

# 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 17, 2020 SIXTH 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 10<sup>th</sup> 2020

<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mail-In: 71	\$4,739
Parish Giving:	\$1,071

**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!**

**"TRULY I TELL YOU WHATEVER YOU DID TO THE LEAST OF MY BY BRETHREN... YOU DID FOR ME. " *Matthew 25:40***

This month our Caring for Friends ministry and neighbors outdid themselves! The need was great; I asked and they responded in a big way!

I will let the numbers speak for themselves. All proceeds will be delivered to Martha's Choice Marketplace in Norristown at the Catholic Services of Montgomery County location at St. Paul's parish.

- 231 Homemade Soups
- 243 Canned Soups
- 103 Canned Goods- Chef Boyardee
- 78 Mac and Cheese
- 205 Breakfast Bags
- 80 Homemade Beefaroni



In addition I received \$322.00 in donations!

**SHAZAM!**

**God bless  
you all!!**

**Lisa  
Pagnotti**



Dear Friends,

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. Both the parish and cemetery offices remain closed, but telephone messages can be left and your call will be returned.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for private adoration on Sundays from 10 AM to 12 noon. People are reminded to observe social distancing while in church.

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.

The parish office will begin to accept Mass intentions for July to December 2020 shortly after it is known when public Masses may be celebrated. Priority will be given to intentions previously arranged to be offered on Sundays beginning the weekend of March 22.

Guidelines from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for when we can begin to have public Masses again can be found in today's bulletin.

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. This is done not by cemetery or parish employees, but by volunteers from Valley Forge VFW Post 7878, who obtain the flags from the county. The Montgomery County Commissioners decided last week by majority vote not to make flags available for distribution at this time. Flags may become available for placement for Independence Day.

Decorations for Mother's Day that were placed on gravesites at Saint Augustine Cemetery will be removed beginning Wednesday, May 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.

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](http://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.

Sincerely,

Father Nasta

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has issued the following guidelines to be observed when Mass is able to be celebrated in public again.

- People are to maintain a minimum of 6 feet distance from each other. This includes those participating in the procession to receive Holy Communion. Future guidance will be provided regarding the number of people permitted inside church for Mass.
- Holy water fountains at church entrances are to be empty.
- Missalettes and hymnals are to be removed from the pews.
- There is no procession with the Gifts of Bread and Wine during the Offertory.
- Those who take up the collection are to wear protective gloves.
- The Sign of Peace is suspended.
- People coming in the Communion Procession are very strongly encouraged to receive the Sacred Host in their hands. (Receiving Holy Communion on the tongue is extremely discouraged since the minister must leave the communion station to wash his or her hands after each and every time it happens.) The distribution of the Precious Blood continues to be suspended.
- The parish bulletin is not to be distributed, but available for people to take themselves.

### *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 17, 2020 – SIXTH 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 20, 2020 – SAINT BERNARDINE OF SIENA  
**Deceased Members of the Dayoc Family**  
*Requested by Sue Dayoc & Family*

**Sharon Manzi**  
**(Birthday Remembrance)**  
*Requested by Brother, Tom & Cindy Burke*

May 21, 2020 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
**For the People of Our Parish**

May 22, 2020 – SAINT RITA OF CASCIA  
**Stanley Wlazelek**  
**(Anniversary Remembrance)**  
*Requested by Sister, Wanda & Frank Opielski*

May 23, 2020 – EASTER WEEKDAY  
**Antonio & Adelina Bruno**  
*Requested by Daughter, Placida & Family*

*Sunday, May 17, 2020*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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

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

**Second Reading:** First Peter 3:15-18

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

*Thursday, May 21, 2020*

*The Ascension of the Lord*

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

**Psalms:** 47:2-3, 6-9

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

*Sunday, May 24, 2020*

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**First Reading:** Acts 1:12-14

**Psalms:** 27:1, 4, 7-8

**Second Reading:** First Peter 4:13-16

**Gospel:** John 17:1-11a



#### **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.



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.

# 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.



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

Diane Moser; 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; Leeann Clevestine (*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.*

### **Prayer to ST RITA in special need**

O powerful St. Rita, rightly called Saint of the Impossible, I come to you with confidence in my great need. You know well my trials, for you yourself were many times burdened in this life. Come to my help, speak for me, pray with me, intercede on my behalf before the Father.

I know that God has a most generous heart and that he is a most loving Father. Join your prayers to mine and obtain for me the grace I desire (here mention your request). You who were so very pleasing to God on earth and are so much so now in heaven, I promise to use this favor, when granted, to better my life, to proclaim God's mercy, and to make you more widely known and loved. Amen.



**Let all the earth cry  
out to God with joy.**

PSALM 66:1



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In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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