

Sacred Heart Parish

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Ascension



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“He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.”

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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 22, 2022 ~ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Prayer to St. Rita

O St. Rita, you shine as a star of hope in the midst of darkness. I know that through your intercession Our Lord often grants favors that seem impossible to human foresight, skill, and efforts. I humbly ask that you bring my cause to the throne of God [mention personal request].

Have pity on my adversity, comfort me in my affliction, and purify my intention. Help me to unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through His patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which you daily contemplated with tender devotion.

St. Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.



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

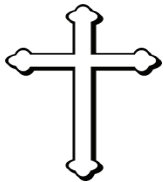
Tickets will be available after Masses and in the rectory.

\$35. per person

\$15. 12 & under



Music provided by Fasano Entertainment



A joyous, grateful, and prayerful welcome is extended to the men who were ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 21st, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul:

Reverend Andrew J. Auletta

Reverend Sang Woo Chi

Reverend Henry F. Graebe

Reverend Andrew Lane

Reverend Ryan Nguyen

Reverend Roneld Saint Louis

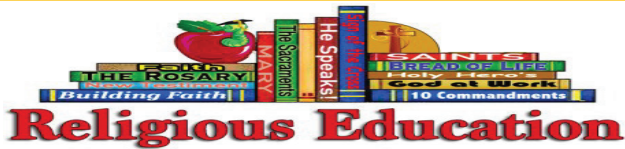
AD MULTOS ANNOS!



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.





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 9am 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:

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SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS

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MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022—10 AM

AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
502 FORD STREET, BRIDGEPORT, PA 19405

Parish Sunday Social to celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart!



On Sunday, June 26, immediately following the 10:15 Mass please join us in the air-conditioned Parish Hall for a light reception to celebrate our patronal feast. Suzy-Jo donuts, pastries, soft pretzels, fruit, etc. and drinks will be provided.

In order to help us plan for the event, please either RSVP by June 19th to Pat Moletzsky at patandy820@gmail.com or return the following RSVP slip to the rectory. We hope many will be able to join us.

Name _____

Number attending _____

Please RSVP by June 19th

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Saturday, October 22, 2022

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Sr. Miriam James Hesland, SOLT
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Martha Reyes
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Sue Guadenkauf
Be Not Afraid: Finding Your Freedom in Christ



Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez Cabezas

Spanish Keynote

ASL Keynote

Opening Mass

Breakout Sessions

Holy Hour



Katie Weiss
Visto Divina for Healing



Regina Boyd
God Heals Through Relationship



Matt & Jenn Lozano
Helping Kids Find Freedom in Christ



Sr. Cora Caeli, SV
Healing for Others: Reflective Listening



Bishop John J. McIntyre
President

Location

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
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Registration

- \$60 general admission
- \$50 groups of 5+
- \$20 college students
- \$15 religious sisters

Register online:
catholicwomensconference.org
Questions? Send us an email:
archphillycwc@gmail.com

Registration includes light breakfast, lunch, hospitality bag and full-day conference access.

www.catholicwomensconference.org

**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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heaven, and is seated
at the right hand
of the Father”



*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



Weekly Report

May 14—15, 2022

\$4,706.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



*We are grateful for a donation
received in Memory of*

Sophie Kurpiel

On behalf of:

Eleanor Kunda

**The Sacred Heart Pro Life
Holy Hour**



*All are welcome to 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.*



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 21

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*

Monday, May 23

8:00am Louis R. DiMaria

Requested by The Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, May 24

**8:00am The Deceased Members of the
Dayoc Family**

Requested by Sue Dayoc & Family

Wednesday, May 25

8:00am Health Blessings for Michael Hottinger

Requested by Susan Cash

4:00pm Henry Balza

*Requested by Daughter, Barbara &
Son-in-law, Robert Bores*

Thursday, May 26

8:00am Norma & Larry Miller

*Requested by Family of Christine &
Vincent Benedict*

7:00pm Annunziata DiNenna

Requested by Charlotte & Sal DiNenna

Friday, May 27

8:00am Harry Lasorda

Requested by Lou Pucò

Saturday, May 28

8:00am Joseph & Lottie Lawler

Requested by Kevin & Jo-Ann

4:00pm Michele (Halas) Paul

Requested by Mom & Dad

Sunday, May 29

8:00am Mary & Joseph Gasko

Requested by Joe & Kathy Gasko

10:15am For the People of Our Parish



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Ascension of the Lord, Wednesday evening, May 25:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Dolores Burton

Lector: Lisa Pagnotti

Ascension of the Lord, Thursday morning, May 26:

8:00am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Valencia Zarembo

Lector: Helen Surman

Ascension of the Lord, Thursday evening, May 26:

7:00pm

Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

Saturday evening, May 28:

4:00pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Barbara JanFrancisco

Lector: Rich McVoy

Sunday morning, May 29:

8:00am

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

10:15am

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Margie Pruskowski

Lector: David Turner

Celebrant's Mass Schedule

Wednesday evening, May 25:

4:00pm - Father DiMaria

Thursday morning, May 26:

8:00am - Father DiMaria

Thursday evening, May 26:

7:00pm - Father Shea

Saturday evening, May 28:

4:00pm - Father DiMaria

Sunday morning, May 29:

8:00am - Father Shea

10:15am—Father DiMaria



A small but mighty group got together on Wednesday, May 11 for our monthly Caring for Friends gathering.

Our regular crew assembled 350 snack bags, scooped 256 home made soups and collected donations for Martha's Marketplace!

SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 7.

Doors open at 6:00 PM.

Hope to see you there.



I would like to personally thank the anonymous donor who faithfully has products sent directly to my home from Walmart. There is no card enclosed in the package. Products are most needed and very much appreciated at Martha's Marketplace.

Thank you,
Lisa



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.

Join Father Gorka on a Poland Pilgrimage - July 20—August 1, 2022

In Your Charity, Please Pray For Our Sick



Nicholas Janicki; Edith Barbone; Catherine Bankowski; Michael Myers and Melissa (Myers) Sillah (Grandchildren of Dora & Armando Delmoro) George Estock; Helen Bednar; 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; 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.

May 22, 2022 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I daresay that daydreamers pretty much have the market cornered when it comes to wishful thinking, do they not? After all, they are the producer, director and lead actor in the "movies" they create for their personal "small screens."

Nighttime dreams are another matter entirely. In this case, their brain is really in charge. Researchers tell us that within its gray confines, the brain has electrical impulses that work frenetically. Multiple neurons bounce around quickly on charged pathways with no predictable pattern. They use fragments of past experiences with different people, sometimes dear friends or mere acquaintances, and at other times with presumed enemies. The end product is often weird or funny or both. At other times it is horrible enough to be called a *nightmare*.

Daytime dreams, however, are often the stuff of fun and pleasure. They are all about what we would like to happen. The plot, however flimsy, always favors us. So much so that we don't want the production to end.

I found myself thinking about daydreams because I wondered if the Apostles' had them. Especially after the resurrection. After the shock of Easter evening, when He came in person to visit them alive and well, right into their hiding place. Suddenly the Good Friday horrors with their strong note of finality, come into perspective. There Jesus was standing in their midst, looking different but more than hale and healthy. Some time later, He cooked a seaside breakfast for them. They joined Him as He preached to a crowd of 500. He was the same but somehow different.

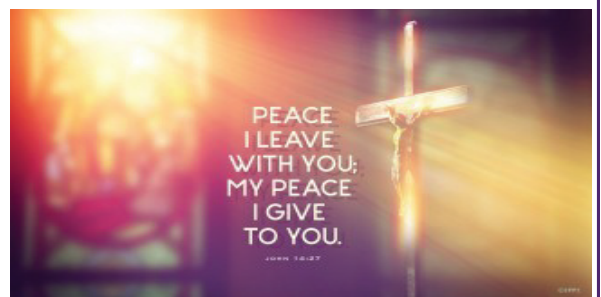
It would have been natural for them to daydream. Certainly for a bright future, when He would join them, and drawing crowds of admirers, ripe for conversion. They would be His proud and trusted aides. But then, all of a sudden He announces that He will be leaving them soon. Just like that, all happy daydreams vanish!

But then He tells them it is better that He leaves. In His place He would send them the mysterious "Advocate" or "Holy Spirit" to teach them all they needed to know about spreading the Good News. What loving wisdom on His part, because it meant that they would be able to cooperate with the Holy Spirit and gain the self confidence that their innate good will and imagination would enable them to shape the Church.

And so it is with us, with our similar baptismal mission to tell the world of the twenty-first century the same good news of the first century: There is a personal God who loves us, a Trinity of persons, the second of which became man and died on a cross for our sins. Then He was raised from the dead, fully approved by His Father. None of that is a daydream. It's what keeps us fully awake and alive! No nightmares possible.

Through it all, we begin to see a major truth about our Christian task. It is that we don't change the message; the message changes us. Instead of being "down", we are lifted up, up, up to God!

God love you and give you His Easter peace.



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