

# 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](mailto:unitedinthesacredheart@aol.com)

## **Saint Augustine Cemetery Office**

Our office is located at  
175 W. Dekalb Pike  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

**Monday through Thursday:  
9:00am – 3:00pm  
Friday: 9:00am – Noon**

Cemetery Office Telephone: 610-272-4088  
can email Kathleen DeStefano at [staugustine@comcast.net](mailto:staugustine@comcast.net)

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

# SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020 FIFTH 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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May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020

	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mail-In:	75	\$5,481
Parish Giving: April 15 - May 3		\$3,426

We are grateful to everyone who has mailed in their donations, put your envelopes in the mail slot at the entrance of the rectory or signed up for Parish Giving.

**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](mailto:suburbantravel@yahoo.com)



Dear Friends,

A Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

All parish meetings, holy hours, novenas, and public Masses are cancelled until the current situation passes and we no longer need to practice social distancing. The church is open for private prayer each day from 8 AM to 12 noon.

Although we are not able to gather in person, 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, at 7 AM on MeTV (Comcast channel 802), at 8 AM on WGN America (Comcast Channel 191) and at 8 AM (rebroadcast at 12 noon and 7 PM) 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](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.

I am grateful to all who are continuing to support our parish by either bringing their church envelopes to the rectory or sending them through the mail. A thank you is also extended to the now 36 households who are taking advantage of our newly established online giving program. To register as an online giver, please go to the parish website, [www.unitedinthesacredheart.com](http://www.unitedinthesacredheart.com), and click the link for online giving.

Mass intentions for July to December 2020 will begin to be accepted shortly after it is announced that public Masses may be celebrated. Intentions previously arranged to be offered on Sundays beginning the weekend of March 22 will be rescheduled first.

It is a custom each year around Memorial Day for American flags to be placed at the gravesites of deceased veterans at Saint Augustine Catholic Cemetery. Flags are obtained and placed not by cemetery or parish employees, but by volunteers from Valley Forge VFW Post 7878. Because the coronavirus is changing life as we once knew it, it is uncertain at this time if flags will be available this year.

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.

May 10, 2020 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**For the People of Our Parish &  
For Living & Deceased Mothers of Our Parish  
and Our Families**

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

May 12, 2020 – EASTER WEEKDAY

**The Deceased Sisters of the Immaculate Heart  
of Mary**  
*Requested by The IHM Sisters of Sacred Heart*

May 13, 2020 – OUR LADY OF FATIMA

**Paul Doleva**  
**(Anniversary Remembrance)**  
*Requested by His Family*  
**Thaddeus J. Gutkowski**  
*Requested by Bernie, Jackie & Family*

May 15, 2020 – SAINT ISIDORE

**Maureen Marinari**  
**(Birthday Remembrance)**  
*Requested by Family*

May 16, 2020 – EASTER WEEKDAY

**Joseph Lauro**  
*Requested by Bernie & Jackie Gutkowski*

*Sunday, May 10, 2020*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**First Reading:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

**Psalms:** 66:1-7 16, 20

**Second Reading:** First Peter 2:4-9

**Gospel:** John 14:15-21

*Sunday, May 17, 2020*

*Sixth 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

Pope Francis wrote a letter to all the faithful asking that we pray to Mary for her motherly intercession in bringing an end to the coronavirus. He composed two prayers, encouraging us to offer them when we conclude the praying of the Rosary. The second of the two prayers is offered here.

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. 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.



### 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...

Angelo Pagnotti; 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 Clevensine (Granddaughter of Margaret Palmer); Margaret Halas; Walter Grzywacz.

*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*

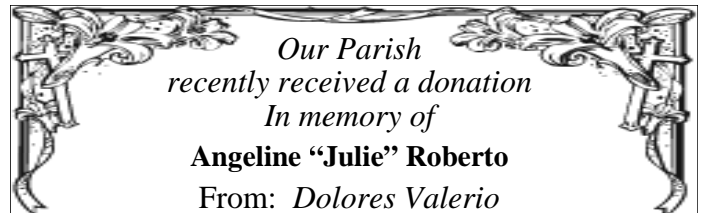
**Antoinette Granese**

*Who passed away on May 3, 2020*

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



**The Sanctuary Lamp  
which burns in Our Parish this Week  
is in Loving Memory of  
Virginia Logan  
Requested by Daughter, Brenda & Tom**



*Our Parish  
recently received a donation  
In memory of*

**Angeline "Julie" Roberto**

*From: Dolores Valerio*



*Blessings  
on  
Mother's Day*

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**#WHATSMYNAME**

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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