

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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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

120 Jefferson Street, Bridgeport, PA 19405
Although our Parish office is closed until further notice, our staff is working remotely and with no public office hours. If you need to reach us please call 610-275-1750 and leave a message, someone will get back to you as soon as possible, or you can email Joanne D'Alessandro at unitedinthesacredheart@aol.com

Saint Augustine Cemetery Office

175 W. Dekalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA 19406
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Saint Augustine, Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Our Mother of Sorrows ~ 'United In The Sacred Heart'

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020 FOURTH 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 26th 2020

	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mail-In	51	\$4,140

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!



Our CFF ministry is still working hard to support Martha's Marketplace during these trying times. Martha's Marketplace is servicing 700 families per week and the need is great!

Every little bit helps!

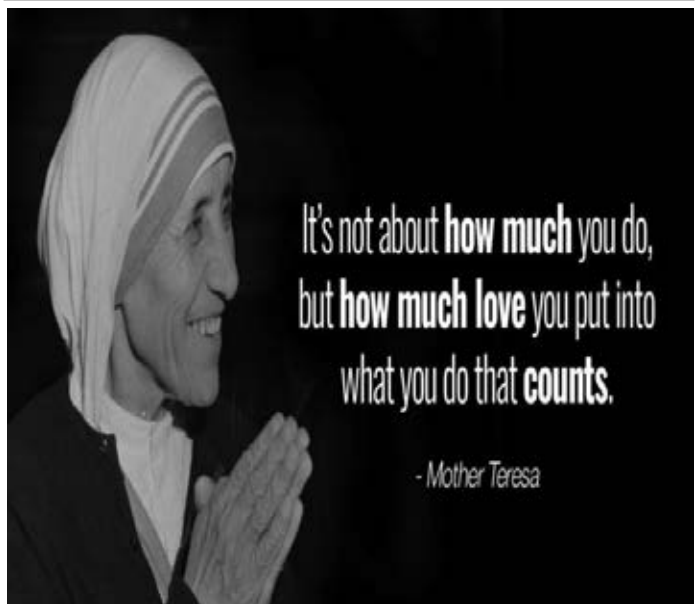
Please remember we have two simple plans to continue to feed our neighbors in need!!

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.

Canned Soup, Pick up canned soup or another suggestion is Chef Boyardee Mac & cheese beefaroni or ravioli. Please leave donations in the freezer room in the back of church. Call or text Lisa with the number of cans at 610-639-7704.

For more information contact,

Lisa Pagnotti @ suburbantravel@yahoo.com



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.

Even though it is impossible to be present physically at Mass, all Catholics are encouraged to participate at Mass as best as they can through various media. Mass is on television 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 from the archdiocesan website, 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.

As the June 2 primary approaches, we are all reminded of the importance of performing our civic duty by voting. This year, the State of Pennsylvania is encouraging people to vote safely by mail. To start the process of signing up for "Vote by Mail" go to www.votespa.com and follow the directions. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can also get a paper application for "Vote by Mail" by calling the PA Department of State at 1-877-868-3722.

The Easter collection for 2020 was \$11,162 and the collection on Good Friday collection which goes to support ministries and programs entrusted by the Holy See to the Holy Land Franciscans amounted to \$238. Thank you for your goodness.

Pope Francis wrote a letter to all the faithful encouraging everyone to pray the Rosary, especially during these days of trial. His letter and the first of two prayers he composed are elsewhere in today's bulletin.

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.

May 3, 2020 – FOURTH 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.

May 4, 2020 – EASTER WEEKDAY

Joseph G. Lawler
(Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Children, Kevin & Jo-Ann

May 8, 2020 – EASTER WEEKDAY

Arlene A. Pohransky-Smith
(Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by The Smith Family

May 9, 2020 – EASTER WEEKDAY

Deceased Members of the Czapla Family
Requested by Rosemary Giovinco

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

Sunday, May 10, 2020

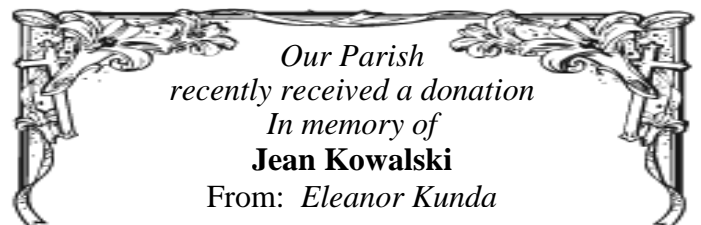
Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Psalms: 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Second Reading: First Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12



*LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist*

Pope Francis

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus’ suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”,
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Because of space limitations, the second prayer will be in next week’s bulletin.

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.



Act of Spiritual Communion

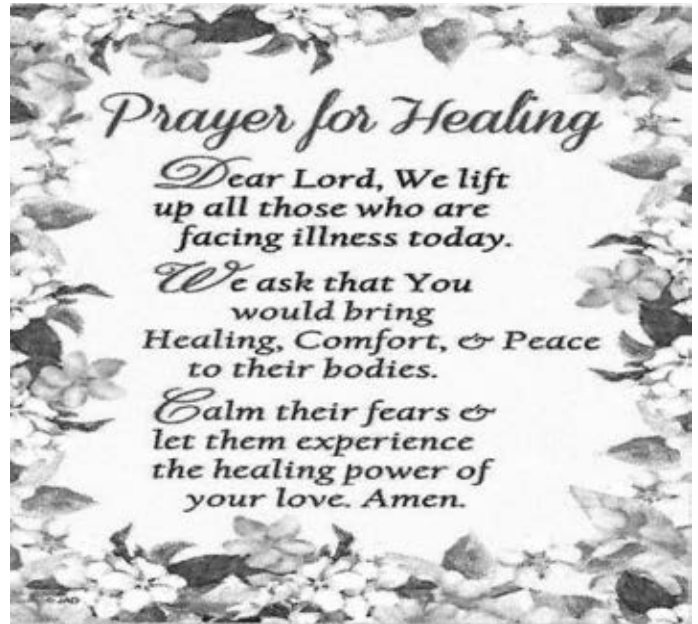
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace

You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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 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.



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