

*In Loving Memory of All
the Deceased Members of
the Hvizdak & Salvati
Families.*

*Thomas & Patti Salvati
SH Parishioners

The Sacred Heart Ladies Guild would like to invite all ladies of the Parish to come and join them for their next meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2023. All meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. Everyone is welcome and new ideas are appreciated!

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**Sacred Heart
Church**

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Parish Office Hours:
Monday – Tuesday – Thursday – Friday
9:00am – 2:00pm

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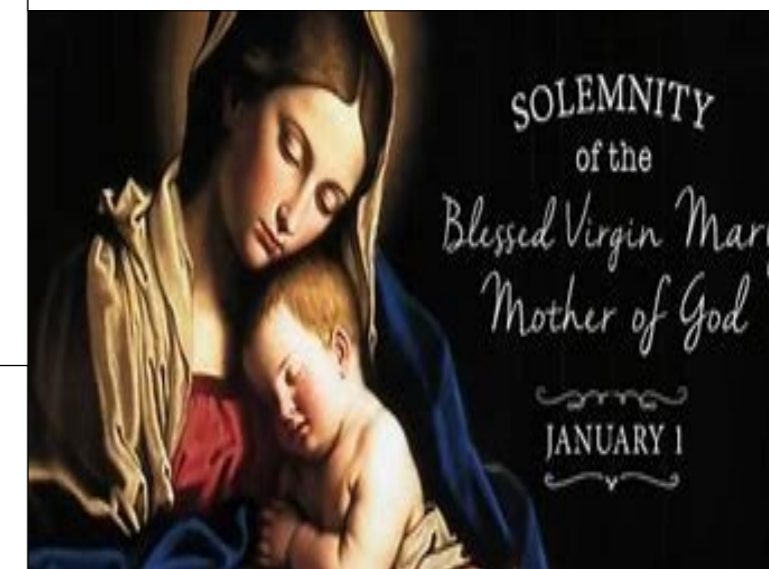
Ladies' Guild: Ruth Roos (304)387-3253

Clothes Closet: Bonnie Ehmke (724) 899-2686

**January 1, 2023
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (A)**

NM 6:22-27 PS 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

GAL 4:4-7 LK 2:16-21



PASTOR'S CORNER “

Seven Prayers for the New Year” by crosswalk.com

1. Lord, Humble Me

Let's live our lives like Jesus with a posture of humility. Let's seek to give grace-filled responses to those who oppose us politically, personally, or spiritually.

2. Lord, Give Me Peace

Use coping strategies and techniques such as journaling, Christian meditation, scripture reading, and praying the rosary to help us deal with the uncertain future that lies before us.

3. Lord, Grant Me Grace

Sometimes the hardest person for us to forgive is ourselves. Let's ask God to give us an extra measure of grace as we process through past pain, forgive ourselves, and move forward into becoming the examples of Christ God desires for his people.

4. Lord, Heal Our Land

As the world continues to be an uncertain place, and large corporations make it more difficult to speak about the gospel freely without fear of persecution, the world is more divided now than ever. This is especially true for the Christian Church. The Lord desires unity for his people, not division. Let 2023 be the year we achieve unity in America and around the world.

5. Lord, Help Me to See

Although we may see the circumstances around us, do we really see people the way Jesus would want us to see them? May God grant us new ways to see the world around us.

6. Lord, Make Me More Like You

May we develop the fruits of the Holy Spirit—faith, gentleness, generosity, joy, kindness, love, patience, peace, and self-control. Pray and ask God for ways to cultivate these fruits every day in your life.

7. Lord, Send Me

Ask for the virtue of courage to grow in prayer and holiness in 2023. Changing the world starts with one person—me!

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

Monday: 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.

Second Saturday of the month: 8:30 a.m.

Mass at Fox Nursing Home: Second Friday of the Month at 1:30pm.

Communion Distribution at Fox Nursing Home: On Sundays 12:15pm.

Reconciliation: Saturday 4-4:45pm, Monday 5:00-5:45pm and by appointment

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office.

Marriage: Call the Parish Office for information.

Sick, Homebound or in the Hospital: Call the Parish Office (304) 387-0198 if you would like a visit or communion.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request

Parish Registration: Sacred Heart Church welcomes all visitors and those who would like to become members of the Parish. Membership forms are available on the table at the front entrance of the Church. We will give you a welcome call.

Current Sacred Heart Parishioners are asked to call the Parish Office (304) 387-0198 if you have a change of address, phone number, email address or to provide family birthdays, anniversaries, etc...

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The Gospel tells us “Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.” We would do well to imitate Mary in our New Year’s resolution.

A Message from Pope Francis

“Mary is a source of hope and true joy and continually strengthens people in their faith, vocation and mission.”



From the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880.

May the faith of God
be with you this year.
May the peace of God
surround you,
and may you be blessed
each day!

Happy New Year



Liturgy and Minister's Schedule	
Mass Dates & Times	Intentions
December 31, Saturday 5:00 PM / Solemnity of Mary	+Cas Juszczak <i>by Fran & Family</i>
January 1, Sunday, 11:00 AM / Solemnity of Mary	+Allison Scarry <i>by Ann Scarry, Tyler, Mason & Camrey</i>
January 2, Monday, 6:00 PM	+Charles (Butch) Shipkovic <i>by Sam & Helen</i>
January 3, Tuesday, 8:30 AM	The People of the Parish
January 4, Wednesday, 8:30 AM	+Janice Simmons <i>by Sacred Heart Ladies Guild</i>
January 7, Saturday, 5 PM / The Epiphany of the Lord	+Janet Salvati <i>by Tom & Patti Salvati</i>
January 8, Sunday, 11 AM / The Epiphany of the Lord	+Herbert "Butch" Moore <i>by Bob & Cathy Glass</i>

Mass Dates & Times	Lectors	Host	Mass Dates & Times	Altar Servers
December 31, Saturday, 5 PM	Tom Salvati	Norma Harlan	Dec. 31, Sat. 5 PM	*Emma Stansbury/Leah Benedi
January 1, Sunday 11 AM	Doug McCormack	Dan Oyster	Jan. 1, Sunday, 11 AM	*Olivia Munoz/Alise Munoz/ Luca Munoz/Mia Budney
January 7, Saturday, 5 PM	George Gbur	Shannon Sullivan	Jan. 7, Sat. 5 PM	*Ethan Juszczak/Devan Juszczak/ Ridge Willis
January 8, Sunday, 11 AM	Cara McMahan	Joe Juszczak	Jan. 8, Sunday, 11 AM	*Hannah Kliner/Katie Kliner/ Mia Budney

December 18, 2022 *Sharing Our Time, Talents, and Treasures.*
Thank you for your Generosity!

Envelopes	\$2,002.00
Children's	\$2.00
Loose	\$268.00
Candles	\$90.00
Building Fund	\$150.00
Christmas Flowers	\$25.00
Christmas Offering	\$478.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Religious Retirement	<u>\$135.00</u>
Total	\$3,170.00

Attendance: Saturday 82 Sunday 104



December 25, 2022 *Sharing Our Time, Talents, and Treasures.*
Thank you for your Generosity!

Envelopes	\$1,908.00
Children's	\$2.00
Loose	\$627.00
Building Fund	\$110.00
Christmas Flowers	\$70.00
Immaculate Conception	\$25.00
Christmas Offering	\$3,375.00
Catholic Charities	\$1,000.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Gabriel House	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$7,132.00

Attendance: Christmas Eve 5 PM 230 8 PM 55
Christmas Day 68



Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins

Marguerite Amato; Joann Appeldorn; Mary Appeldorn; Rose & John Benedetto; Deanna Bennett; Patty Bissel; Paul Blevins; John Bobalik; Pat Burch; Dot Burda; Dominica Campbell; Chuck Carter; Helen Cataldo; Maxine Chamberlain; Jim Crews; Will Cunningham; Mary Ann Davis; Butch Dowlin; Loretta Duffy; Enid Gardner; Sue Gilmore; Carolyn Gracy; Susan Graff; Esther Grafton; Tom Grafton; Anita Guire; Myles Harris; Jackie & Bill Hess; Stacy Hobbs; Patty Jasneq; Heather Kearns; Matt Kirkpatrick; Ann LaNeve; Florence Laughlin; Joe Liston; Jonathan Lohman; Gloria Lombardozzi; Rosemary Mackall; Joan Martin; Eileen McAvoy; Norma Jean McDonald; Zaeden Merri-man; Jerome & Karen Mettenberger; Willy Miller; Jeff Moore; Fran Munoz; Sylvia Passas; Sophia Pecjak; John Pickering; Lori Pickering; Samuel Potts; Lizzy Price; Judy Puskar; Cheryl Reed; Kyle Reese; Kurt Rosenbaum; Cooper Simpson; Tyler Simpson; Norm Six; Pauline Stillwagon; Terri Stoffel; Mary Tfelt; Tommy Troia; Joan Ward-Powers; Spencer Verzella; Marcus Watson; Robin Webster; John Weeda; Amanda Wellhousen; Sam Williams; Maryann (Juszczak) Wright.

Scripture Lessons from Today's Readings

The first reading. God gives a blessing for the Israelites. The second reading God sent his Son to make us children of God. The Gospel Reading The shepherds find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem. In the Gospel the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ. This reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. It tells us 3 things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby Jesus as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, it shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised. Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Happy Birthday Sacred Heart Parish wishes a Happy Birthday to parishioners who will celebrate their birthday this coming week: ***Kelly Ates, Tere Bilsky, Pat Burch, Roxanne Hall, Darlene Macek, Larry Macek, Landry Martin, Hillman May, Mary Murray, Vicki Paisley, Linda Parnell, James Parnell, Mary Sadler, Terra Schwerha, Terri Stoffel, Shawn Ware.*** Have a blessed year!

Contribution Envelopes You may now pick up your 2023 contribution envelopes over by the funeral door in the Church.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL (as of 12/29/2022)
Sacred Heart
Goal: \$14,365.00
Amount: \$34,520.00
Percentage: 240%
Gifts: 73
Thank you for your generosity. The 2022 Catholic Sharing Appeal to help to fund our parishes 2023 project: Repairing the church steeple.

TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM DECEMBER 18

The Gospel of **Matthew** begins with the genealogy of Jesus.

Bolivia and **Paraguay** are the two landlocked countries of South America.

MIDDLE / SENIOR HIGH WINTER SPORTS

Please email Fr. Bill if your child(ren) are participating in one of these three winter sports for their middle or senior high school:

- *Basketball (Boys or Girls)
- *Wrestling
- *Swimming (Boys or Girls)

We will list their names, sport and school in the January 29 bulletin.

Knights of Columbus Council 3734 membership drive for December 2022 for Catholic men 17.5 years and older. First year, free membership, you can belong to our Weirton Council wherever you live. Quick & easy sign up online. Go to: kofc.org. Scroll to join, enter your information, (for preferred council 3734), (for preferred agent JGinter) After transmitting please send a message to veltri77@gmail.com so that he can watch for your name. Follow them on facebook at Knights of Columbus Weirton 3734.

F.I.S.H. Needs for January

Soups / Ramen Noodles / Canned Pasta

Chester-Newell F.I.S.H. thanks everyone for their donations!

Condolences Sacred Heart Parish extends condolences to Jim Davis and his family on the death of his sister, Catherine Sullivan. We assure them of our prayers. May the soul of Catherine rest in the Peace of Christ!

We also extend condolences to Kathleen Bragg and her family on the death of her dad, Jay Adams. We assure them of our prayers. May the soul of Jay rest in the Peace of Christ!

We extend condolences to the friends and family of Bill Hawthorne who passed away. We assure them of our prayers. May the soul of Bill rest in the Peace of Christ!

ANNULMENTS If we have any divorced or divorced / remarried parishioners who want to know more about the annulment process, please contact Fr. Bill by email. He is glad to explain the process to you. Often, we have misunderstandings about the purpose of annulments and the process of getting one.

The **Clothes Closet** will be reopen Thursday, January 5. They are in need of coats and bedding.

SAINT OF THE WEEK **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton** Raised as an Episcopalian, Elizabeth was the toast of NYC with her wealthy husband and five children. However, when he died at the age of 30, she was left penniless. While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicity in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. When she returned to the U.S, she opened a school in Baltimore and her ministry spread from there. She is the patron saint of Catholic schools, teachers and students, and the widowed. Her feast day is January 4.

Upcoming Events

Ladies Guild There will be no Ladies Guild meeting in January. The next meeting will be Monday, February 6, following 6 PM Mass.

RCIA (Adult Catholic Education) resumes Wednesday, January 4, at 9:15 AM. We will begin discussion of the seven sacraments, beginning with Baptism.

Divine Mercy Meeting Beginning in January, the Divine Mercy Group will meet in the Library on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month. The next Divine Mercy meeting will Monday, January 9, following 6 PM Mass.