

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 29th

5:00 P.M. BENEDETTA BITETTO-Dr. & Mrs. Nicola Bitetto
RAYMOND MILLER—Lori R Tarnowski
KATHY BLAIR—Deb Geiger

Sunday, August 30th—Twenty Second Sunday of the Year

7:30 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

9:30 A.M. LOIS ECKENROTH—Pat Hansbury

DR. ALEX GABRIELLI—The Gabrielli Family

11:15 A.M. VINCENZO SCARPITTI—Filomena Scarpitti & Children

ROSA CAMPELLA- Salvatore & Victoria Azzarella

Monday, August 31st

8:00 A.M. AILEEN TSCHIDERER—Joan Jepsen

SPECIAL INTENTION MATTHEW BATDORF—Mom

Wednesday, September 2nd

8:00 A.M. BETTY DESANTIS—Msgr. DeSantis

Thursday, September 3rd—St. Gregory the Great

8:00 A.M. MARGARET MOFFITT—Jean & Rich Palmer

Friday, September 4th

8:00 A.M. SACRED HEART SOCIETY MEMBERS

Saturday, September 5th—St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:00 A.M. DR. JAMES KASE—Steve & Sue Kase

5:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

PAULINE & SALVATORE CHIRIELEISON—Debbie & Virginia

KATHRYN BLAIR—Deb Geiger

Sunday, September 6th—Twenty Third Sunday of the Year

7:30 A.M. WALTER M KOWALSKI—Martin W Kowalski

9:30 A.M. FLORENCE CLEMENS—Pat Hansbury

MARY SPARANGANA—Family

11:15 A.M. JOHN & CHRISTINE NEES—Mary Wolfe

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



The paradoxical sayings of Jesus are on full display today, following Peter's proclamation of Him as Messiah. The paradoxes come to the fore because of Peter's misunderstanding of what it means to be the Messiah. Rather than victory and a glorious reign (which apparently is what Peter had in mind), Jesus rebukes him to say that his Messiahship will lead

to His death. Only then will He be raised.

As disciples, we are to take on the mind of God, to think not as human beings do. Our human priorities are often misplaced, focused on temporal well-being and the accolades of our peers. Instead, Jesus reminds Peter (and us) that God is one's true audience. Our ways of thinking need to be inverted, or even turned inside out. When we think as God does, we will know that loss means finding, denial of oneself is ultimate fulfillment, and death leads to life. To think in these ways requires extra effort because it does not come naturally. But once we do think as God does, we are on our way to living the paschal mystery.

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Next Sunday's Readings:

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

LET US PRAY

In your charity, please pray for the priests of our diocese, and in particular this week, remember:

✠ 31 August—Rev. John G. Hilferty

✠ 1 September—Pope Francis

✠ 2 September—Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert D.D., Bishop

✠ 3 September—Most Rev. Edward P. Cullen, Bishop Emeritus

✠ 4 September—Sick & Infirm Priests

✠ 5 September—Rev. Msgr. Thomas E. Hoban

✠ 6 September—Rev. Allen J. Hoffa

Also, please pray for...

...the following persons who are serving our Country in the Armed Forces:

1st CPO Sean Adams

CW4 Joseph Zalewski

2nd Lt. Michael Rodick

Raymond Konopelski

Dr. Justin Bremem

Staff Sgt. Jason Miller

SFC Patricia Gunning

1st Lt. Christopher Wellock

Airman 1st Jake Banta

Capt. Kirstin Strobel

Major Bernard W. Mann

Lt. Col. Chris Gebbia

Max Bremer

2Lt Nicholas W. Strobel

Lt. Cmdr. Laura Reshetar

Capt. Michael Wellock

Cmdr. Laura Nevel

Lt. Thomas Helinek

Captain Jacob Layer

Please call the rectory if there are changes, deletions, or additions

BANNS OF MARRIAGE II

Jeanette Tejada (SH) & Adam Cronomiz (SH)

Please Note: Next week there will be
no Tuesday 8 AM Mass.
Thank you for your patience.

† MEMORIAL SOCIETY †

The following has been enrolled in Sacred Heart's Memorial Society:

By: Diana Mulligan
Frank Mulligan

CANDLE OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention for our parents and family—The O'Rourke Family

Special Intention Robert Stricek—Grandma

Special Intention 2020 Sacred Heart Priests,
Seminarians & Deacons

Special Intention Matthew Batdorf—Mom

St. Joseph—In memory of:

Joe Antosy—Al & Robin Gombar

Thomas Stricek—Mom

Special Intention for our parents and family—The O'Rourke Family

Special Intention Dolly & Richard—Ginny

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Diocesan Policy states that two years of preparation are required before the celebration of the sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist. Thus all students entering first grade in September 2020 should be registered in Sacred Heart's Religious Education Program. Registration forms can be picked up at the Religious Ed Office, sent by mail, or emailed to paddams@sacredheartreading.org. Please return the form, fee, and a copy of the child's Baptismal certificate to the office. For more information or questions, contact Valerie Christo, DRE (610) 374-5430.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Sacred Heart Parish is looking to hire the following:
Parish Secretary - strong computer skills and a familiarity with Microsoft Office Suite and a willingness to learn the parish database.

Communications & Activities Coordinator - provide strategic & marketing direction for the parish and manage our communications through multiple platforms including social media, website and bulletin.

Knowledge of the Catholic Church is preferred. The parish is flexible when it comes to scheduling and willing to consider full-time or part-time options. Please submit resumes to: Sacred Heart Church, PO Box 6217, Reading, PA 19610 ATTN: Kate Banta or email business@shrcparish.org. No phone calls please.

SACRED HEART SCHEDULE

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE – 8 AM (MONDAYS,
WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS)**

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE—TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS,
THURSDAYS AT 7 AM AT HOLY ROSARY**

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MON – THURS 9 AM TO 3 PM

FRI 9 AM TO NOON

CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

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TUES – THUR

6 PM – 8 PM

**CHURCH WILL BE OPEN WITH
EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**

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CONFESSIONS

4 PM TO 4:45 PM

SATURDAYS

(NO BATHROOM FACILITIES AVAILABLE)

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

The weekends of September 6th, 13th & 20th are available for anyone who would like to place flowers at the tabernacle or in front of the altar. To make arrangements, please call the rectory at (610) 372-4010.

RCIA

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and it is the process by which adults can become full members of the Church. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 9th at 7 PM in the Church. If you are not Catholic but would like to find out about becoming Catholic, please join us. Or if you are a Catholic adult who was never confirmed, you are welcome too. We will be wearing masks over our nose and mouth and maintaining social distance. You can contact us at SacredHeartRCIA@gmail.com or call the rectory (610) 372-4010.

GOLF! GOLF! GOLF!

Thank you to the 80 plus golfers and all who either participated or donated your time, gifts, or talents to the 4th Annual Swing and A Prayer Golf Outing that was held on August 21st at the Reading Country Club! It was a big success! Proceeds benefit the Sacred Heart School Scholarship Fund.

The waning days of summer traditionally has meant the beginning of a new school year, along with shopping for supplies, meeting new teachers and classmates—it's usually a hectic but promising time of year. This year, however, many students, families and others face new circumstances and unusual challenges. Complications abound. Some schools are reopening but others are offering only online options. Some families have a choice, others don't. For all the differences, though, one thing is common, everywhere and for everyone: we need prayer. Here are six short prayers for our new educational landscape.

1) God, grant wisdom and understanding to the public officials, school boards, superintendents, administrators and more who are juggling so many concerns and challenges for this coming school year. Shower them with creativity and clarity in all of the work they must do.

2) Lord, please have mercy on the parents and other caregivers of students who face perplexing situations and schedules. Help those who must juggle the task of providing for their families and their children's need for education. Bring order out of confusion and hope from despair.

3) Heavenly Father, help students of all ages in the coming days, weeks and months. Encourage those who suffer from a lack of *social interaction*. Empower those who need help with online learning. Encourage those with special needs. And please keep them all safe and healthy while they learn.

4) Lord, you know the situations faced by teachers and tutors at this time, some of whom must enter the front lines, others who must learn new ways of teaching, and still others who must cope with idleness and uncertainty. Please come to them and strengthen them, granting fresh ideas and miraculous effectiveness in their workplaces and work challenges.

5) God, hear our prayers for school system personnel facing even more challenges than usual in their lives and livelihoods: custodial staff, cafeteria staff, bus drivers, and others. Provide for the unemployed and under-employed. Help those who are struggling. Grant relief to those who are overworked and encouragement to those who are overwhelmed.

6) For all of the above, Lord, please protect and preserve them physically, emotionally and mentally. Keep them safe and healthy; increase their strength and stamina now and in the future, in Jesus' name, Amen.