

Sacred Heart Parish

120 Jefferson Street ~ Swedesburg, Pennsylvania, 19405

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

Divine Mercy Sunday



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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.

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

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610-275-1750

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Saint Augustine Cemetery Office

Our office is located at
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Saint Augustine, Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Our Mother of Sorrows ~ 'United In The Sacred Heart'

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020 DIVINE MERCY 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!

SACRED HEART PARISH MISSION STATEMENT



*Sacred Heart Parish
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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.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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	April 5th 2020	
	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mail-In	60	\$3325
	April 12th 2020	
	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mail-In	64	\$5205

We are grateful to everyone who has mailed in their donations, or put your envelopes in the mail slot at the entrance to the rectory office.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!**

*God has a reason for
allowing things to happen.
We may never understand
His wisdom, but we simply
have to trust His will.*

Psalm 37:5

Dear Friends,

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter. It is also Divine Mercy Sunday. Today we unite in prayer to ask God's mercy for ourselves and for our nation for offenses against life, marriage, and religious liberty. We also this day remember in a special way those who are living with the COVID-19 sickness and all who work caring for the sick. May God have mercy on all of them.

Until the current situation passes and we no longer need to practice social distancing, all parish meetings, holy hours, and public Masses are cancelled. The church is open for private prayer each day from 8 AM to 12 noon. The Little White Books that offer daily reflections throughout the Easter Season are available on the tables located in the back of church.

A letter introducing online giving to our parishioners was mailed this past week to all our registered households. Online giving presents advantages to both the office and to parishioners. Online giving allows the parish office to have a regular stream of income in order to pay ongoing bills. For parishioners, online giving eliminates the necessity of writing a check or looking for cash each week to put in the offering envelopes. Online giving works just like any other online payment you make. The choice is yours how to use it. You choose to make your donations through your credit card or your bank account. You choose the frequency and amount of your donation. To register as an online giver, please go the parish website, www.unitedinthesacredheart.com, and click the link established for online giving.

The collection for Easter Flowers was \$373 and \$499 was received in the envelopes for the CRS Rice Bowl. Thank you for your goodness.

Easter decorations will be removed from Saint Augustine Cemetery beginning Monday, April 27.

As of this past Wednesday, the archdiocesan Office for Life and the Family is still having the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at 5:15 PM on Saturday, May 2 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Archbishop Pérez is to be the principal celebrant. The Wedding Anniversary Mass honors married couples in the archdiocese who are married 1-5 years, 25 years or more, and 50 years and more. Couples desiring to attend are asked to register. For registration and for further information, contact either the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500, phillycatholiclife.org or send an email to famlife@adphila.org. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Also pending is the annual retreat for Mothers and Grandmothers raising children with disabilities and those who have adult children with disabilities being offered by the archdiocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities. The retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5 at the Malvern Retreat House, 315 S. Warren Avenue, Malvern, PA 19355. Presenters are David and Mercedes Rizzo, parents of a daughter with autism and author of the book: *Praying for Your Special Needs Child*. The cost of the retreat is \$35 and is payable Malvern Retreat House. For registration or for more information, please go to malvernretreat.com or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

Registered parishioners of Sacred Heart parish are eligible to receive a 20% discount on any new pre-purchase of a grave, crypt, or niche in Saint Augustine Catholic Cemetery. Interest-free financing is available. Please call the cemetery office (610-272-4088) during regular business hours for more information. This offer is good for the entire year.

Sincerely,

Father Nasta

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 19, 2020 – SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
For the People of Our Parish

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

April 20, 2020 – EASTER WEEKDAY

Stephen Gober
(62nd Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Son, Stephen

April 23, 2020 – SAINTS GEORGE & ADALBERT

Mark Mastrocola
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Sister, Lynn & Family

April 24, 2020 – SAINT FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

Elliott Meadows
Requested by Family

April 25, 2020 – SAINT MARK

Joseph Lauro
Requested by Ricky & Cathy Stromelo

Sunday, April 19 2020

Sunday of Divine Mercy

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Psalms: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Second Reading: First Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Psalms: 16:1-2, 5, 7-11

Second Reading: First Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35



*The Bread and Wine
used in Our Parish
and the Sanctuary Lamp
which burns in Our Parish
this week,*

*are in Loving Memory of Mary Beth Coscia
at the Request of Mom & Dad, Sal & Casey*



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.

Let US Pray

For Our Troops, Their Families, and Our Country


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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.**

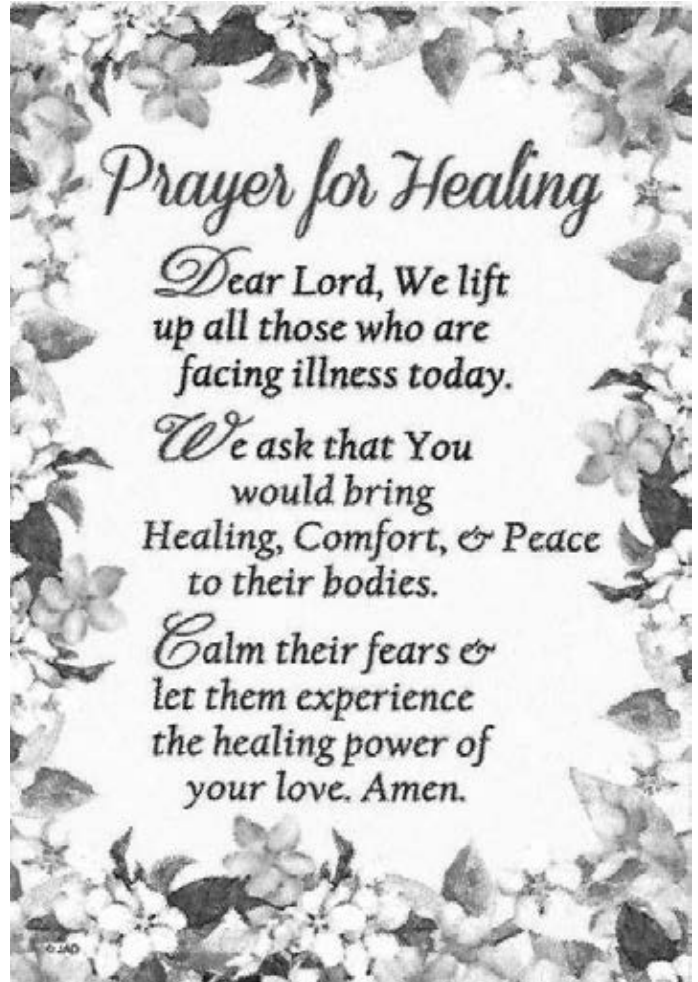
The Miraculous Medal Novena prayed after the Saturday morning Mass, will be on hiatus until further notice, but please continue to pray the novena at home with your family.



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

Kerry Link (*Daughter of Irene McNulty*); 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 Giangiulio; Joseph Morgan (*Friend of Kathy Smith*); Ann Puzio (*Sister of John Puzio & Kathy Smith*); 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 Gliniski; Nick "Chief" Rotondo; Joan "Terry" Roskos; Diane Moser; Leeann Clevensine (*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 for Healing

Dear Lord, We lift up all those who are facing illness today.

We ask that You would bring Healing, Comfort, & Peace to their bodies.

Calm their fears & let them experience the healing power of your love. Amen.

Faith Formation

March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, is the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's landmark encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, the Gospel of Life. This is the fifth of a six-part series summarizing the encyclical.

John Paul offers a clear definition of euthanasia. It is an "action or omission which of itself and by indication causes death with the purpose of eliminating all suffering." Euthanasia is not the same as a decision to forego "aggressive medical treatment" when death is imminent and inevitable. Foregoing extraordinary or disproportionate means is not the equivalent to suicide or euthanasia. It rather is acceptance of the human condition. One can in good conscience refuse forms of treatment.

In light of the trend to demand a legal justification for attacks on life, John Paul offers a reflection on democracy. The notion that in a democracy the will of the majority determines virtually everything is being extended into the realm of morality. The rightness or wrongness of a human act is becoming determined by majority vote. This leads to three things. First, every politician is forced to clearly separate his or her private conscience from his or her public conduct. Second, an ethical relativism regarding moral norms develops. Third, objective moral norms are looked upon as unbending, authoritative, and intolerant.

John Paul claims democracy needs to rediscover the essential and innate human and moral values that flow from the truth of the human person, values which no one individual, majority, or state can create, modify or destroy.

Therefore, he writes there is a need to rediscover basic elements of vision of relationship between civil law and moral law. Here he cites his predecessor Pope John XXIII and the great philosopher/theologian of the thirteenth century, Saint Thomas Aquinas. In *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth), John XXIII said that laws enacted in violation of God's laws do not bind a person in conscience to observe them. Saint Thomas Aquinas in *Summa Theologiae* wrote that a law contrary to reason is an unjust law. A law opposed to natural law is not a real law, but rather a corruption of the law.

Laws that legitimize and authorize the direct killing of innocents by means of abortion or euthanasia are against the divine will, contrary to reason, and opposed to natural law. Therefore, no one has an obligation in conscience to obey such laws. Rather, one has a clear and grave obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection.

John Paul reminds everyone, especially lawmakers, that it is never licit either to obey to take part in propaganda favoring laws that permit abortion or euthanasia or to vote for them. Elected official personally opposed to abortion could licitly support proposals aimed at limiting harm done. He explains that lawmakers who do so are not involved with an illicit cooperation with an unjust law, but rather a legitimate and proper attempt to limit its evil aspects.

Each person has a moral responsibility for the acts he or she personally performs. Physicians, health care personnel, directors of hospitals, clinics and convalescent homes should be guaranteed the right to refuse to participate in phases of consultation, preparation and execution of acts against life.

LENTEN SOCK DRIVE!

Thank you
for your
donations.



Greetings everyone! We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and everyone is washing their hands!

Until we can meet again. We have two simple plans to continue to feed our neighbors in need at Martha's Choice Marketplace located on Johnson Highway at Saint Paul's Parish. All our wonderful efforts are staying local!!!

Plan 1 _ Homemade Soup

Pick up containers and labels in the freezer room located in the back of church. Our ID is #139. Church is open daily 8:00AM-Noon daily

Bring your FROZEN Soup back to church and place in the freezer.

Call or text Lisa with the number of soups at 610-639-7704.

Plan 2 - Canned Soup

Pick up canned soup and leave in freezer room.

Call or text Lisa with the number of soups at 610-639-7704.



Stay safe, your friends,
Lisa & Angelo Pagnotti
And Everyone from Our
Caring for Friends Ministry

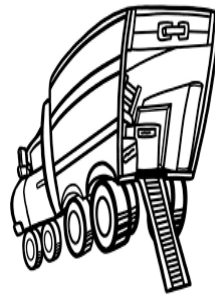
*When I was hungry you fed me
- Matt 25:35*

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** 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.



ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are moving to a new home, please take a few minutes out of your hectic day to call the Rectory and let us know the date of your move and your new address. Also, if you have just moved into the area and would like to register as a parishioner of Sacred Heart, please email unitedinthesacredheart@aol.com or call the rectory at 610-275-1750.



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