



*"You know Dom, the seminary is where you go to discern." Fr. Mark Searles*

I was able to speak with newly ordained, **Deacon Dominic Civitella**, one of the six transitional deacons. Deacon Civitella has been assigned with us here at Sacred Heart/Holy Rosary for his final year of seminary. He was born in Easton, PA December 23, 1995. His 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher joked with the class that when they are older and share the year they were born others will hear nineteen and think they are ancient. Unless of course, like me, you were also born in the 1900's. Dominic grew up in Easton and attended St. Jane de Chantel parish and school, and graduated from Notre Dame High School.

Dominic shared his thoughts that before graduating high school he didn't really know what he wanted to do, or if he even wanted to go to college. And like many other highschoolers college was the "next step". He loved English so at Slippery Rock he majored in English writing. After graduating he worked at Lowe's for eight months before entering the seminary.

I'm sure you are all thinking just like me. So, I asked. "What did Lowe's do to point you in this direction?" Surprising me, his answer was not Lowe's at all. But that at the end of his years of college he had a reversion to his faith. Even though after years of attending Catholic School he hadn't been truly *practicing* his faith. Dominic explained it was at this time he had both an intellectual and conversion of the heart. Realizing, yes Catholicism is true. And experiencing the grace of God after returning to confession, attending Mass again and praying the rosary. Dominic also revealed how seeing Fr. Ezaki celebrate Mass with such joy was instrumental in the awakening of feeling the Lord tugging at his heart to be a priest. Which he admitted, meeting with some resistance. Dominic had more questions than answers. And after receiving advice from a priest to pray every day to discern and desire the Lord's will, he couldn't deny the desire for priesthood kept growing. Fr. Mark Searles who was the vocations director at the time told him, "You know Dom, the seminary is where you go to discern." So he made the decision to go into the seminary, and as he says, "The Lord kept giving me the green light, praise be to God."

I see a great devotion in Dominic to Our Lady Mother of God. He gives much credit to her, and has great focus on the Marian dimension. As part of that focus and his work at the parish this summer he launched an adult catechesis, with Marian Mystery; Wednesday night from 7-8:00 P.M. Some other topics have included Prayer, Death & Judgement, Heaven & Hell. He will continue through August 13 with a very interesting series; Sin & Grace, Virtue & Vice, and Warfare of the Mind: Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives. This will continue to be on Wednesday night in the Wachter room from 7-8:00 P.M.

Pray for our seminarians as they begin the final year of formation in August, and God willing be ordained priest Saturday, June 6 2026.

Rev. Mr. Dominic Civitella

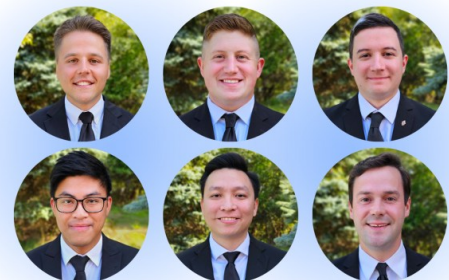
Rev. Mr. Tyler Davis

Rev. Mr. Tyler Loch

Rev. Mr. Anh Do Mai

Rev. Mr. Hy James Gia Ngô

Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Tomczyk



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the Glory of God. Rom(15:7)

Yuribia Jimenez and her children  
Leo & Julian Jimenez

## WEDDING

I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine.  
Song of Solomon (6:3)

Abigail Mariah (Elsavage)  
&  
Andrew Taylor Urban  
Married July 12, 2025

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*"I do not pray for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their word, that all may be one as you, Father, are in me, and I in you;  
I pray that they may be [one] in us that the world may believe that you sent me. (John 17:20-21)*



## ADORATION OF OUR LORD THURSDAY

6:00-8:00 P.M. In Holy Family Chapel

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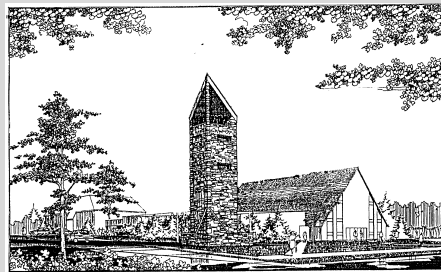
### Welcome :

#### Our Newly Trained Server

**Shaun Marquez**

Thanks be to God you answered the call. It is a great privilege to be invited into the sanctuary during Holy Mass to assist the priest with the sacred rituals that take place there. This is not just an opportunity to serve our parish but to serve our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament who comes to His people at the Mass.

**To Register :** Please call the Rectory (610-372-4010)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament*

Holy Family Chapel  
Sacred Heart Church  
Thursday 6:00- 8:00 P.M.

### *Legion of Mary*

Thursday 6:00 P.M.  
Bornemann Room

### *First Saturday Fellowship*

Saturday August 2nd  
8:30 A.M.  
Wachter Room

### *Adult Catechesis*

Wednesday July 30, August 6,  
August 13, 7:00 P.M.  
Wachter Room

### *Holy Rosary Picnic*

Victor Emmanuel II  
Sunday, August 10,  
Noon-3:30 P.M.

### *9th Annual Swing & A Prayer*

Golf Outing, Galen Hall Golf Club  
Friday, August 15,  
11:00 AM Registration  
1:00 PM Shotgun Start

### *Summer Office Hours*

Office closes Friday @ Noon

## FIRST SATURDAY

### Fellowship

Saturday, August 2nd

Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Faith,

Food,

Friends



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with parish mailing.**

**Wachter room, 8:30 A.M.**

**Call rectory for dates 610-372-4010 x 201**

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### FROM THE HEART CONSIGNMENT

A fun shopping excursion awaits you!

Do some of your Back to School shopping and support the SVDP Society of Sacred Heart Church or donate items to the store and have the proceeds assigned to SVDP account.

Visit their website at:

<https://fromtheheartconsignment.com> For information of what they accept and when. Clothing and Accessories Store, with its many choices and bargains.

Please visit the shop at:

4600 Penn Ave  
Spring, PA 19608

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## Coffee & Donuts

**is BACK in SEPTEMBER**

Please join us on the 1st & 3rd Sunday, from September — May **Start date**  
**September 7th & 18th** in the Wachter Room for fellowship, coffee, juice, donuts and more: following the 9:30 & 11:15 AM Masses.



### New Coordinator

#### for Kennedy House Soup Kitchen Ministry

Sacred Heart's St. Vincent de Paul Society provides food and food service to the Kennedy House Soup Kitchen two weekends a year, in October and February. We welcome husband and wife Jim and Karen Piraino as the new team coordinators. Many hands make light work, and the Sacred Heart parishioners generously give of their time to serve meals two times a year. Let us offer our help and support to Jim and Karen. And many thanks to Marsha and John Gleason, for the years as coordinators, and the many meals served. We wish them all the best as they are being called to use their time and efforts in another ministry.

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL

PREK 3 - 8th GRADE

701 FRANKLIN STREET  
WEST READING, PA 19611  
610-373-3316

**STUDENT  
REGISTRATION  
FOR 2025-2026**

**IS NOW OPEN!**

**REGISTER NOW**



To **Valerie Christo** the DRE for Sacred Heart, retiring July 30. Thank you for the 29 years of dedication and service to the development of faith for our children. May God bless you for all your hard work and bringing countless number of souls closer to the faith and a relationship with God the Father. Prayers and hope for all the best in this new chapter of your life.




## Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15

**Holy Day of Obligation.** Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."





### ITALIAN FAMILY PICNIC

Sponsored by Holy Rosary

**August 10, 2025**  
**12 Noon to 4 PM**


**VICTOR EMMANUEL GROVE**  
**ITALIAN BUFFET SERVED FROM 12:30 TO 2:00 PM**

Baked Ziti, Sausage, Meatballs, Salad, Bread  
& Pizza

Wrist Band price is \$20.00 for adults and children 12 and over. Under 12 no charge.

FREE WILL OFFERING FOR  
BEER & BAKED GOODS

D.J. with  
Live Music  
1 TO 4 pm




Admission by Wrist Bands only. Wrist Bands can be purchased after Mass at Holy Rosary and on specific Weekends at Sacred Heart, also at the Parish Offices during Office Hours. Contact Christine Lichman at 610-373-5579.

## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SWING and A PRAYER GOLF OUTING

Prayerfully consider sponsoring and/or participating in this year's event!  
REGISTER ONLINE at [www.sacredheartreading.com/golf-outing](http://www.sacredheartreading.com/golf-outing)

**GOLF SCHEDULE**  
11:00 a.m. – Registration & Lunch  
1:00 p.m. – Shotgun start  
Post Golf – Reception & Prizes/Awards  
\*Food, drinks and scores will be available.



**Friday August 15, 2025**  
1:00PM Shotgun start  
**Galen Hall Golf Club**  
Rain or Shine  
Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School

Golf Package - \$125 per person  
Package includes refreshments, green fees, cart, gift bag, drinks on course, and post golf food/awards.

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Tournament Sponsor - \$1200 +**

- 4 player package
- Signs throughout the course
- Sign at registration
- Full page ad in program

**Eagle Sponsor - \$400-\$699**

- Sign on 1 hole
- Sign at registration
- 1/2 page ad in program

**Albatross Sponsor - \$700 - \$1199**

- Signs throughout the course
- Sign at registration
- Full page ad in program

**Birdie Sponsor - \$150 - \$399**

- Sign on 1 hole
- 1/4 page ad in program

**Patron - \$100**

- Patron line in program

**Cart Sponsor - \$50**

- Sign on cart

For more information on becoming a sponsor, please email [jmcneil@sacredheartreading.org](mailto:jmcneil@sacredheartreading.org)  
Sponsor deadline for inclusion in the program is August 8, 2025  
Make checks payable to: Sacred Heart School  
Golf Outing 2025  
701 Franklin Street  
West Reading, PA 19611

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**SWING AND A PRAYER GOLF OUTING  
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Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
as it should appear in the program – email ad/logo to [jmcneil@sacredheartreading.org](mailto:jmcneil@sacredheartreading.org)

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Sponsorship category name

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Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School!



August 22nd, *Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

We celebrate an extraordinary coronation – not of an earthly monarch, but of a humble girl from Nazareth who became the Queen of Heaven and Earth.

This feast, closely linked to the Assumption (August 15th), paints a transcendent picture of Mary's journey. Tradition holds that at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into heaven – a prelude to her coronation as Queen of all creation.

Mary's royal title isn't mere flattery. It's rooted in ancient Hebrew tradition where the mother of the king held a position of unique honor and influence, as exemplified in [1 Kings 2:19](#) when King Solomon honors his mother Bathsheba by placing her on a throne at his right hand.

## August 2025 LECTOR & SERVER SCHEDULE

August 2nd/3rd	Altar Servers	Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Vigil 5:00 PM	Emma Ashman, Victoria Schaeffer	Dean Reber
7:30 AM		Vince Moffitt
9:30 AM	Jianna Sanchez-Lopez, Shaun Marquez	Lou Sutherland
11:15 AM	Charlotte & Amelia Bell	Mary Ann Kelly
August 9th/10th		Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Vigil 5:00 PM	Charlotte & Amelia Bell	Sandie Wrable
7:30 AM		Denise Mogel
9:30 PM	Hope Varish, Victoria Schaeffer	Lori Anewalt
11:15 AM	Jianna Sanchez-Lopez, Amelia Kozak	Patricia Ann Kos
August 14th/15th		Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Vigil 5:15 PM	Gemma Brunner, Emma Ashman	Karen Piraino
7:00 AM		Kathy Nevel
12:10 AM	Charlotte & Amelia Bell	Mary Ann Kase
7:00 PM	Jianna Sanchez-Lopez	Regina Doyle
August 16th/17th		Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Vigil 5:00 PM	Ivann & Christian Gonzalez	JoAnn Schmura
7:30 AM		Steve Bell
9:30 AM	Emma Ashman, Shaun Marquez	John Gleason
11:15 AM	Jianna Sanchez-Lopez, Noah Vu	Margaret Hueske
August 23rd/24th		Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time
Vigil 5:00 PM	Ivann & Israel Gonzalez	Dean Reber
7:30 AM		Mike Gallagher
9:30 AM	Cisco Anewalt, Victoria Schaeffer	Lou Sutherland
11:15 AM	Amelia Kozak, Noah Vu	Bill Wellock
August 30th/31st		Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
Vigil 5:00 PM	Ivann & Christian Gonzalez	Karen Piraino
7:30 AM		Vince Moffitt
9:30 AM	Gemma Brunner, Cisco Anewalt	Mary Ann Kase
11:15 AM	Charlotte & Amelia Bell	Mary Ann Kelly

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