the Archdiocesan Office for Life & Family at famlife@archphila.org

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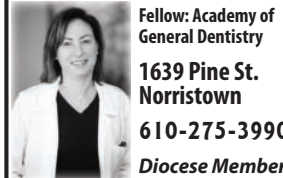
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