

Sacred Heart Parish

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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.*

Our Parish Office Information

Sacred Heart Rectory
120 Jefferson Street
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**Sacred Heart Rectory office is open:
Monday through Thursday:
9:00am – 4:00pm**

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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April 19th 2020

	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mail-In	56	\$3845

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!**

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation,
through prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.
And the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds
in Christ Jesus.

**The month
of May,
dedicated to
Mary, is a
fitting time
to begin to
recite the
rosary daily.
~ Pope
Francis**



Until we can meet again. Please remember we have two simple plans to continue to feed our neighbors in need!!

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.

For more information contact
Lisa Pagnotti @ suburbantravel@yahoo.com
or at 610-639-7704.

Dear Friends,

Until the current situation passes and we no longer need to practice social distancing, all parish meetings, holy hours, novenas, 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.

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass sponsored by the archdiocesan Office for Life and the Family on Saturday, May 2 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul has been postponed to a later date. 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 on Tuesday, May 5 at the Malvern Retreat House has been cancelled.

Also, due to the uncertainties of when public gatherings will become commonplace again, a decision was made to cancel the Parish Festival for this summer. I am grateful for the work the Festival Committee had already accomplished and hope that conditions will be better for a festival in the summer of 2021.

I am pleased to announce that in less than one week 24 parishioners have signed up for the parish's new online giving program. 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. To register as an online giver, please go the parish website, www.unitedinthesacredheart.com, and click the link established for online giving.

The following letter was received from the Patrician Society on Norristown:

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the scarves and socks which will be distributed among our needy clients.

You are very kind to have thought of us and I am happy to say that our folks will be greatly surprised and grateful to receive these gifts.

Best wishes to all of the Sacred Heart parishioners who were involved!

Sincerely,

LeeAnn Rooney

Easter decorations will be removed from Saint Augustine Catholic Cemetery beginning Monday, April 27. 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 the 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 throughout 2020.

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 26, 2020 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
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 29, 2020 – SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

John Bialoboki
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Mother & Sister

May 1, 2020 – SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

John & Marie Kelly
(Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Children, Jack, Kathleen & Coleen & Families

May 2, 2020 – SAINT ATHANASIUS

Joe & Janet Ruggiano
(Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Children, Joseph Ruggiano & JoAnne Agee & Families

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

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalms: 23:1-6

Second Reading: First Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10



**The Bread and Wine
used in Our Parish this week,
are in Loving Memory of
Mark Mastrocola
(Birthday Remembrance)
at the Request of His Children**

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, in which he offers clear and definitive teaching on a variety of issues concerning human life. This is the last of a six-part summary of the encyclical.

Chapter 4: For a New Culture of Life

John Paul proposes a Day for Life to be celebrated annually in each country to foster in individual consciences, families, church, and civil society a recognition of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and condition.

He then presents several universal statements summarizing the Gospel of Life. Universal statements are timeless; they apply in every condition and circumstance, without exception.

- Society must defend the respect and promote the dignity of every person, every moment, and every condition of that person's life.
- Health care personnel, doctors, pharmacists, nurses, chaplains, men and women religious, administrators and volunteers are all to be guardians and servants of human life. Causing death can never be considered a form of medical treatment, even if patient requests it.
- Everyone has the responsibility of conscience to make courageous decisions to support life. No one can renounce it, especially politicians.
- A law that violates person's right to life is unjust and therefore is an invalid law.
- It is morally unacceptable to encourage or impose contraception, sterilization, and abortion to regulate births.
- No one person has a monopoly on the defense and promotion of life. It is everyone's task and responsibility.
- The Gospel of Life is not for believers alone. It is for everyone. It is for the whole of human society.

Near the end of the chapter, John Paul offers pastoral words of encouragement. Women who have had an abortion are urged not to lose hope in God's love and mercy and to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation where they can experience the healing forgiveness of the Lord. He then cites Mark 9:29, where Jesus tells his disciples some demons can be driven out only by prayer and fasting. John Paul encourages people to take up these two practices so that the world may be rid of demons that lead people to commit sins against life.

Conclusion

John Paul concludes the Gospel of Life just as he did his other encyclicals and apostolic exhortations by calling upon the Virgin Mary for her motherly aid and intercession. It is she who helps the Church realize life is always at the center of a great struggle between good and evil. During this meditation the Holy Father gives the reader something to ponder. Rejection of human life is really a rejection of Jesus.

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.



ETERNAL REST, **GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!**

*In your kindness,
please pray for the happy repose of the soul of*

Angeline "Julie" Roberto

Who passed away on April 21, 2020

"May Her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed Rest in peace"

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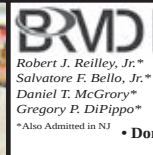
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