

# Sacred Heart Parish

120 Jefferson Street ~ Swedesburg, Pennsylvania, 19405

We are the "HEART" of Bridgeport, King of Prussia, Swedeland and Swedesburg

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*Cemetery Office Manager  
& Rectory Administrative  
Assistant*

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## Our Parish Mass Schedule

### **SUNDAY MASSES:**

**Saturday evening at 4:00pm**

*(Reconciliation/Confession: Saturdays before  
Mass 3:15 - 3:45pm in the Church  
or call the Parish Office for an appointment.)*

**Sunday morning at  
8:00am & 10:15am**

**Sunday evening at 5:00pm**

### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

**Monday through Friday at 6:30am**

**Monday through Saturday at 8:00am**

**OUR HOLYDAY MASS SCHEDULE  
WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN IN  
THE WEEKS BEFORE THE HOLYDAY.**

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## Our Parish Office Information

Sacred Heart Rectory  
120 Jefferson Street  
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania 19405

**Sacred Heart Rectory office is open:**

**Monday through Thursday:**

**9:00am – 4:00pm**

**Friday: 9:00am – Noon**

Sacred Heart Rectory Telephone:  
610-275-1750

Sacred Heart Rectory Fax:  
610-275-0480

Contact us by e-mail:

**UNITEDINTHESACREDHEART@AOL.COM**

### **Saint Augustine Cemetery Office**

Our office is located at

175 W. Dekalb Pike

King of Prussia, PA 19406

Cemetery Office Telephone: 610-272-4088

Cemetery e-mail: [staugustine@comcast.net](mailto:staugustine@comcast.net)

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*Saint Augustine, Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Our Mother of Sorrows ~ 'United In The Sacred Heart'*

# SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020 PALM SUNDAY

## The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is celebrated on dates that are mutually convenient for Father Nasta and the parents. Before a Baptism date can be set, parents should secure letters of eligibility for their recommended Godparents and present them to the rectory. Parents attendance at our Parish's Pre-Jordan program should be satisfied before a Baptism date is set. Parents are asked not to make any celebratory arrangements until a Baptism date is confirmed by our Rectory staff.

## The Sacrament of Confession

Saturday afternoon: 3:15pm – 3:45pm.  
By appointment at the rectory anytime.

## The Sacrament of Marriage

Please speak to Father Nasta at least six months before your anticipated Wedding date. Couples should not make any celebratory arrangements until after they have met with Father at our Parish.

## The Sacrament of The Sick

Please speak to Father Nasta if you or a family member wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. It is always appropriate to receive this Sacrament before surgery, during a serious illness or in the final stages of life.

## Our Parish Prayer of Unity



Heavenly Father,  
You call us to be Your faith-filled people,  
***United in the Sacred Heart***  
of Your Son.  
Grant us the grace to always respond to  
Your call with lives of  
active faith, firm hope and Christian charity.  
Aided by the example of Saint Augustine,  
may we always seek to embrace and love  
the teachings of Your Church.  
Accompanied by Our Lady of Mount Carmel,  
may we, in joyful times and in times of Sorrow,  
always strive to be faithful followers of Your Son,  
Jesus Christ,  
for He lives and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever!  
Amen!  
Sacred Heart of Jesus, We trust in Thee!

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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**March 28<sup>th</sup> & March 29<sup>th</sup> 2020**

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SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!**

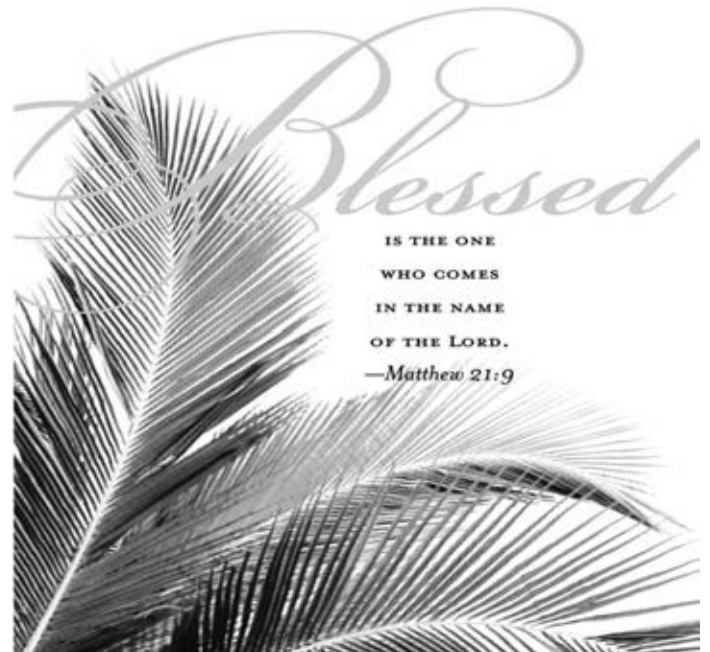
## **SACRED HEART PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**



*Sacred Heart Parish  
A Diverse Community  
Is Dedicated To  
Living Our Catholic Faith*

- + Through Prayer*
- + Sacred Scripture*
- + The Sacraments*
- + Christian Service*

*So That We May Bring  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
To All People  
And All People To  
**CHRIST JESUS.***



Dear Friends,

Today we begin Holy Week, the days which commemorate the events central to our faith: the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood (Holy Thursday), our Lord's passion and death (Good Friday) and His rising from the dead (Easter Vigil). Unfortunately, due to the decrees of government leaders prohibiting gatherings of people, all Holy Week and Easter Sunday Masses and liturgical celebrations will be conducted privately. Please remember to pray for all who are affected by the coronavirus.

Blessed palm will be available for distribution on Sunday from 8 AM to 12 Noon. The church is open for private prayer daily from 8 AM to 12 Noon.

Even though Archbishop Pérez has given permission for Catholics within the archdiocese not to be physically present at Mass on the weekend, all Catholics are encouraged to participate at Mass as best as they can through various media. Mass is televised each Sunday at 5:30 AM on Channel 6 and at 8 AM on EWTN. For those with Internet access, the 11 AM Mass from the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul is livestreamed on the archdiocesan website, [archphila.org](http://archphila.org). In addition, the Catholic Channel on SiriusXM Radio broadcasts the 10 AM Mass from New York City's Saint Patrick's Cathedral and a Mass from Our Lady of Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles beginning at 1 PM.

This Friday is Good Friday; it is a solemn day of fast and abstinence. Catholics from ages 18 to 59 are seriously bound to eat one main meal and two lesser meals. All Catholics over the age of 14 are seriously bound to refrain from eating meat.

Because of the coronavirus, the Morning and Evening Prayer scheduled for Good Friday as well as the blessing of Easter baskets on Holy Saturday are cancelled. All parish gatherings and meetings, including PREP, are cancelled until further notice.

Confessions are heard throughout the year on Saturday afternoons at 3:15 PM and will be heard this Wednesday, April 8 at 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM.

The trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster on April 30 to their production of Queen Esther has been cancelled. Arrangements will be made to return the checks to those who made reservations.

This is the third consecutive weekend without Masses being celebrated publicly and it looks like much of the same for the entire month of April. The potential exists for no collections for up to six weekends, yet the parish expenses remain. Our parish, like all others, depends upon a regular cash flow each week to pay our employees, utilities and supplies. To everyone who drops off their church envelopes through the mail slot at the rectory or is sending them through the mail, thank you.

Donations put in the envelope for the annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection are used to support ministries and programs entrusted by the Holy See to the Holy Land Franciscans. Last year's collection:

- Supported 29 parishes, 4 homes for orphans, 3 academic institutions
- Supported 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
- Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 students, pre-K to grade 12
- Preserved 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets

Have a Blessed and safe Holy Week.

Sincerely,

Father Nasta

## Schedule Confessions During Lent

### Confessions

Wednesday, April 8 at 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM

### Our Parish Mass Intentions

**Please note:** Father Nasta will offer a Mass for the People of our parish on Sunday morning privately (without a congregation). The other Mass intentions for this weekend will be transferred to a later date.

April 5, 2020 – PALM SUNDAY  
For the People of Our Parish

**Please note:** Father Nasta and Father DiMaria will offer a Mass privately (without a congregation) for the following intentions.

April 6, 2020 – MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

**Joseph Lauro**

*Requested by David & Kim Keeley & Family*

April 7, 2020 – TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

**The Deceased Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

*Requested by IHM Sisters of Sacred Heart*

April 8, 2020 – WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

**Patrick O'Connor (Birthday Remembrance)**

*Requested by Daughter, Kelly*

**Jean Kowalski**

*Requested by Barbara Roskos*



### The Legend of the Daffodil

There is a legend that the daffodil first appeared on the night of the Last Supper in the Garden of Gethsemane to comfort Jesus in His hour of sorrow.

May this daffodil remind you of the sacrifice that our Lord Jesus made upon the cross and bring comfort to you.

*Sunday, April 5, 2020*

### Palm Sunday

**Procession:** *Matthew 21:1-11*

**Psalms:** *22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24*

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 50:4-7*

**Second Reading:** *Philippians 2:6-11*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 26:14–27:66*

*Thursday, April 9, 2020*

### Holy Thursday

**First Reading:** *Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14*

**Psalms:** *116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18*

**Second Reading:** *First Corinthians 11:23-26*

**Gospel:** *John 13:1-15*

*Friday, April 10, 2020*

### Good Friday

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 52:13–53:12*

**Psalms:** *31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25*

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

**Gospel:** *John 18:1–19:42*

*Sunday, April 12, 2020*

### Easter Sunday

**First Reading:** *Acts 10:34a, 37-43*

**Psalms:** *118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*

**Second Reading:** *Colossians 3:1-4 or*

*First Corinthians 5:6b-8*

**Gospel:** *John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10*

## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.







*Please Pray For All Who*

*Protect Our Country Through Their Military Service, especially...*

**Matthew D. Baxter** (*Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force*), grandson of Peg Palmer; **Anthony C. Brandt** (*CW3 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army Reserves*), son of Eileen & Nesbur Brandt; **Zachary T. Brandt** (*Specialist U.S. Army*), grandson of Eileen & Nesbur Brandt; **LCDR Matthew J. Capaldo** (*U.S. Navy*) son of John & Connie Capaldo; **Michael DeStefano, Jr.** (*Sergeant U.S. Army*) grandson of Jack & Sue DeStefano; **Darius A. Garey** (*E3, U.S. Navy*), great-grandson of Peg Palmer; **Michael Gutkowski** (*Lieutenant, U.S. Navy*), grandson of Pat Gutkowski; **Jessica Hodson** (*Warrant Officer, U.S. Army*), daughter of Richard Prostack; **Robert Hodson** (*Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army*), son-in-law of Richard Prostack; **Jarred Houck** (*Airman First Class*), nephew of Larry and Mary Sue Kilian; **Noel Irizarry** (*Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps*), son of Patricia Epright; **Shane Jones** (*Corporal US Marines*), grandson of Fran Toth; **Gregory Kantz** (*Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force*), grandson of Rose Kantz; **Stephen Kantz** (*Commander, U.S. Navy*), grandson of Rose Kantz; **Matthew McNulty** (*Chief Warrant Officer 3 U.S.M.C.*), son of Irene McNulty; **Michael McSweeney** (*Commander, U.S. Navy*); **Rick McVoy** (*Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy*) son of Rich McVoy; **Jonathan D. Palmer** (*Sergeant, U.S. National Guard*), grandson of Peg Palmer; **Greg Philips** (*Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy*); **Nicholas Rodenbaugh** (*Petty Officer-1st Class, US Navy*), grandson of Barbara & Francis Rodenbaugh; **Jeffrey Seamans** (*Captain, U.S. Army*), son-in-law of Dolores Burton.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

 **Pro-life Holy Hour, Wednesday's at 5:45pm in Sacred Heart Church, will be on hiatus until further notice.**

**The Miraculous Medal Novena**   
*prayed after the Saturday morning Mass,*  
will be on hiatus until further notice, but please continue to pray the novena at home with your family.

*In Your Kindness, Please Pray For Our Family & Friends Who Are Sick...*

Gary Gutkowski; Denise Kavanagh; Frances Reed (*Friend of Kathy Smith*); Lorraine Farrell; Lisa Smith (*Daughter of Jan Krueger*); James "Jim" Murphy; Trish Cashin; Butch Rodenbaugh; Terry Stephenson (*brother-in-law of John Puzio & Kathy Smith*); John Dunleavy (*Son-in-law of Sue Dayoc*); Julian Kurpiel; Sophie Kurpiel; Billy Moser; Julia Tarmin; Richard Tarmin; Dora Delmoro; Armando Delmoro; Edith Barbone; Nancy Mouser (*Friend of Lee Ann Kinckner*); Betty DiLauro (*Aunt of Lee Ann Kinckner*); Sister Mary Elizabeth; Sue Dayoc; Cindy Burke; Clorinda Giangulio; Joseph Morgan (*Friend of Kathy Smith*); Ann Puzio (*Sister of John Puzio & Kathy Smith*); Jim Dolga, Jr., Bruce Belford; Patty Belford; Rosemarie Hritz; Antoinette Granese; Robert Dayoc, Jr.; Evelyn Horning; Virginia Dudas; Al Cowling; Justin Korup (*Grandson of Virginia Dudas*); Denise VanBuskirk; Catherine Majewski (*Friend of Lee Ann Kinckner*); Rita Romano (*Mother of Joanne D'Alessandro*); Nicole Bralski (*Daughter-in-law of Eileen & Michael Bralski*); Debbie Klingerman (*Mother of Danielle & Jen Klingerman & Daughter of Anthony & Phyllis Tarantino*); Teresa Bokoski; John Glinski; Nick "Chief" Rotondo; Joan "Terry" Roskos; Diane Moser; Leeann Clevestine (*Granddaughter of Margaret Palmer*); Margaret Halas; Walter Grzywacz; Patricia Gergel.

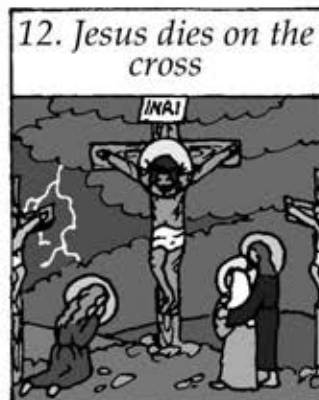
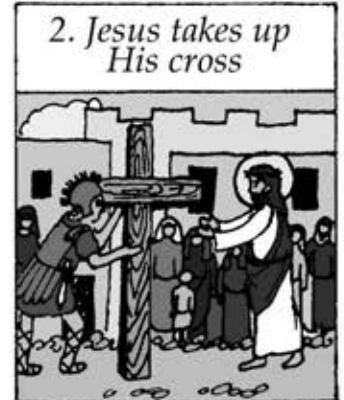
*We are happy to keep your loved ones on our Parish prayer list for four weeks. If they would benefit from remaining on our prayer list after this period of time, please call the rectory and we will happily keep them on our prayer list.*

**Prayer to Saint Roch**

Saint Roch during your life you helped countless people who suffered from contagious diseases. Intercede on behalf of those caring for ill people and ask the Lord to protect them from contracting any illnesses they are helping treat. Pray the Lord bless those caring for ill people with a loving and generous heart and the wisdom and supplies they need to help alleviate pain and suffering and restore the ill back to health. Pray also dear saint, that all I know and love are protected from becoming ill with any contagious diseases and that those who are ill with contagious diseases receive the best care available to them so they can heal and recover fully. Dear Saint Roch, pray the repose of the souls of those who die from contagious diseases and ask their angels to carry them to Heaven where they can rest in peace for all eternity.

Thank you Saint Roch for your intercession.  
Amen.

# The Stations of the Cross



Praying the stations of the cross with our children this Holy week is a wonderful way to help them learn about the Passion of the Lord. Fourteen each day may be to much for little ones so consider praying two each day with our children.





Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Office of the Archbishop  
222 North 17th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

April 5, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On *Good Friday*, April 10, 2020, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our long standing tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as out reach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the **Good Friday collection for the Holy Land on April 10, 2020**. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**+Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Pérez**

Most Reverend Nelson Pérez  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

## Sight and Sound Theatre

presents

### Queen Esther

## This Show has been Cancelled!!

Arrangements will be made to return the checks to those who made reservations.

The Holy Name Society  
will not  
be meeting in April.



### An invitation to join the Knights of Columbus

The **Knights of Columbus** is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local Holy Family Council # 3327 will be holding a membership drive from this weekend until April 15th. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. Due to the Coronavirus, we are asking you to go on line and fill out a short form. Our church drive, planned for the end of March, has been postponed for now. If you would like to join, simply go to [KofC.org/joinus](http://KofC.org/joinus) and enter our Council # 3327 for local information. Thank you for your cooperation and thank you Father Nasta, also a member of the **Knights of Columbus**, for allowing us to use the church bulletin for this invitation.

Deputy Grand Knight, Jake Smith.

## LENTEN SOCK DRIVE!

Drop off **NEW** socks for **ADULTS** or **CHILDREN** in the bin located at the church entrance. This is a simple practical way you can help others. The Rosary Society will take your donations to the Patrician Society located in Norristown.



It takes 10 seconds to say the Hail Mary. So you can say Two Hail Mary's each time you wash your hands as you pray for the end of the Coronavirus.

*Good Friday Blessings*  
*Have a Blessed Day*



Isaiah 53:5  
**But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and by His stripes we are healed.**

**Keith J. Murphy**  
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**#WHATSMYNAME**

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