

# Sacred Heart Parish

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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have **eternal life**.

JOHN 3:16



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Saturday: Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Monday through Friday at 8:00 am

## Sacrament of Penance:

**Sunday:** 9:30 to 9:50 am

### **Wednesdays:**

7:30 to 7:50 am & 6:30 to 7:00 pm

**Saturday:** 3:00 to 3:45 pm

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**MAY 31, 2026**

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**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART  
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**SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026**

Welcome reception begins at 4:30 pm

**Adults: \$50 per person**

**Children (under 12): \$20 per person**

**Ticket Sales Start on  
May 16 through June 7**

after all weekend Masses

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**WELCOME RECEPTION:** Assorted cheese, bruschetta, & hot apps.

**DINNER:** House salad w/assorted dressings, Penna Ala Vodka

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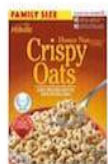
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for Friends Ministry. Do God's work and at  
the same time make new friends from our  
parish.

All you need to do is make a pot of your  
favorite homemade soup, a hearty batch of  
chili, some mac and cheese or your favorite  
"comfort food" that can be scooped into a  
16oz container. It needs to be able to be  
frozen so extra sauce or broth should be  
brought to keep it juicy!

Hope to see you Wednesday!

Your CFF Team,

Pat, Nadine, Karen and Lisa





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- **Explore:** Discover the history, beauty, and teachings of the Catholic faith.
- **Journey:** Find out how to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.
- **Connect:** Get answers to your questions in a welcoming environment.

Whether you were baptized in another faith, never baptized, or just want to learn more, you are welcome here.

### Contact Us Today

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The souls that do not pray and do not see God's hand in any turn of events are the ones who fear, who blame and who cannot forgive.

~St. Thomas Aquinas

# Welcome!

**NEW Parishioners**

*We extend a warm welcome to  
The Campbell Family  
who recently registered in our Parish!*

In honor of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June 2026. To enter into the graces of this consecration, consider the following:

## ENTHRONE

an image of the Sacred Heart in your home, parish, school or workplace

## CONSECRATE

yourself or your family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Find resources and more information at  
[ARCHPHILA.ORG/UNDERGOD](http://ARCHPHILA.ORG/UNDERGOD)



## THE LORD'S REAL PRESENCE

We are fortunate enough to worship in a Church in which the Body of Christ is reserved. It is right to acknowledge the Lord's Real Presence with a brief act of worship on entering or leaving the Church and every time passing by the Sanctuary.

Normally, a *genuflection* in the direction of the place of Reservation is enough. One who is physically unable to genuflect may substitute a *profound bow* at the waist.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, May 30

**4:00pm Patrick O'Meara**

*Requested by Regina & Ian Janoski & Family*

## Sunday, May 31

**8:00am Ronald Mashintonio**

*Requested by Sal & Charlotte DiNenna*

**10:15am Joseph Saboe**

*Requested by Barbara Roskos*

## Monday, June 1

**8:00am Rev. Gus Puleo**

**Birthdays Remembrance, June 4**

*Requested by John & Lauren Lattanze & Family*

## Tuesday, June 2

**8:00am The Deceased Members of  
Sacred Heart Parish**

*Requested by Bill & Bridget Maruszczak*

## Wednesday, June 3

**8:00am Michael Estock, Jr.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Remembrance**

*Requested by Sister, Mary Sue, Larry & Family*

## Thursday, June 4

**8:00am Virginia Dudas**

**Birthdays Remembrance, May 24**

*Requested by Son, Pat*

## Friday, June 5

**8:00am Robert Murphy**

*Requested by Wife, Pat*

## Saturday, June 6

**4:00pm Michael J. Estock, Jr.**

*Requested by Bud & Joanne D'Alessandro*

## Sunday, June 7

**8:00am Helen Bednar**

*Requested by Larry & Mary Sue Kilian*

**10:15am Virgilio & Roma D'Amore**

*Requested by Daughter-in-law*



*Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!*

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

**Saturday evening, June 6:**

**4:00pm**

**Celebrant:** Father DiMaria

**Extraordinary Minister:** Barbara JanFrancisco

**Lector:** Helen Keller Surman

**Sunday morning, June 7:**

**8:00am**

**Celebrant:** Father Lyons

**Extraordinary Minister:** Larry Kilian

**Lector:** Rich McVoy

**10:15am**

**Celebrants:** Father DiMaria & Father Keys

**Lector:** John Keidel



As you enjoy summer travels and weekends away, we wish you a restful and safe season!

Please remember that parish ministries and expenses continue all summer long. Your steady financial support is vital to keeping our community running while attendance dips.

If you are away, please support us through:

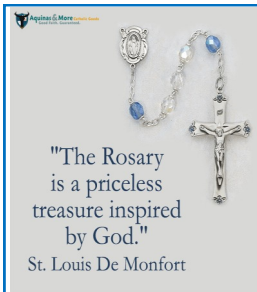
- **Electronic Giving:** Set up automatic gifts on our website.
- **Mail-In Donations:** Send envelopes to the parish office.

Thank you for your faithful generosity. Have a blessed summer!



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

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Monday Night Rosary will be recited in church each Monday at 7 p.m.

Pro Life Holy Hour at 12:00 noon each Wednesday in church.



**Need Mental Health Support?**

The Catholic Church of Philadelphia now offers a Mental Health Referral Network to help individuals and families find trusted professionals and resources for care and healing. This network includes information on providers' religious affiliations, so you can find support that aligns with your faith. Visit: <https://archphila.org/mental-health-referral-network/> to learn more.



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## Live the Present Moment

Making good use of our time means that we will live in the present moment. We will not retreat into the past which is gone forever, nor escape into the future which may never materialize outside of our imagination. It is the present moment which can be offered to the Lord, none other. This is the context where we can enrich our spiritual life (faith, hope and charity) and progress in the human virtues (industriousness, order, optimism, affability, spirit of service). Now is the time of mercy; then, there will be only time of justice. This is why we have to live in the present moment and transform it into the moment of God.

What really matters is that we live by faith, that we sanctify our ordinary work. Conduct yourself well 'now', without looking back on 'yesterday' which is really gone, and without worrying about 'tomorrow', which for you may never come. Our longing for Heaven and our meditation on the last things should inspire us to work with more super-natural spirit, not less. We must work here on earth as if we had a long life ahead of us. At the same time we should work as if we were going to die this very afternoon. Our approach to the task of the present moment has a lot to do with our future reward. For here on earth, God's work must truly be our own. Let us not deceive ourselves by putting our sanctification off to some distant future.

*~Francis Fernandez, In Conversation with God, Vol 5, pp. 97-98*

**KELLY**  
SHARP'S NEXT

# Don't be late

If You Cannot Be On Time,  
Then Be **EARLY**. Making Time For  
Prayer Strengthens Our Connection  
With God!

**A PRAYER TO START THE DAY**

My Lord's **LIGHT**  
*shines on me.*

My Lord's **LOVE**  
*envelopes me.*

My Lord's **GUIDANCE**  
*strengthens me.*

*Wherever I go, He is with me,  
always watching over me.*

*Let His light, love, and  
guidance pour over me as I  
begin this day. For I am  
never alone and through  
Him I will seek comfort.*

*Amen.*

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MAY 31, 2026

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



It does not take much time viewing Facebook to see the truth that people are fascinated by other people. Whether it is cute toddlers scolding a puppy that is looking right at them, two senior ladies giving advice on living longer, or a middle-aged man revealing details of his model train hobby, we look or laugh or maybe even cry over what has been revealed—but “we’re there.” Maybe for hours on end, or until someone lets us know it is time for supper.

The same holds true for the less electronic fans of biography and autobiographical books. We just want to know as much as we can about as many people as we can. For many, it is an itch that needs scratching. And Facebook editors, booksellers, and movie makers know all about it and do their best to make the stories interesting and even profitable.

So it is no surprise that we humans who believe in a “Higher Power” wish to know as much as we can about the subject—especially if we’re convinced that such a being is a person with intellect and will, and not just a special ape or calf or some force of nature.

When we come to this particular Sunday on the Church calendar that invites us to focus on the Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity, we know automatically that we have entered into “the realm of the unusual,” to say the least.

The fact that we can even conjecture or discuss anything about so holy a matter as the inner nature of God is a tribute to God’s loving nature in the first place. He knows we can never truly understand it. Our minds are too small. Even when we claim to speak authoritatively about the Holy Trinity, using the names of “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,” we know we are only using the language given to us by God Himself in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ.

But just as the gift of human friendship grows richer and deeper the more we know and share experiences with our friend, so it is with this friendship and love we share with God. Yet there is a marvelous difference. As St. John so wonderfully phrased it: “It is not that we have loved God as much as that God has first loved us.” He has told us the truth about Himself in order to be loved in return as far as we are able.

There are no secrets between real human friends. So, it should be in our friendship with God. If any secrets do exist, they are ours. That is what God’s “omniscience” reminds us of: He already knows us completely and still loves us.

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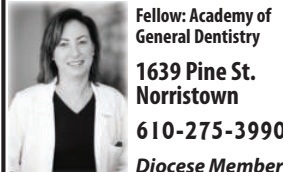
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