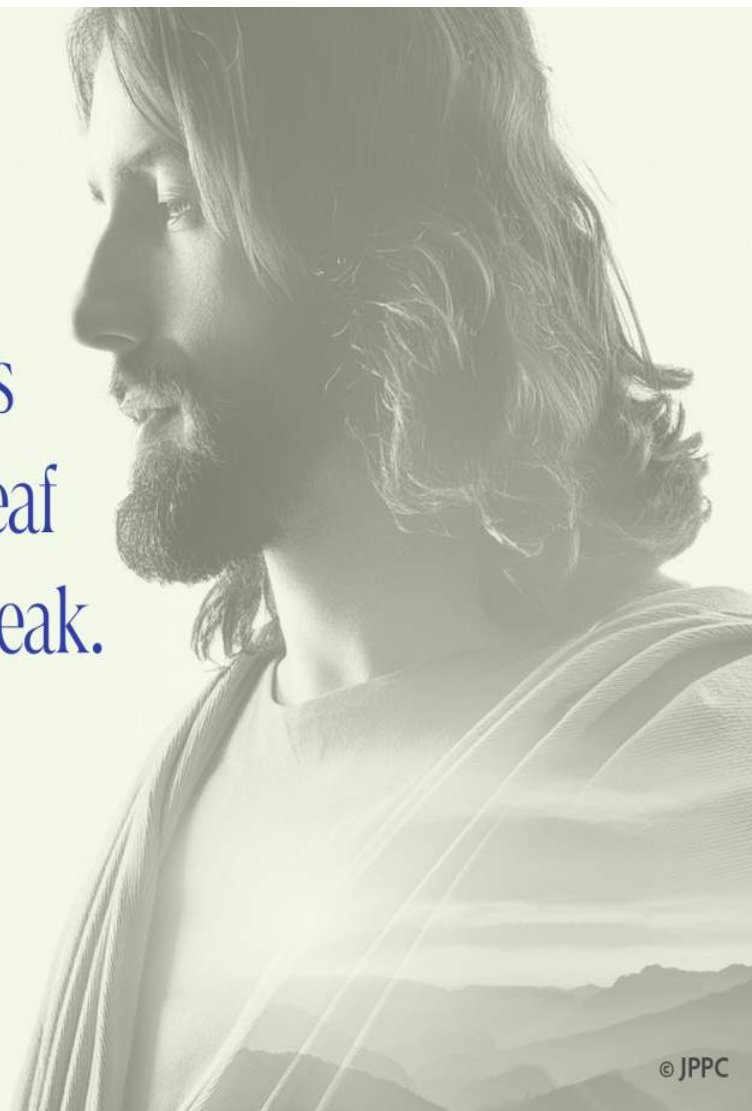


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hear and the mute speak.

Mark 7:37



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Saturday: Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

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Monday through Friday at 8:00 am

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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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Women's Daytime Discipleship Group

Study Scripture and grow in the habits of discipleship with other faith-filled ladies.

**EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY 11AM-12:30
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18TH**

At the Convent basement office accross from the church

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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 16 oz. 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 & Lisa



Our Parish is now offering Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor. Please visit:

<https://osvhub.com/sacredheartbridgeport/giving/funds>

or Simply click on the QR Code.



READY. SET. GIVE!



COME JOIN SACRED HEART PREP IN THE GROTTO on Thursday, **September 12th** at 7:00 p.m. for our Glow Stick Rosary. **All are welcome!**

How does a Glow Rosary work? You will be given a glow stick and a booklet marked with the reading and/or prayer you sign up for when you arrive. We will spread out in the shape of a rosary. When it comes to your turn, you crack and shake your glow stick to light it, then recite your reading and/or prayer.

We are using Sign Up Genius; it provides you with the available slots and shows the readings and/or prayers. If your family would like to have more than one glow stick, we ask that you sign up for consecutive slots. Please check the Parish Facebook page or find the link to sign up at the bottom of the PREP forms page on our website:
www.unitedinthesacredheart.com

Questions? Please email Imoser@shswedesburg.org



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 7

4:00pm Mary & Stanley Sugalski

Requested by Jeanette, Jas, Jennifer & Families

Sunday, September 8

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Donald & Patricia Kinckner

Requested by Son, Hilary & Family

Monday, September 9

8:00am For the Intentions of Les Morales

Requested by Mom & Pop

Tuesday, September 10

8:00am JoAnn Prinzivalli

Requested by Her Family

Wednesday, September 11

8:00am Robert Murphy

Requested by Wife, Pat

Thursday, September 12

**8:00am Deceased Members of the
Czapla & Giovinco Families**

Requested by John & Mary Czapla

Friday, September 13

8:00am Angelo & Anne Perretta

Requested by Son, Carl & Kass Perretta

Saturday, September 14

NB: No 8:00am Mass on Saturdays

4:00pm Michael Rizzo

Sunday, September 15

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

**10:15am Deceased Members of the DeStefano
Family**

Requested by Spike & Joan DeStefano



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, September 14:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Pat Moletzsky

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

Sunday morning, September 15:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Marjorie Pruskowski

Lector: Connie Capaldo

10:15am

Lector: Alex Kalivas



Weekly Report

***Due to an early bulletin deadline, financial
information will appear in next weekend's
bulletin.***

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



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.

All are welcome!

Forgiveness Prayer

*Dear Heavenly Father, I surrender this
present moment to Your Holy Will. I choose
through the Hearts of Jesus and Mary to be
purified. I surrender to every cross and grace
You choose for me. I trust in Your Divine
Providence. I am, in this present moment,
Your servant. Give me the grace of trusting in
Your Mercy in the present moment. Inspire me
to praise Your Mercy always. Amen.*



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Saturday, October 19, 2024

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

English Keynotes



Fr. Stephen DeLacy
Woman as the Delight
of the Father's Heart



Emily Wilson
Blessed: Love
Your Own Bouquet



Bishop
Christopher Cooke
Mujer, deleite del
corazón del Padre



Karla Amezcua
Tú eres sagrada, tú eres
amada, tú eres Suya



Katie Locus
The Truth of the Joy and
Beauty of Womanhood

Breakout Sessions



Kimberly Cook
Motherhood Redeemed
& Femininity



Domingue Brutus
Where Do We
Find Joy?



De Yarrison
Restoring Joy: An
Experience of Healing



Sister Leonie Therese, SV
You are Sacred, You are
Treasured, You are His



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Closing Prayer

Location

National Shrine of
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MDP Fall 2024 Grief Support

Beginning Wednesday, September 11th we will meet weekly for six (6) consecutive weeks ending on October 16th. Meetings will be from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM in the MDP Parish offices. (meeting dates are listed below)

Grief Support is a program for those who have lost a loved one and are looking for support on their grief journey. This program provides tools for coping, a safe place to cry, a listening ear, time for reflection and support for your new reality. All conversations are confidential.

Registration required. Email Maureen at mbmask571@gmail.com to register or for more information.

Sept. 11 ~ Sept. 18 ~ Sept. 25 ~ Oct. 2 ~ Oct. 9 ~ Oct. 16

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Contact our team to register or for questions:
Susan – 610-716-4795, Susiemck@comcast.net
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Why Can't Catholics be Freemasons?



What is Freemasonry? Why has it been condemned numerous times by the Catholic Church? Has the Church's position on Freemasonry changed? Learn more at the next Patricians discussion!

**Wednesday, September 18th
from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.
in the coffee hour room
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA**

Parking available in the Ford Street lot, adjacent to the rectory & hall.

(No Commitment – Meetings are Monthly – Come When You Can!)

The Society of Patricians is sponsored by the Legion of Mary.

More info: r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or 610-256-7125
The society of the Patricians is an informal group of adult Catholics who meet monthly under the direction of Fr. Sam Keyes to learn more about the Catholic Faith so that they can better share it with others.

Please come, and bring a friend!

Refreshments will be served and free literature will be available.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

"God is in the details." That's a thought attributed to the minimalist German architect Mies van der Rohe. He was referring to the attributes of his many creations. While it might at first seem to be too great a stretch to connect architecture with Holy Scripture, there is much about God's words and actions in the Bible that feature details we should notice. They can be profitable for our prayer and reflection. Heretofore hidden meanings emerge. The divine presence lies just below the surface. Not immediately obvious.



Case in point: this weekend's beautiful passage about the encounter of Jesus with a deaf mute. Note first how the crowd already knew where to go and whom to see if they wanted a person to be helped. Jesus. His reputation preceded Him. This "herd," if you will, was attracted to the possibility of a miracle in their midst. On the surface, they seemed not to care much for the sick man's feelings.

It gives me pause to think that sometimes that we have just wanted to "use" Jesus' power and might for our own needs to be met. We forget that He is a Person, not a machine. A divine person no less, who took on our human nature to save us from hell. Not a dispenser of wish fulfillment.

We note the detail that Jesus leads the deaf man away from the crowd. Away from the raucous voices with mixed up ideas about God. Or the cheering cries of people that just want to make noise and enjoy mayhem. The Lord wants the man to have some well-deserved privacy. To look the Lord in the face and express with hand gestures his longing to be normal, even if he cannot yet voice it.

In a world filled with what are called "social media," users are allotted an outlet to express themselves, however crude or misinformed they may be about a given issue. They can do it anonymously with their privacy intact. But they have no qualms invading ours.

Do we ever go so far as to prohibit God from entering our so-called "private space?" That place where we decide what to do no matter what the Commandments and the Beatitudes? That's a detail in our story.

After touching the man's ears and tongue, we note that Jesus "looked up to heaven" and "groaned." In His prayer to the Father, Jesus took on the needy man's pain and deprivation. Just as He takes on our own troubles every time, we request His help. A major detail in our lives: "We never walk alone."

Lastly, there's that detail wherein Jesus tells the crowd to keep quiet about what He did. St. Mark wants his readers to wait until the Passion and Resurrection story to learn Jesus' full identity. Sometimes we must wait for God to answer our prayers. We must admit that we can either be deaf to His responses or mute in our thanks.

Let me quote the great Christian apologist C.S. Lewis for my closing thought today: "On the whole, God's love for us is a much safer subject to think about than our love for Him."

God love you and give you His peace.

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