

Sacred Heart Parish

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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

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SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sacred Heart Super Seniors will meet this Thursday, May 19th from 12:00 to 2:00pm in the Swedesburg Fire House on Jefferson Street. Bring your own lunch. Water, coffee and tea will be provided. **Mrs. Denise McKenzie** will be our guest speaker. She will speak about her daughter's miracle.

Please call Sister MaryAnne in the Rectory Office at 610-275-1750 to indicate your intention of attending. We need this information for planning purposes. Thank you!



Companions in Prayer and Ministry will meet **Sunday, June 5th 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.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!



Our PREP (religious education program for children) will be held beginning Monday, June 20th and concluding on Friday, June 24th. 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 27th until July 1st. 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



Join us for a **PARISH FEAST DAY DINNER**

Friday, June 24th

5:00 PM Church Service

5:30 PM Dinner

Dinner to be held at the Swedesburg Fire House

Dinner includes:

Hors D'Oeuvres

Caesar Salad

Ravioli & Penne

Chicken in White Wine & Hand Carved top round

Grilled Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes

Fresh Rolls & Butter

Soda, Coffee

Assorted Italian pastries and cakes

Cash Bar

Tickets will be available after Masses and in the rectory.

\$35. per person

\$15. 12 & under



Music provided by Fasano Entertainment



*The Ascension of the Lord,
Thursday, May 26*

Our Mass schedule for the Holy Day of

Obligation is as follows:

Wednesday, May 25 at 4:00 PM

Thursday, May 26 at 8:00 AM

Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 PM

The Sacred Heart Pro Life Holy Hour

Please join us at 12:00 pm noon each Wednesday to gather in prayer to ask for God's help on issues affecting our nation and families.

All are Welcome!



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MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022—10 AM

**AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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**St. John the Baptist/Sacred Heart
Evangelization Day in Bridgeport**

Saturday, June 11, 2022
502 Ford Street, Bridgeport PA 19405

Agenda

8:30 a.m. Rosary

*Father Cantrell will be available for Confession
from 8:00-8:45 a.m.*

**9:00 a.m. Mass in St. John the Baptist Church
Breakfast and Training Session in the hall**

10:30 – 1:00 Visiting Homes with partner
*(New workers will be teamed with an experienced
partner, assignment times will be slightly staggered,
teams will visit for two hours each during this window of
time.)*

**12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Teams return and submit report
forms to Edel**

Please Register before 6/6/22 by emailing the
information below to

r.edel.lukens@gmail.com

For more info: 610-256-7125

**St. John the Baptist/Sacred Heart
Evangelization Day Registration**

NAME:

Email address:

Phone: _____

If legionary, which council?

**If non-Legion parishioner, SJB or Sacred
Heart?**

**First time doing door-to-door
evangelization? Yes _____ No _____**

**Need experienced partner? Yes _____
No _____**

Have car? Yes _____ No _____

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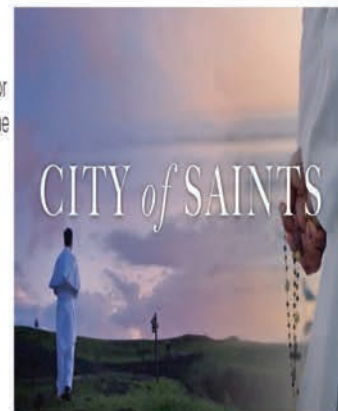
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May 15, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 14

4:00pm Gerald “Jerry” Kelly, Sr.

Requested by Stephanie Sylvester

Sunday, May 15

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am Esther & Robert Cantando

Requested by The Family

Monday, May 16

8:00am The Deceased Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Requested by The IHM Sisters of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, May 17

8:00am The Deceased Members of the Woloszyn Family

Requested by Spike & Joan DeStefano

Wednesday, May 18

8:00am Health Blessings for Kristen & Mark McClafferty

Requested by Susan Cash

Thursday, May 19

8:00am Philomena Kurcik

Requested by Her Family

Friday, May 20

8:00am Frank Opielski

Requested by Frank & Wanda Opielski

Saturday, May 21

8:00am Charlotte Ann Krutsick (Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by Her Husband, Bob

4:00pm Stan & Stella Wlazelek

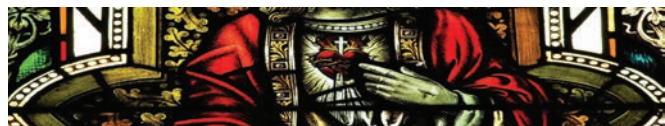
Requested by Frank & Wanda Opielski

Sunday, May 22

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:15am John & Florence Czapla

Requested by Daughter, Rosemary & The Giovinco Family



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, May 21:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Pat Moletzsky

Lector: Danielle Cantando

Sunday morning, May 22

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Joan Koeck

Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Lector: John Keidel

Celebrant's Mass Schedule

Saturday evening, May 21

4:00pm - Father La Rosa

Sunday morning, May 22:

8:00am - Father DiMaria

10:15am—Father Shea



Weekly Report

May 7 & 8, 2022

\$6,764.27

Catholic Home Mission

\$561.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!

ETERNAL REST, GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!

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

Maryann (Ceklosky) Krajnik

Who was called from this life on May 4, 2022

*“May Her soul and all the souls of the
faithful departed Rest in peace.”*

Standing with Moms in Need



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For more information visit: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2022/statement-usccb-president-and-bishop-chairmen-advance-supreme-courts-ruling-dobbs-v>

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 St. Andrew Bobola
 Bl. Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński
 Bl. Fr. George Popieluszko
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In Your Charity, Please Pray For Our Sick



Nicholas Yacovelli; Kyle Kolva (Friend of Kathy Smith); Barbara A. Burkert (Daughter of Dora & Armando Delmoro); Cody Taylor (Nephew of Michael & Eileen Bralski); Melonie Mitchell; John Smoczylo; Teddy Swede (Brother of Gloria Swede); Laurie Ronan (Niece of Gloria Swede); David Degulis (Brother-in-law of John Puzio, Jr. & Kathy Smith); 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); Lorraine Farrell; Gary Gutkowski; Rose Coscia; Francis Coscia; Gregory Zugay; Margaret Halas; Ronald Halas; Michael Martin (Friend of Ronald & Margaret Halas); Edith Barbone; Catherine Bankowski; 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.



May 15, 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Like an early morning fog that later yields to the sunshine and uncovers what has been hidden, the event of the Passion, Death and Resurrection shows us the true glory of Jesus as the Son of God. There is no other event like it in the history of human life on planet earth. We note from the gospel scene that Jesus Himself declared it as such, and added that it is His glorification.

Judas had left the room with betrayal on his mind. But it freed Jesus from hesitation and I imagine He must have raised His voice a bit to say the great "Now!" Now the stage was set for the selfsame glory to come.

What this implies is that the agony in the garden, the arrest, the trial, the jail time, the rejection of Him before Pilate, the scourging, crowning with thorns and the crucifixion itself all amounted to "the Son of Man being glorified." Certainly not the way we would describe glory. But then, God's ways are not ours. The resurrection is the ultimate end of the process. But it was also a beginning. That is why we celebrate a 'Triduum' of Liturgies, that is three days all components of one great Day. It is one methodical passage of Our Lord from agony to ecstasy.

So we return five weeks after the Last Supper event to note the importance of Our Lord's "new commandment." He announced it at that Supper. So He had the undivided attention of His now eleven closest friends.

Note also that Jesus did not speak of methods or plans. No long list of rules and procedures for the future. Just one powerful command: "Love one another as I have loved you." So it becomes the distinctive hallmark of a Christian. It would be noticed later by pagan historians writing descriptions of the Church. It is meant to identify each of us.

"Did Christ have the credentials to make that command, that overarching demand" some outsiders might ask? The nearest crucifix is our answer. "Is it easy to obey?" they might coyly ask us. Our short answer is a definite "No!" And we know why. It's because of sin. Sin in the world and in each of us, vestige of the damage done by our first parents. Each of us could name the sins, especially if they are our personal downfall. We might even add the fact that God has created some people who are custom designed to annoy us. All of it makes for a command that demands.

At this juncture it is always helpful to recall two facts. First, that we are not asked by God to *like* a whole lot of people as our choice of best friends. That number is limited to a precious few. Maybe even to one.

Secondly, we are not to let *feelings* interfere in our efforts. Feelings confuse the issue as is their habit. It's a matter of decision, an act of our will. We decide to love others, to will their good, because Jesus said we have to do so.

If it's any comfort, note that there were no Pharisees or Sadducees at the Last Supper table. Jesus had decided who would be there. Those others were His designated enemies. Yet His love would prompt Him to die on the cross for their sins also on Good Friday afternoon.

To live as Christ wants us to requires perseverance. That only comes from prayer and a close association with the saints, those canonized and those not. Here are the thoughts of the American poet Edwin Markham (d. 1940) on this matter:

"He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout,
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in."

God love you and give you His Easter peace.

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