

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Newsletter  
March 27, 2022

My Dear Parishioners,

The ultimate purpose of a Catholic parish is first and foremost to bring souls into relationship with Jesus Christ and then secondly to help those souls to grow in their friendship with Jesus Christ. Thankfully, I think we as a parish excel in both of these goals with our beautiful liturgies, our uplifting music program, our strong religious education program, our many active and welcoming groups, our friendly atmosphere, and our inspiring charitable outreaches. Our parish is truly a home for us all and a reflection of God's love in this world.

As we know, love is the key to everything, and love is the only answer to all of the world's problems. Love is also who and what God is, for as the Apostle John teaches us, *God is Love*. For us then, the goal in growing in God's friendship is to grow in His Love. Then, moreover, the more we know Him and love Him and more we will grow in His Love, the more we will become the perfect reflection of Him and His Love.

Which is why our parish mission starting this weekend is such a special time for all of us. This parish mission is a special time to renew our friendship with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and grow in His Love. I highly encourage everyone to come, to come with open minds, to come with open hearts. I encourage everyone to come, knowing that God loves us, knowing that God wants us, knowing that God wants a deeper relationship with us and wants not just to call us friends but to call us His best friends.

Our Parish Mission speaker is a lay person, Bob Lesnefsky. He is a very popular professor at one of the best Catholic schools in America, Steubenville University, and is a very sound Catholic and an extremely charismatic speaker. As a professor, a husband, and a father of seven, he has a way of reaching people all ages and people of many different backgrounds. He is for everyone and everyone who hears him leaves with something.

So, please, please, please, plan on coming. Too busy? We are talking about an hour each night—less time than most people spend watching TV each night. Have to eat? We will have food available before the Sunday night (March 27<sup>th</sup>) and Monday night (March 28<sup>th</sup>) Parish Mission Talks, and we will have light refreshments after the Tuesday night (March 29<sup>th</sup>) closing Mass. Heard it all before? No you didn't, not with Bob Lesnefsky speaking. Feeling down and hurting? Come and let God heal you. Feeling sad and lonely? Come and feel the love. Don't know what to expect? As the ads say, just do it—and you will thank me.

My prayer is that this Parish Mission will be a time of renewal for us and our parish, and that our parish mission will bring us into that closer relationship with Our God and Our Friend, Jesus Christ, and that our renewed relationship will in turn help us to bring others into relationship with the One Who Loves us so much.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J. Pawelko, Pastor





# Pope Francis' Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Basilica of St. Peter, March 25, 2022, Feast of the Annunciation

Taken from America Magazine [Read: Full text of Pope Francis' consecration of Ukraine and Russia to Immaculate Heart of Mary | America Magazine](#)

O Mary, Mother of God and our mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our mother, you love us and know us: No concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the prince of peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns.

We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbor's keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war, and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the church and for all humanity. By God's gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?" You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: "They have no wine" (Jn 2:3). Now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.

Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.

Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.

Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world.

Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness.

Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons.

Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love.

Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity.

Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your sorrowful heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: "Behold your son" (Jn 19:26). In this way, he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: "Behold, your Mother" (Jn 19:27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history.

At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the "fiat," on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our "living fountain of hope," water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.



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# EASTER EGG HUNT

A vibrant poster for an Easter egg hunt. At the top, it says 'SPONSORED BY ST. AGNES - SACRED HEART CYO'. The main title 'EASTER EGG HUNT' is in large, colorful letters (pink and green). Below that, a yellow banner reads 'SAT APRIL 16TH', and below that, 'AGES 0 - 10'. The central image is a wicker basket filled with various colorful Easter eggs (yellow with red polka dots, purple, blue, green, pink, and red with white polka dots) and green grass. A large blue bow is tied around the basket. Two monarch butterflies are flying on either side of the basket. A bunny ear icon is at the top right. The background is a bright blue sky with a sunburst effect.

SAT APRIL 16TH

AGES 0 - 10

**START  
10 AM**

**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART FIELD  
(NEXT TO THE GYM BUILDING)**

**100 BROAD STREET • HILLTOWN, PA**

**(IN CASE OF RAIN, THE EASTER EGG HUNT WILL  
BE HELD IN THE GYMNASIUM)**

**BRING YOUR EASTER BASKETS, CAMERAS, AND RUNNING SHOES FOR A FUN FILL EVENT....**





# Parish Mission

with  
Bob Lesnfsky

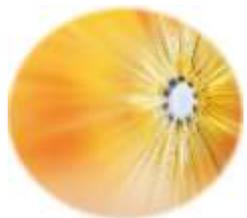
## March 27 - 29

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church  
100 Broad Street • Hilltown, PA

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Open to All Ages/Parishes  
Children Welcome

Light Dinner will be on Sunday (March 27) and Monday (March 28) from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the cafeteria.



### Sunday

#### An invitation to have fun

To be excited about God's love working in our lives - ending with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Monday

#### An invitation to Introspection

To look at our lives and what kind of relationship we have with Jesus - ending with Reconciliation.



### Tuesday

#### An invitation to Respond

To accept the one thing we own and control - our choice to respond - ending with Mass.

### Bob Lesnfsky "Righteous B" BIO:

Bob Lesnfsky, a.k.a. Catholic rapper "Righteous B," is a powerful voice in evangelization today. He is the Director of Evangelization for the Franciscan University of Steubenville and spent most of his life working with inner city kids. Saint John Paul II said, "If the Church holds back from culture, the Gospel will fall silent." Bob's life mission is for the Church to be anything but silent in popular culture. A leader in youth ministry for 20 years, Bob speaks and performs his music in front of hundreds of thousands of people all over the world.

Additionally, Bob's passion is his family of 7 children and wife, Kate, as well as doing inner-city ministry to kids in gangs and the neglected. In 2005 he started Vagabond Missions, which serves under-served inner city youth in cities around the United States. Bob's degree is in Theology and Catechetics, and his motto is "Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary use rap."





# Parish Pantry ~ Easter

Our Lenten journey has begun and we are quickly moving towards the glorious celebration of Easter. Our Parish Pantry would like to provide the families we serve with everything needed for a special Easter Dinner.

## *Our Planned Menu is as Follow:*

- Ham (all sizes)
- Boxed Scallop Patotes
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Boxed Mac-N-Cheese
- Frozen Pepperidge Farms Cakes
- Canned Soup
- Non-Alcoholic Sparkling Cider

Donations of hams and frozen cakes can be placed in the freezer in the Usher's closet just off the Church Narthex; all other foods can be placed in the Parish Pantry bins in the Church Narthex. Donations of gift cards for local grocery stores are also most welcome and extremely helpful; these can be purchased and easily donated via the Parish Scrip Program - 1) Lorri Resuta at (215) 534-3092 or Email [olshscrip@gmail.com](mailto:olshscrip@gmail.com) 2) SCRIP Table in the Church Narthex or 3) through Electronic Parish Giving: "SCRIP-Parish Pantry."

Our Easter dinner distribution will take place on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>; it would be appreciated if all Easter donations could be received by Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Any Questions - Deacon Gary or Pat Schoenenberger*  
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