

# Lent



## Third Sunday of Lent

### *Sacred Heart Parish*

120 Jefferson Street ~ Swedesburg, Pennsylvania, 19405

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**Rev. Peter J. DiMaria**  
*Pastor*

**Rev. James J. Shea, Sch. P.**  
*Weekend Ministry*

**Sr. MaryAnne Bolger, IHM**  
*Parish Services Director*

**John Horn**  
*Coordinator of  
Religious Education*

**Leo Brady**  
*Sacristan*

#### *Sacramental Schedule*

##### **Holy Mass:**

Saturday: Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 am

##### **Sacrament of Penance:**

Each Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm

Wednesdays

7:30 to 7:50 am & 6:30 to 7:00 pm  
or by request

**Valerie DiFilippo**  
*Parish Bookkeeper/  
Cemetery Manager*

**Cristina Dinella Makowicz**  
*Director of  
Liturgical Music*

**Joanne D'Alessandro**  
*Parish Office Manager*

**Joe & Jeff Houseal**  
*Directors of Parish  
& Cemetery Facilities*

***Dear Friends in Christ,***

Last Fall I asked for volunteers to form a committee to review the policies and regulations of St. Augustine Cemetery as well as discuss ways in which we can beautify our sacred grounds. Several people generously offered to become members of the committee. The following notification is being published with the committee's approval.

Additionally, I wish to inform you that within living memory Archdiocesan Cemetery regulations have always been in place at St. Augustine Cemetery with this one exception: archdiocesan cemeteries do not permit gardens or plantings of any type at individual graves while St. Augustine does allow small gardens and will continue to do so. However, it is our expectation that the rules regarding only real or artificial floral arrangements will be observed.

Of special note is the committee's decision to create a uniform look with each grave garden and thus the introduction of bricks purchased through the cemetery office. Please watch for further information regarding the cost of bricks and when they will be available.

***God love you!***

***Father DiMaria***

***Dear Friends of St. Augustine Cemetery:***

In 1897 our forefathers in faith saw the need to create a final resting place not only for their beloved dead but also for their descendants. From a small, quiet, and rural 19<sup>th</sup> century graveyard, St. Augustine has grown into the large 21<sup>st</sup> century cemetery it presently is containing the earthly remains of approximately ten thousand souls.

Catholic cemeteries exist as an affirmation of many sacred beliefs, including:

- The sanctity of all human life
- The dignity of the human person
- The resurrection of Christ
- The resurrection of all the dead at the end of time
- The importance of remembering the dead and offering prayers for them

More than a place to bury the dead, a Catholic cemetery is holy ground, consecrated by the Bishop, for worship and prayer, similar to churches. Because of our beliefs, we seek to maintain the beauty and dignity of our grounds. To better assure our goal of cemetery maintenance, a landscaping company was hired last August, and they have done a magnificent job of caring for and maintaining our lawn. Additionally, our two-member maintenance team continually is at work to make sure that the property is kept orderly and clean as is fitting for consecrated ground.

Last fall a cemetery committee comprised of several parishioners was created to review the policies of the cemetery and to make recommendations on how to improve the property. Among the items discussed was the fact that throughout its long history, the parish cemetery rules always mirrored the rules of the Archdiocesan cemeteries. The committee agreed that the rules were necessary but also acknowledged that for quite some time cemetery regulations have been more honored in the breach than in the observance. As a result, there are some families who simply disregard all cemetery rules and decorate graves in ways which detract from the sacred nature of the cemetery, and which would not be tolerated in any other Catholic cemetery.

We are writing to inform you that in the following weeks the rules of the cemetery will be strictly enforced once more. Within two weeks of the publication of this letter, families are requested to remove from their family plot any items which are not in conformity with cemetery regulations. Those regulations are included with this letter and will also be found on the new cemetery signs which are being created and which will eventually be posted.

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It also seems opportune to remind all that the cemetery is the property of the parish which is responsible for its operation. Certificate holders do not own the ground in which their beloved dead are buried. Rather, certificate holders are given burial privileges for their deceased loved ones. Therefore, much like a homeowner's association which regulates how the members of the association decorate the exterior of their homes and lawns, individual families are not free to decorate the graves of their deceased as they wish but must observe all the rules which are meant for the safety of our employees and the dignity of these sacred grounds.

The parish is presently working on the creation of a new parish website which will also include a link to information on St. Augustine Cemetery and which will contain the revised cemetery regulation book.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in these matters.

*Sincerely in our Lord,*

*Saint Augustine Cemetery Committee*

***Large permanent signs are in production for the cemetery and will contain the following regulations:***

Please help us maintain the beauty and dignity of these sacred grounds by observing the following regulations:

- Floral decorations (fresh flowers and artificial flowers) are permitted at all times.
- All holyday and holiday floral decorations will be removed for immediate disposal two weeks after all holydays and holidays.
- With the exception of Section E (flat markers section), all other graves with upright monuments are permitted to have a small flower garden extending no more than 13 inches beyond the front of the monument.
- For those families wishing to maintain a garden you must obtain a yearly FREE PERMIT for your garden. Permits are obtainable outside the cemetery building entrance and on the parish's website.
- For the sake of aesthetic uniformity, the garden must have a border comprised of grey bricks purchased from the cemetery. You may indicate on your permit your desire for bricks.
- Fencing or borders consisting of shells, stones, pebbles, plastic, metal, or other materials are prohibited and subject to immediate removal.
- Flower gardens may not circle the monument or extend beyond the sides of the monument.
- Mulch is strictly prohibited.
- Flowers must be low growing and not block the inscription on the monument.
- All non-floral decorations such as planter boxes (concrete, metal, wood, or plastic), containers or vases made of glass, plastic or crockery, toys, balloons, any type of sports pennants, flags of any type (except an American flag) ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED and will be removed immediately.
- American flags may be displayed between April 1 and November 15 at which time they will be removed in order to prepare for winter.
- The following are also STRICTLY PROHIBITED and will be removed immediately:
  - Articles of clothing or hats, beverage cans, bottles, cups, drawings, photographs or pictures, iron furniture, ornaments, flowerpots, fencing and barriers, religious articles including crosses, crucifixes, holy cards and rosaries, shells, stones, pebbles, shepherd hooks, solar energy lights, Styrofoam, votive or vigil candles, statues of a religious or secular nature, food, or vegetables of any type.
- In essence, the only permissible decorations for any grave are fresh or artificial flowers.
- The cemetery reserves the right to remove any artificial flowers which have become unsightly.
- The planting of shrubs and trees, etc. on individual graves or lots is prohibited and subject to immediate removal and disposal.
- No dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) or other pets are allowed in the cemetery.
- This cemetery is owned and operated by Sacred Heart Church, Bridgeport. All questions may be directed to the cemetery office at 610-275-1750.

# Prepare For The Death Of Our Lord Jesus

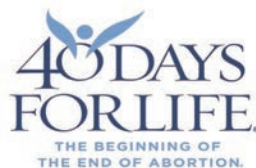


## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each Wednesday of Lent. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the conclusion of the 8:00am Mass and will remain exposed until 7:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet for Adoration may be found in the back of Church.

## Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Join us on Wednesday for Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00pm.



**The 40 Days for Life Campaign** has begun and the Respect for Life Committee needs your help!!

This is a peaceful prolife effort through prayer, witness and fasting to help protect mothers and children from the harm of abortion. Mother of Divine Providence and Sacred Heart Parishes are scheduled to pray outside Planned Parenthood in Norristown on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Would you please join us and sign up to pray for 1 hour?

Signup sheet and directions are located at the doors of the church. Please call Linda at 610-291-1138 for more information.

*“Joy never comes to those who seek it. In the self-forgetting hour when we are touched by another’s need and sacrifice for it, we suddenly find our soul aflame with glorious joy.”*

~~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen



## The Sacred Heart Pro Life Holy Hour

Join us at 1:00 pm this Wednesday to gather in prayer to ask for God’s help on issues affecting our nation and families.

*All are Welcome!*



The Archdiocese has released the dates and has opened registration for **the regional level synod listening sessions for our local Church.** You

can find this information at the links below. Please kindly share this information as broadly as possible:

- Dates and registration for regional **in person and online listening sessions:** [catholicleaders.org/archphila-synod-sessions](https://catholicleaders.org/archphila-synod-sessions)
- CatholicPhilly article: [catholicphilly.com/2022/02/news/local-news/schedule-set-for-synod-listening-sessions-in-archdiocese/](https://catholicphilly.com/2022/02/news/local-news/schedule-set-for-synod-listening-sessions-in-archdiocese/)

This week the bread and wine for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is in loving memory of



*William Barto*

*Birthday Remembrance*

at the Request of his daughter, Elizabeth.

This week the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns



*For the People of Ukraine*



*Anonymous Request*



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 19**

**4:00pm Desiree Halas**

*Requested by Mom & Dad*

**Sunday, March 20**

**8:00am For the People of Our Parish**

**10:15am Edward & Sophie Gunsalus**

*Requested by The Family*

**Monday, March 21**

**8:00am Jack Grabowski**

**(Birthday Remembrance)**

*Requested by Wife, Eleanor*

**Tuesday, March 22**

**8:00am Mary Fesolovich**

**(Anniversary Remembrance)**

*Requested by Daughter, Mary & Son-in-law, John*

**Wednesday, March 23**

**8:00am Special Intentions for Father DiMaria**

*Requested by Lorraine Farrell*

**Thursday, March 24**

**8:00am Mary Lester**

**(41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)**

*Requested by Brother, Stephen Gober*

**Friday, March 25**

**8:00am John Glinski**

*Requested by Wife, Dorothy*

**Saturday, March 26**

**8:00am Cheri LeBeau**

*Requested by Leon Rappaport & Family*

**4:00pm For the People of Our Parish**

**Sunday, March 27**

**8:00am Watson Zadroga**

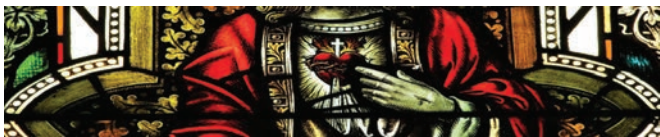
**(Birthday Remembrance)**

*Requested by Son & Family*

**10:15am Donald Kinckner**

**(Birthday Remembrance)**

*Requested by Son, Hilary & Family*



**SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022**  
**~ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**



*Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!*

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

**Saturday evening, March 26:**

**4:00pm**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Joan Koeck

**Lector:** Michelle Efthimiadou

**Sunday morning, March 27:**

**8:00am**

**Lector:** David Turner

**10:15am**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

Dolores Burton

**Lector:** Danielle Cantando

### Celebrant's Mass Schedule

**Saturday evening, March 26:**

4:00pm - Father DiMaria

**Sunday morning, March 27:**

8:00am - Father Shea

10:15am—Father DiMaria



March 12—13, 2022

\$3,631.00

*Thank you for your support of Our Parish!*



**Upcoming Monthly Special Collection**

In your generosity, please remember

**The Weekend of**

**March 26—27, 2022**

***Easter Flowers***



**Companions in Prayer and Ministry** will resume on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 10:15 am Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room. All are welcome in this endeavor

to discuss the IHM charism and the virtues of our IHM Community. Please consider joining and bringing a friend.

## SACRED HEART SOCIAL CLUB IS BACK!



**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**3:00 to 6:00 PM**

**Parish Hall**

**Games ~ Pizza ~ Beverages ~ Snacks ~ BYOB**

**Cost:**

**\$5.00 per person, payable at the door (kids under 5 FREE)**

**Pizza will be ordered & served about 4:00 – 4:30 PM**

**Games to Include**

*(but not limited to):*

**Corn Hole**

**Left – Center – Right**

**UNO**

**Gin Rummy**

**Chinese Checkers**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND GAMES!**



*Please Pray For All Who Protect Our Country, especially...*

**Matthew D. Baxter** (Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force), grandson of Peg Palmer; **John F. K. Benedict** (Major, USAF ANG), son of Christine & Vince Benedict; **Anthony C. Brandt** (CW3 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army Reserves), son of Eileen & Nesbur Brandt; **Zachary T. Brandt** (Sergeant 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; **Noel Irizarry** (Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps), son of Patricia Epright; **Shane Jones** (Sergeant 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); **Jessica Prostack** (CW2 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army), daughter of Richard Prostack; **Jeffrey Seamans** (Captain, U.S. Army), son-in-law of Dolores Burton.

**In Your Charity, Please Pray For Our Sick**





Edward Keszczyk; Terry Stephenson (Brother-in-law of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith); Michael Dulaney (Brother-in-law of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith); Kerry Link (Daughter of Irene McNulty); Ayden Boone (Great Great-Grandson of Armando Delmoro); Mary Stephenson (Niece of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith); Lorraine Farrell; Gary Gutkowski; Mary Ann Krajnik; Rose Coscia; Francis Coscia; Gregory Zugay; Margaret Halas; Ronald Halas; Michael Martin (Friend of Ronald & Margaret Halas); Edith Barbone; Catherine Bankowski; Armando Delmoro; Michael Myers and Melissa (Myers) Sillah (Grandchildren of Dora & Armando Delmoro); Anne Jakielaszek; Dolores Pasquarello; Joseph Saboe; Butch Rodenbaugh; Denise Kavanagh; Nick "Chief" Rotondo; Evelyn Horning. 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.

A Donation was received  
in memory of

**Francis "Frank" J. Opielski**

from: Richard J. Markham

Donations was received  
in memory of

**Nesbur G. Brandt, Jr.**

from: Daughter, Annette Brandt,  
Marie Baldyga, Barbara Roskos



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**St. Mary Polish American  
Society Easter Food Sale**

Food items will include: -  
Babkas (cheese, cinnamon  
crumb, or raspberry cheese)  
for \$15 each from L&M Bakery  
in Delran, NJ; -Pierogi (potato, potato cheese, or  
sauerkraut) for \$9 per dozen from Polka Deli in  
Port Richmond in Philadelphia; Kielbasa for \$8 per  
pound from Czerw's in Port Richmond. The dead-  
line for food orders will be Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup>  
so our suppliers have enough time to process our  
orders. Order pick-up will be on Friday, April  
8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 pm at St.  
Mary Catholic Church Hall in Conshohocken.  
Proceeds from the Easter Food Sale support our  
mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgome-  
ry County, PA and assistance with the restoration  
of St. Mary Catholic Church in Conshohocken.

To place a food order, please  
email [smpas@stmarypolish.org](mailto:smpas@stmarypolish.org) or call  
Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.



**Religious Education**

**PREP (religious education  
program for children) will  
be held beginning Monday,  
June 20<sup>th</sup> and concluding  
on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. The  
program will begin each day at 9 am and finish  
at 2:00 pm.**

Additionally, a summer camp under the direction of  
the Sister, Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
will be held from June 27<sup>th</sup> until July 1<sup>st</sup>. The program  
will begin each day at 9:30 and conclude at 2:00 p.m.  
It is for children  
grades K through 8  
and will be comprised  
of instruction, crafts,  
and games.



Registration forms are  
now available at the  
back of church or visit our parish website at:  
[unitedinthesacredheart.com](http://unitedinthesacredheart.com)



**Caring for Friends Ministry**  
gathered on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> to  
scoop delicious homemade soup and  
assemble snack bags.

The fruits of our labor are as  
follows:

- ◆ **1 New Member!!!!**
- ◆ **246 Homemade soups**
- ◆ **120 canned soups**
- ◆ **288 Diapers**
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**SAVE THE DATE for our next gathering on  
Wednesday, April 13. Doors open at 6:00 pm in  
the Parish Hall! Put a little spring in your step by  
donating a nice pot of homemade soup and 1.5 hours  
of your time for our  
neighbors in need.**



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