

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

Cemetery Office Telephone: 610-272-4088  
Cemetery e-mail: [staugustine@comcast.net](mailto:staugustine@comcast.net)

# SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020 SEVENTH 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!

Prayer of Pope Francis asking for Mary's Intercession in our Time of Trial

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.*

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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May 17<sup>th</sup> 2020

	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mail-In:	54	\$4,449
Parish Giving:		\$1,196

**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!**



Dear Friends,

All parish meetings, holy hours, novenas, and public Masses are cancelled until further notice. The church is open for private prayer each day from 8 AM to 12 noon. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for private adoration on Sundays from 10 AM to 12 noon. People are reminded use the hand sanitizers that are in the church narthex before entering church and to observe social distancing while in church. Both the parish and cemetery offices remain closed; telephone messages can be left, and your call will be returned.

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 has begun sending regular email communications to a little more than one-third of our registered households. If you have not received an email, it is most likely because either the parish does not have your email address or has an incorrect one. Please contact the office either by sending an email to [unitedinthesacredheart@aol.com](mailto:unitedinthesacredheart@aol.com) or by calling 610-275-1750 and leaving a message.

The parish office will begin to accept Mass intentions for the remainder of 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.

Donations in the Mother's Day envelopes came to \$587. Donations received in the envelopes marked Catholic Home Missions amounted to \$196 and \$587 came in the envelopes for Church Maintenance. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

The Primary Elections are next Tuesday, June 2. We have a civic duty to participate in our democracy and to choose people to represent us in government. In the days leading up to an election, certain advocacy groups attempt to distribute campaign literature or voter guides on church property and parking lots. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia have strict guidelines as to what literature may or may not be made available and distributed on church property.

Sincerely,

Father Nasta

# PRAYER TO SEND YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL TO MASS

*O Holy Angel at my side,  
Go to Church for me,  
Kneel in my place, at Holy Mass, Where I desire to be.  
At Offertory, in my stead, take all I am and own and  
place it as a sacrifice upon the Altar Throne.  
At Holy Consecration's bell, adore with Seraph's love,  
my Jesus hidden in the Host, come down from Heaven  
above. Then pray for those I dearly love, And those who  
cause me grief, that Jesus' Blood may cleanse all  
hearts, and suffering souls relieve.  
And when the priest Communion takes, oh, bring my  
Lord to me, That His sweet Heart may rest on mine,  
and I His temple be.  
Pray that this Sacrifice Divine, may mankind's sins  
efface; Then bring me Jesus' blessing home,  
The pledge of every grace.  
Amen*

## 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 24, 2020 – SEVENTH 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 25, 2020 – SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE,  
SAINT GREGORY VII & SAINT MARY  
MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI  
MEMORIAL DAY  
All Those who died in Military Service

May 29, 2020 – EASTER WEEKDAY  
Stanley Wlazelek  
(Anniversary Remembrance)  
& Frank Opielski  
(Anniversary Remembrance)  
Requested by Their Children,  
Wanda & Frank Opielski

*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

*Sunday, May 31, 2020*

*Pentecost Sunday*

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11

**Psalms:** 104:1, 24, 24, 29-31, 34

**Second Reading:** First Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

**Gospel:** John 20:19-23



*The Bread and Wine  
used in Our Parish  
and the Sanctuary Lamp  
which burns in Our Parish  
this week, are in Loving Memory  
of Stephen & Mary Pogash  
Requested by: Daughters, Grandchildren  
& Great Grandchildren*



# 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.

## ETERNAL REST, GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!

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

**Mary "Molly" Trainer**  
Who passed away on March 1, 2020  
and

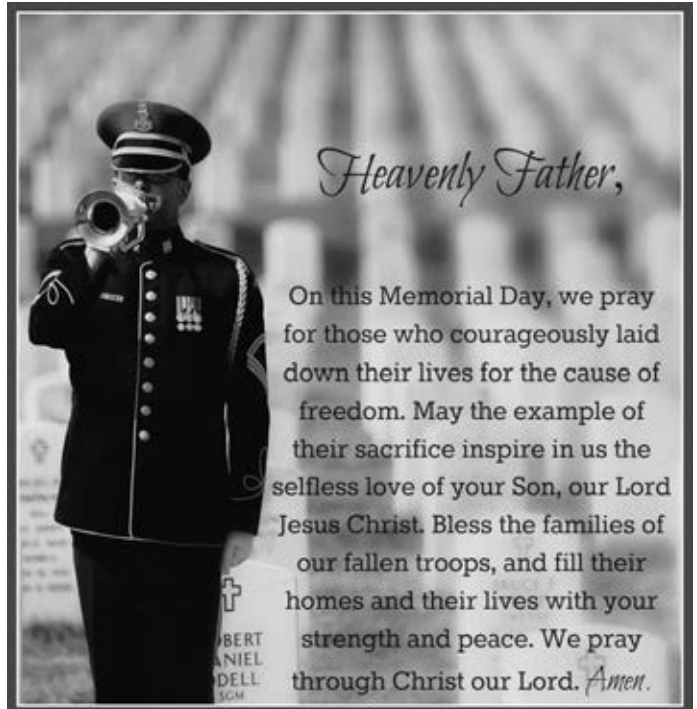
**Dolores Imperial**  
Who passed away on May 12, 2020  
"May Their souls and all the souls of the  
faithful departed Rest in peace"

*Peace Be With You*

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

Helene Dulaney (Sister of John Puzio & Kathy Smith); Albert Piccirilli (Uncle of Bob Smith); Diane Moser; Angelo Pagnotti; Kerry Link (Daughter of Irene McNulty); Gary Gutkowski; Denise Kavanagh; 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.

*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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