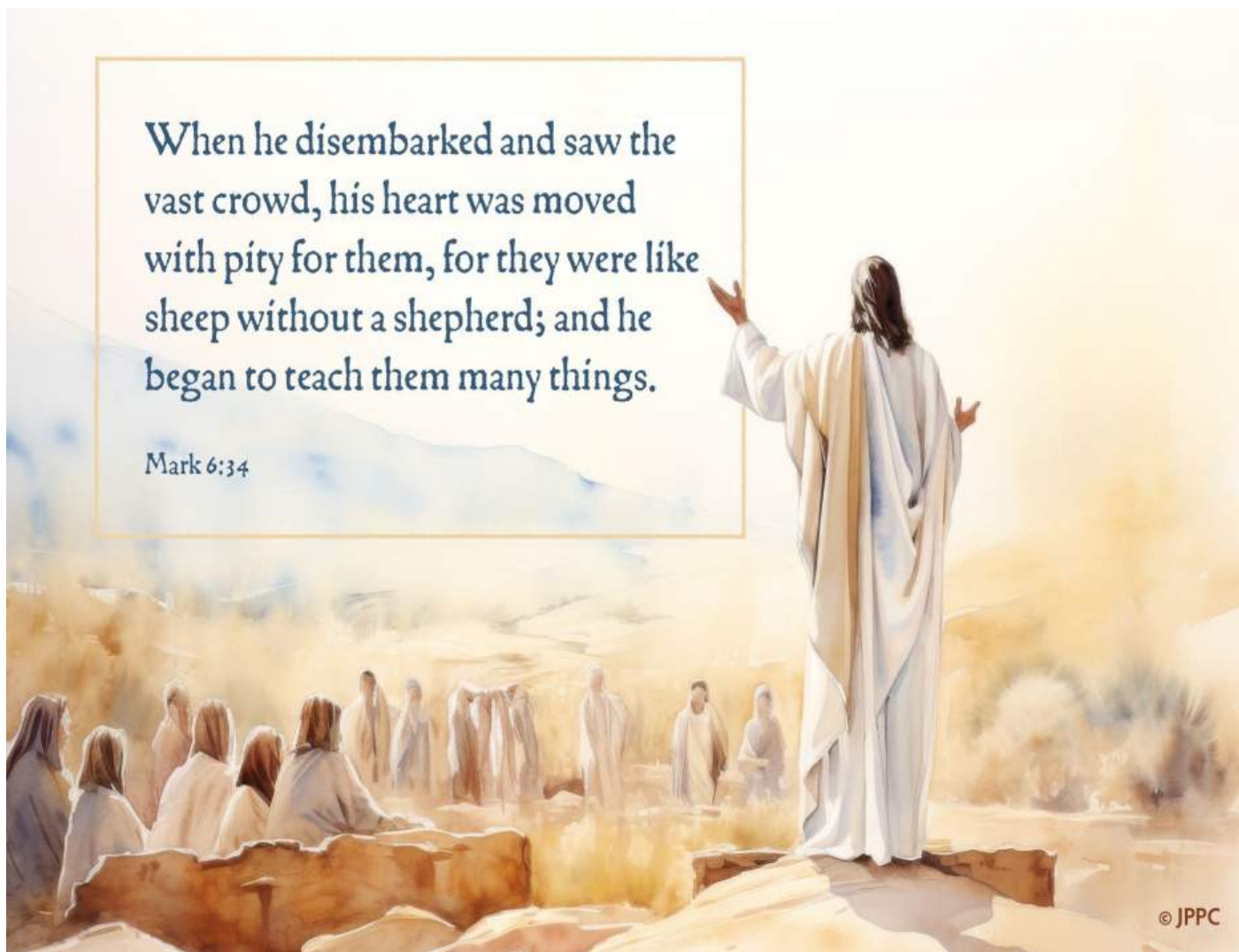


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When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Mark 6:34



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Holy Mass:

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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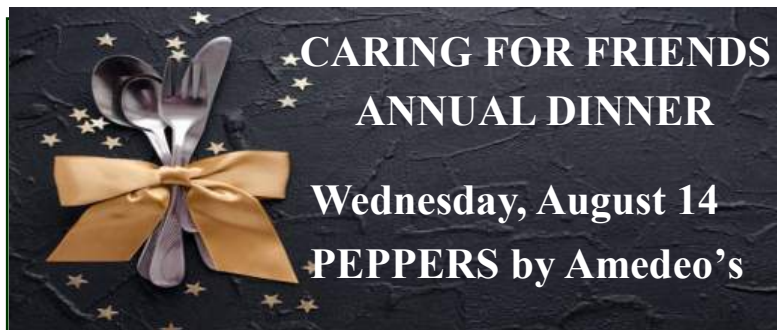
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July 31

August 28

Contact Kennedy Bucko with any questions!

kennedyabucko@gmail.com



All are invited to join our Caring for Friends ministry for our annual night at Peppers by Amedeo's, Wednesday, August 14. Peppers supports our ministry each month with homemade soup. Now it's our turn to return the support of our generous neighbors. Please plan on joining us for an evening of food and fellowship and hear what CFF is all about. Dinner Includes:

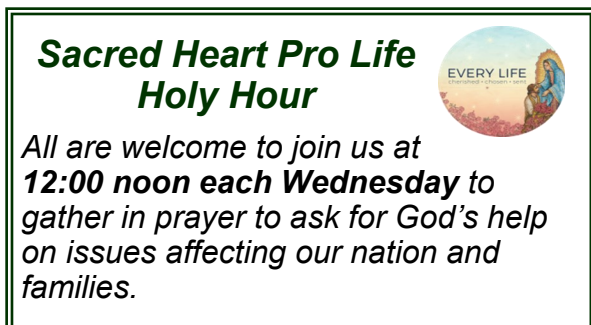
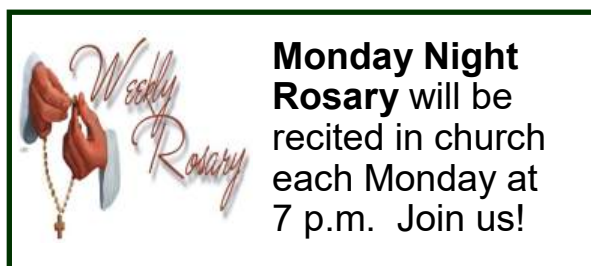
- Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- Roasted Peppers and Italian Bread
- Entrée Choice of:
 - Stuffed Pork Tenderloin
 - Crab Cakes
 - Chicken Piccata
- Broccoli
- New Potatoes Rosemary
- Vanilla Ice Cream
- Taxes and Gratuities
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You choose your entrée the evening of the dinner and pay in cash that night.

Kindly RSVP by August 7.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 20

4:00pm Jerry Brady

Requested by Kathy Brady & Family

Sunday, July 21

8:00am Sandra Wilkinson

Requested by Joe & Kathy Gasko

10:15am For the People of Our Parish

Monday, July 22

8:00am Mary Morrow

Requested by Marge & Ronald Mikulski

Tuesday, July 23

8:00am Deceased Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Requested by The IHM Sisters of Sacred Heart

Wednesday, July 24

8:00am Walter B. Gutkowski & Thaddeus J. Gutkowski

Requested by Bernie, Jackie & Family

Thursday, July 25

8:00am Michael Slobodzian

Requested by Friend, Lee Ann

Friday, July 26

8:00am Philomena Kurcik

Requested by Her Family

Saturday, July 27

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday, July 28

8:00am Marjorie M. Egges

Anniversary Remembrance, July 26

10:15am Marianne Levinsky

Birthday & Anniversary Remembrances

Requested by Daughter, Lenore



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, July 27:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Larry Kilian

Lector: Peter Wisniewski

Sunday morning, July 28:

8:00am

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Andy Moletzsky

Lector: Sal DiNenna



Weekly Report

July 13 - 14, 2024

\$7,271.00

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METANOIA - is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our upcoming events are listed below and begin at 7:30 pm

on most Tuesdays unless otherwise noted. As gathering circumstances are always changing, please be sure you are subscribed to our newsletter to receive access to our latest information by heading to <http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org>. Questions? Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults).

July 2024:

Doors Open at 7, Presentation begins at 7:30

Tuesday, July 23: Prayer, Penance, Pub @ Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales

Date TBD: Mini Golf @ Freddy Hill, Lansdale



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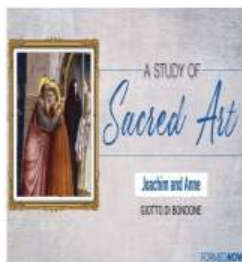


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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of July 21, 2024



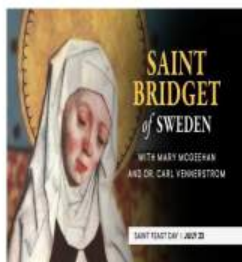
Sts. Joachim and Anne | Sacred Art

In this episode on FORMED Now, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp discuss the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this famous painting "Joachim and Anne Meeting at the Golden Gate."



The INCREDIBLE Eucharistic Miracles w/Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick Show

Did you know there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? It's true! And I brought Fr. Robert Spitzer back to tell us about the incredible science behind them.



St. Bridget of Sweden | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Carl Vannerstrom and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of this medieval saint: St. Bridget of Sweden. A wife, mother, and visionary, St. Bridget was an evangelist both inside and outside the home. St. Bridget's visions of Christ's Nativity have greatly influenced its depiction in Christian art. Watch to find out more!

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"Suddenly Seniors" will have its first meeting on Thursday, September 19th at the Swedesburg Fire House on Jefferson St. beginning at 12:00. Bring your own lunch. Water, tea, coffee will be provided. Anyone able to bring a dessert, this will be greatly appreciated.

The speaker will be Father Keyes of St. John the Baptist Church.



Calling All Seniors!

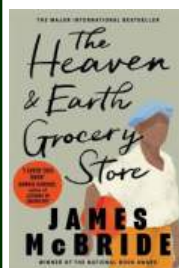
Anyone who is not yet a member of "Suddenly Seniors" please consider joining. We would love to have you join our group. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month.

Board Members and Event Planners for "Suddenly Seniors" will meet on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 9:00 in the Rectory Meeting Room.



Companions in Prayer & Ministry

will meet on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:15 Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room. In September the first meeting will be on Sunday, September 8th. Sharing of our faith through the virtues of the IHM Community is the focus of each meeting. Think about joining this group and see how spiritually enriching the sharing becomes.



The **"Book Club"** will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings will be held in the Rectory Meeting Room beginning at 1:30. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17th. The book for September is The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James

McBride. It takes place in Pottstown which should make the book even more interesting. Please consider coming and joining in the sharing of insights. This book should be read in its entirety for the meeting.

I will WALK BY FAITH even when I can not see

2 Corinthians 5:7

JULY 21, 2024

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

"The stage is set," so to speak, for the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Meanwhile, we see the temporary popularity of Jesus and His wonderful compassion for the people who have followed Him.

Magnets have long fascinated me. The first time I held one and watched a bunch of paper clips fly to it started my interest. Later I saw them hold forth on a refrigerator, where they anchored hand-crafted birthday cards created by a 2nd grader, along with trinkets gained from travel. Today I make them work to hold up doctor's appointments, or seasonal invitations. I even own a powerful pair of hook magnets that I place on both sides of a storm door glass strong enough to hold a heavy Christmas wreath.

By extension, the word "magnetic" comes along to describe another kind of attraction. For example, a popular Catholic radio personality on Sirius XM radio named Gus Lloyd has produced a booklet all about the "qualities of a magnetic Catholic."

Today's Gospel from Mark highlights the ultimate magnetism that Jesus had for His followers. Soon enough, they got to experience His beautiful compassion for them as He feeds a large crowd with a few loaves and fishes.

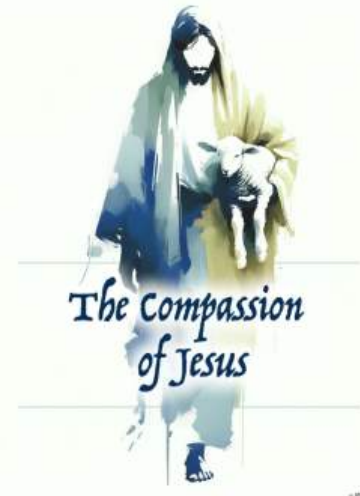
Time for us here and now to reflect a bit on this magnetism of Jesus. Obviously, the chief source of it is His divine nature. Even though the people of His time would only learn of it in stages, they will ultimately get to see a side of God not immediately obvious: His compassion. Loaves and fishes multiplied become the sign that will lead the people to ask themselves "What sort of man is this?"

Meanwhile, we who are blest with bibles and faith nurtured by prayer and study will have the answer. Yet we must also determine whether we have allowed the magnetism of our Risen Lord to work on us?

Sometimes I think we have built up some kind of blockage to hold sway. It could be by an unquestioned acceptance of the twisted values of our present First World culture that features a complete disregard for life at either end via abortion or euthanasia. Or the steady devaluation of legitimate civil or Church authority witnessed by the cable news cycle. Or that selectivity about Church teachings popularly known as "Cafeteria Catholicism." The latter leads to a casual dismissal of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine that become His Body and Blood.

The magnetism of Christ is never completely blocked. But God will never force Himself on us. For we always have His gift of free will. I find it always helps when I remember that "the powers-that-be" will someday be "the powers-that-have-been."

God love you and help you to be a magnetic Catholic.



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