Church of Saint Isidore
2545 West Pumping Station Road – Quakertown, Pennsylvania 18951

Reverend Frederick J. Riegler, Pastor
Deacon David C. Mitchell, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Patrick J. O’Donnell, Permanent Deacon
Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, Weekend Assistance

Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 P.M.
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.
Spanish Mass-Misa en Espanol: Sunday at 5:00 P.M.
Daily Masses: Monday through Thursday at 7:30 A.M.
          Friday at 4:30 P.M.

Holydays: Vigil 7:00 P.M., 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M.
         (School), & 7:00 P.M. (Except Christmas and New Year)
First Friday: 9:00 A.M. (School Hall - during school year only), & 4:30 P.M.
Rosary: 7:00 A.M. Mon.-Thurs., 7:30 A.M. Sat.

Sacrament of Penance
Sat. 10:30 - 11:30 A.M. and 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Communion Calls
Father Frederick J. Riegler-Thursday before First Friday

Registration
Welcome to all new members of our Parish. Your registration is important to us. In order to be granted Letters of Eligibility, it is necessary to be registered here at St. Isidore and you may do that on Sunday after any Mass in the sacristy.

Sacrament of Baptism
Second and Fourth Sunday following 11 AM Mass. Arrangements may be made by visiting our parish website and downloading the required forms. We request that completed forms be sent to the parish office at least one month prior to the scheduled date of the Baptism. Baptismal classes are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. for parents and godparents in the Multi-Purpose Room in the church.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
For anyone about to undergo serious surgery during the week, it would be recommended that they be anointed after one of the Masses on the previous Sunday. Or if you need the Sacrament at any other time, please contact the Rectory.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Diocesan common policy requires six months preparation and the attendance of Pre-Cana session(s).

Parish Office
Parish Office is open on weekdays from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. If you move, change your address, or your phone number, please notify the rectory. If you are registered as a child of a parishioner and you marry, you must re-register.
HELP NEEDED! We need volunteers to help clean our church on Thursday or Friday mornings. Anytime is greatly appreciated. If you can help, please call the Parish Office at 215-536-4389.

Please remember the faithful departed in your prayers:
Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Kelley
Suzanne Kruase
Susan O’Donnell

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Quote of the Week
Anger is a weed; hate is the tree.
- St. Augustine
I would like to thank Father Riegler and all the parishioners of St. Isidore Parish for the kindness and support you gave me over the five years I served at the church.

I am especially grateful for the many prayers, good wishes, gifts and encouragement that many of you offered me over the last few weeks as I approached my retirement on June 20th.

I was very touched by the picnic after the 11 o’clock Mass on June 12th. May God continue to bless all of you in the years to come and be assured of my Masses, prayers, and gratitude for all you have done for me at St. Isidore’s. I will miss you.

God Bless, Father McAndrews

CYO NEWS

THANK YOU to all who have helped us get to the Steubenville Youth Conference in NYC this summer. May God bless you for your generosity and support.

St. Isidore CYO FOOTBALL Registration Final Notice: The SASH/St Isidore CRUSADER Football team registration is NOW Open for the 2016 season!! The football team is looking for players in 5th and 6th grade for JV football and 7th and 8th grade for Varsity football. There is No Weight Limit or Minimums in CYO football. Practice starts on Aug. 16th. We play a 9-10 game schedule, plus playoffs. We participate in the PCL All Star Classic Game. CRUSADER Football is a great atmosphere for the kids and parents. Please come out and support your Parish. Email questions for football to sashcrusaders@gmail.com - Register now at www.olsbhilltown.com under joint CYO section.

Save the Date: Master’s Golf Tournament, Sun. Sept. 25th, at Wedgewood Golf Course, 4875 Limeport Pike, Coopersburg. Cost: $100/person, $360/foursome (limited to 18). Includes: Green fees, Lunch, Dinner, beverages, and prizes. Spouses may join us for dinner for a $35 fee. Any questions please contact Rich Slabinski at 215-816-5803 or email srvp2@comcast.net.

PREP NEWS

Registration for the 2016-2017 PREP Classes: Classes are filling quickly! Grades 2-6 on Wednesdays, 4:45-6:00pm, are full! A late fee now applies to all registrations. Registration forms are available on the PREP website, at the PREP Office, and at Church. Forms and payments will be accepted through Aug. 30th. Discounts are available for PREP volunteers. If you have questions or would like information, please contact the Director of Religious Education at dre@stisidoreprep.com or 215-536-6498. *The Archdiocese recommends 2 years of formal religious education before a child can receive their Sacraments of First Penance and First Communion.

Help Wanted: Join our network of amazing volunteers! Our Parish Religious Education Program needs catechists for 1st grade and 6th grade in the Wednesdays, 4:45-6:00pm, session, and aides for all sessions. If you are searching for a way to serve our parish, this is a fulfilling ministry as it fosters the spiritual growth of our youth. Contact Nicole Hallowell, DRE, for more information: dre@stisidoreprep.com or 215-536-6498.

CYO NEWS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
July 17, 2016

“Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart And yield a harvest through perseverance.”

- cf Luke 8:15

Prayer for Peace Novena

The Knights of Columbus have initiated a campaign encouraging all people of good will to join in praying for peace in the wake of the violence toward citizens and police throughout the nation over the last several days. These horrific actions need prayer to bring them to an end, to provide comfort and healing, and to help with future resolutions so such acts do not happen again. Archbishop Charles Chaput invites everyone to make the Prayer for Peace Novena a part of their daily prayers, such as part of grace before or after meals, during adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and before or after the holy rosary for each of the nine days from Thurs., July 14th through Fri., July 22nd.

Prayer for Peace of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is discord, harmony; Where there is error, truth; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

PRAYER MEETING

The Rosary to the Blessed Mother is recited each morning before the 7:30 AM Mass and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is said immediately following the 7:30 AM Mass. Join us every Thurs. at 7:30 PM for Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship, & Faith Sharing.

EUCHARISTICADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is on Thursdays beginning after the 7:30 AM Mass and ending at 4:30 PM. Please come and spend some time with our Lord.

Several Catholic families in the Archdiocese are launching a new initiative, the Catholic Family Fun Club (CFFC). This group allows for a crowdsourced calendar so that members can tell others about Catholic catechetical and social events that are happening in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Join today and start finding and posting Catholic Family Events! Visit http://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Family-Fun-Club. Email questions to: catholicfamilyfun@gmail.com. Meditation: “As for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

If you’ve been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you. Our parish will soon begin a set of sessions to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe, in an open and welcoming environment. Please give us a call if you have questions or would like further information at 215-536-4389 or email us at stisidorechurch@comcast.net.
STEWARDSHIP

July 10, 2016

1357 envelopes sent $ 8,221.00 (389 envelopes received)
Additional contributions $ 1,365.00
Total Collection $ 9,586.00

Parish Giving Contributions-06/29/16: $1,493.00 (62 families)

Please note: The 2nd collection this weekend is for DeSales University Appeal.

THE PARISH DEBT

Total Parish Debt $ 3,498,450.00
Principal Balance Due $ 910,794.43
Principal Payment on Loan to Date $ 2,587,655.51
Required Monthly Payment (Principal) $ 19,044.83
June’s Monthly Reduction-Collections $ 15,947.00

This Week’s Cover: STEUBENVILLE 2016

Actually it was at St. John’s University in Queens, New York. Great accommodations, great food, great talks, great experiences=great weekend.

Do you know a parishioner, who is in need and without transportation, whom our Mobile Manna Ministry could deliver food to? If so, call Joe at 215-760-9506.

Message from the St. Isidore Food Pantry…

Our heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of St. Isidore for their continued support of the St. Isidore food pantry. Due in large part to the donations of our parishioners, the pantry was able to provide food for 1867 needy individuals and families who visited the pantry during the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Your generosity and your commitment to live the ideals of Christian love and charity has made a positive impact on the lives of the needy of the Quakertown area. Thank you for your willingness to share God’s blessings.

Donate your Unused Hotel Toiletries: Summertime is travel time for many families. Would you consider donating those unused hotel toiletries to the St. Isidore food pantry? We have some homeless and many needy clients who would greatly benefit from unused hotel soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, shower gel, shower caps, sewing kits, etc. If you wish to help us serve those in need in our community drop off your unused toiletries at the food pantry or drop them in the food collection bins in the narthex of the church. Thank you for your continued support of the St. Isidore food pantry.

LAST CALL for LABELS FOR EDUCATION: Campbell's Soup Company has decided to discontinue their Labels For Education program with the last date for submission officially being July 31st. Please drop them off at church in the collection bin in the side entrance vestibule up until the end of July. Thanks for your support throughout the years!

*CONGRATULATIONS*

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students in the most recent marking period. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence:

LaSalle College High School
First Honors: Kyle Patrick O’Connor
Pope John Paul II High School
Second Honors: Nathan John Devanney

My dear parishioners,

Among the best sellers are books by those who served in obscure roles the great and the mighty. It must be somewhat unnerving to read impressions created, secrets revealed, and behind the scenes maneuvering that patently contradict the official version and carefully crafted public persona of monarchs, presidents, and other major public figures. Yet there are touching vignettes that show the basic decency of the individual. An American president once went out with some warm outer-ware for secret service personnel who were on duty. He told them they should dress warmly and he gave them some clothes from his own wardrobe.

We forget that Jesus’ disciples were also His friends and He was very protective of them. In His lengthy description of discipleship He added, almost parenthetically, that anyone who gives them just a cup of water will be rewarded. That is how Jesus was and I suspect that standard of loyalty was something they tried to imitate when later they formed their own group of followers.

Jesus’ concern for His disciples may well extend into this next section where He speaks of the scandal of causing “these little ones” to sin. Many commentators see this as being an occasion of sin to little children in general. In fact, He could well be referring to the children of His disciples. We can easily forget that it is highly probable that most of His disciples (perhaps all) were married and had families. They did take time out to be with Jesus and they may have had their families come along with them on different occasions. Seen in that light Jesus’ concern is rather specific. With all that the disciples had to be concerned about, there was also the danger of being blind sided by attacks on their families in various ways. Later, of course, this concern was expanded to include all the innocent. If we readjust our interpretation, we can see why being a disciple of Jesus demanded personal sacrifices and considerable risks.

This personal approach continued in His challenge to make sure that His followers remain without sin and make this a priority. Sin, after all, was among the most frequent issues in Jesus’ preaching. How serious He was can be seen in the alternatives to sin. How literal these alternatives should be taken is a matter of dispute. More likely this is another example of hyperbole in the Middle Eastern mode that states the most extreme case to get our attention (Mark 9:42-48). Cutting off one’s hand or foot or plucking out one’s eye as a way of avoiding sin does sound extreme. However, it does get our attention. That some have taken this literally is quite probable. There is one particular instance of an individual, rather famous in his day, of doing something similar to avoid sinning. Common sense would have argued against such a course of action but then, as is famously known, common sense is not so common.

Finally, there is mention of Gehenna which had become the equivalent of hell. Its origins may stretch back many centuries prior to the conquest of Jerusalem. The inhabitants were known as Jebusites and were pagans. We do not know a lot about them. However, the place in question was originally known as the Valley of Hinnom, the latter being a Jebusite. It was there that child sacrifice was practiced, something that filled the Hebrews with horror. Later the place was cursed by the Prophet Jeremiah and it became the equivalent of hell. Hence, Gehenna was a place both cursed and loathsome, not exactly a spot to be visited by tourists. One can easily see it being the stuff of legends, horror stories, and nightmare. 

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