



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Newsletter
May 1, 2022

My Dear Parishioners,

Our joyous celebration of Easter continued this past weekend as we celebrated the First Holy Communion of our children in our religious education program. The boys looked so sharp in their jackets and ties and the girls looked so pretty in their white First Holy Communion gowns. Our First Holy Communion brought back so many fond memories of my own First Holy Communion at St. Philip Neri Parish in Pennsburg.

I was blessed to be able to speak with the children before the First Holy Communion, and when I did, I asked them a simple question: are you about to receive something or someone for the first time? I was so proud of them when they all answered that they were about to receive “someone” for the first time. Of course, that someone is Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ really and truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

I would like to thank our parents for taking seriously their children’s religious education and their need for the sacraments. I would also like to thank Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Gehman, Mrs. Rio, and Mrs. Anthony and all of those who volunteer in our Religious Education Program for the excellent work that they do in teaching our children and preparing our children to receive that “someone,” Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Holy Eucharist, for the first time.

This week our joyous celebrations continue with our celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our seventh graders this Thursday. Please join me in praying for our Confirmandi and their families as they make their final preparations for receiving that beautiful and powerful special outpouring of the Holy Spirit that comes with the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I hope that many of us will be able to attend our May Crowning on Sunday, May 1st, immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass. This beautiful devotion allows us to renew our commitment to Immaculate Mary, the Queen of Heaven, and to again acknowledge her as the Queen of our hearts. In doing so, we are most importantly honoring Jesus Christ, who is very pleased when we honor His mother, and when we allow our Faith in Him to grow through our devotion to the Most Holy Mother of God. During the May Crowning, we will have beautiful hymns honoring the Blessed Mother, and we will be ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This year’s May Crowning will be entirely in church.

This coming week, we will also be beginning a Perpetual Novena to St. Peregrine on Thursday mornings, immediately following the Daily Mass. St. Peregrine is the patron saint of those suffering from cancer. With our novena, we will have the opportunity to entrust those with cancer to the care of St. Peregrine, and ask that through his intercession, that they receive healing of both body and soul.

Lastly, I thank you for your continued generosity to our many outreaches, and recently in particular our Baby Drive to benefit the Crossroads Pregnancy Center and also our Sneaker Drive in conjunction with the Pennridge Rams.

Please, let us continue to pray for each other, for our first responders, for the sick, for the dying, and for peace, especially for peace in Ukraine.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J. Pawelko, Pastor

Regina Caeli (O Queen of Heaven)

The Regina Caeli is beautiful prayer that is said in place of the Angelus during Eastertide, and can also be prayed before we go to sleep. Below is the English translation and the Latin text from the EWTN website. I hope that you find as much inspiration this this beautiful prayer as I have found over the years.

Queen of Heaven

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, Alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Regina Caeli

V. Regina caeli, laetare, Alleluia.
R. Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia.
V. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, Alleluia.
R. Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia.
V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, Alleluia.
R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, Alleluia.

Oremus

Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.





As our children prepare to receive Confirmation this week, this is a good opportunity to review our teachings on this beautiful and powerful Sacrament of service through the Baltimore Catechism (updated according to the present Rite):

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the sacrament through which the Holy Ghost comes to us in a special way and enables us to profess our faith as strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ.

*But I speak the truth to you; it is expedient for you that I depart.
For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. ~ (John 16:7)*

Who is the usual minister of Confirmation?

The Bishop is the usual minister of Confirmation.

What does the bishop do when he gives Confirmation?

The bishop extends his hands over those who are to be confirmed, prays that they may receive the Holy Ghost, and, while laying his hand on the head of each person, anoints the forehead with holy chrism in the form of a cross.

*And when Paul had imposed his hands on them, the Holy Ghost came upon them,
and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. ~ (Acts 19:6)*

The Prayer accompanying Confirmation:

The Bishop makes this introduction:

Dearly beloved,

let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in Baptism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

The Bishop Continues with hands outstretched:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord. The whole congregation replies: Amen

What does the bishop say in anointing the person he confirms?

In anointing the person he confirms, the bishop says: "*N., be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.*"

What is holy chrism?

Holy chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balm, blessed by the bishop on Holy Thursday.

What does the anointing of the forehead with chrism in the form of a cross signify?

The anointing of the forehead with chrism in the form of a cross signifies that the Catholic who is confirmed must always be ready to profess his faith openly and to practice it fearlessly.

What are the effects of Confirmation?

Confirmation increases sanctifying grace, gives its special sacramental grace, and imprints a lasting character on the soul.

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What does the sacramental grace of Confirmation help us to do?

The sacramental grace of Confirmation helps us to live our faith loyally and to profess it courageously.

What is the character of Confirmation?

The character of Confirmation is a spiritual and indelible sign which marks the Christian as a soldier in the army of Christ.

What is necessary to receive Confirmation properly?

To receive Confirmation properly it is necessary to be in the state of grace, and to know well the chief truths and duties of our religion.

After we have been confirmed, why should we continue to study our religion even more earnestly than before?

After we have been confirmed, we should continue to study our religion even more earnestly than before, so that we may be able to explain and defend our faith, and thus cooperate with the grace of Confirmation.

Why should all Catholics be confirmed?

All Catholics should be confirmed in order to be strengthened against the dangers to salvation and to be prepared better to defend their Catholic faith.

Respect Life Baby Drive

appreciated. All of the donations will be donated to the new expecting Mothers at Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Quakertown.

Following Donations Needed:

- Pacifiers (0-6 months)
- All Size Diapers
- 4T-5T Pull Ups
- Aveeno Baby Lotion
- Baby Bottles
- Puffs Snacks
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Pacifiers (6+ months)
- 2T-3T Pull Ups
- Baby Wipes
- Fresh Food Feeder
- Sippy Cups
- Amazon Gift Cards
- Enfamil Baby Formula (Neuropro Gentle Ease or Sensitive)
- Pacifiers (16+ months)
- 3T-4T Pull Ups
- Johnson's Head to Toe Wash
- Baby Forks & Spoons
- Toddler Plates
- Target Gift Cards

Monetary donations for the purchase of gift cards can be made via the Parish Scrip Program - 1) Lorri Resuta at (215) 534-3092 or Email olshscrip@gmail.com or 2) SCRIP Table in the Church Narthex.

The Drive will be running from
April 23, 2022 ~ May 8, 2022

Bins for donations will be in the Church Narthex.

Any Questions
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RamPacks



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for RamPacks that helps Pennridge Community**

COLLECTION DATES:

APRIL 23 - MAY 15

DROP-OFF BINS LOCATION:

**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Narthex
100 Broad Street ● Hilltown ● PA 18927**

**START
TIME
11:00 AM**



**Ages
13+**

5/21

**1ST
PLACE
\$150.00**

**2ND
PLACE
\$100.00**

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

**3RD
PLACE
\$50.00**

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AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE**

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Registration Fee: \$50.00 per team (2-person team)

One person to register for the team(s)

Info: Chris Rosica ~ (215) 913-6648

OR

Online Registration:

<https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-6137742/>