Sacred Heart Parish
120 Jefferson Street ~ Swedesburg, Pennsylvania, 19405

We are the “HEART” of Bridgeport, King of Prussia, Swedeland and Swedesburg

Rev. Thomas Nasta  
Pastor

Rev. James J. Shea, Sch. P.  
Weekday and Sunday Ministry

Sr. Eileen McGuigan, IHM  
Parish Services Director

John Horn  
Coordinator of Religious Education

Edward Scott  
Parish Business Manager

Mary Breithaupt  
Director of Liturgical Music

Joanne D’Alessandro  
Parish Office Manager

Kathleen DeStefano  
Cemetery Office Manager & Rectory Administrative Assistant

Our Parish Mass Schedule

SUNDAY MASSES:
Saturday evening at 4:00pm
(Reconciliation/Confession: Saturdays before Mass 3:15 - 3:45pm in the Church or call the Parish Office for an appointment.)
Sunday morning at 8:00am & 10:15am
Sunday evening at 5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Monday through Friday at 6:30am
Monday through Saturday at 8:00am

LABOR DAY: SEPTEMBER 2, 2019:
One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am

Our Parish Office Information

Sacred Heart Rectory  
120 Jefferson Street  
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania 19405

Sacred Heart Rectory office is open:
Monday through Thursday: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Friday: 9:00am – Noon
Sacred Heart Rectory Telephone: 610-275-1750
Sacred Heart Rectory Fax: 610-275-0480
Contact us by e-mail: UNITEDINTHESACREDHEART@AOL.COM

Saint Augustine Cemetery Office
Our office is located at
Sacred Heart Rectory  
120 Jefferson Street  
Bridgeport, PA 19405
Cemetery Office Telephone: 610-272-4088
Cemetery e-mail: staugustine@comcast.net
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.

The Sacrament 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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August 24 & August 25, 2019

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!

Today’s Second Collection:
In your generosity, please remember:
Parish Maintenance Fund

Upcoming Special Second Collection:
In your generosity, please remember:
The weekend of - September 8-9, 2019
Black & Native American Missions
Dear Friends,

In the spirit of Laudato Si, his encyclical on the environment, Pope Francis instituted a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation to be celebrated each year on September 1. This observation is intended, in the words of the Holy Father, to “reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.” A prayer composed for this occasion by the pope is printed elsewhere in today’s bulletin.

Sr. Eileen McGuigan, IHM, is our new Parish Services Director. Her main responsibility is to bring Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners. Sister will be installed as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion during today’s 10:15 AM Mass.

Monday, September 2, is Labor Day. There will be just one Mass at 9 AM. The parish office is closed for this national holiday.

Through the goodness of our parish’s Holy Name Society, an Automated External Defibrillator was purchased for the church in case of a medical emergency. A training seminar is scheduled for 7:30 PM on Monday, September 9, in the rectory meeting room. Our ushers, as well as other parishioners willing to learn how to use this life-saving device, are highly encouraged to attend.

PREP for the 2019-2020 school year will begin Sunday, September 15. Registration forms will be distributed after the Mass next weekend and additional forms are available in the church narthex. Parents who have not yet registered their child(ren) for this year are highly encouraged to do so at this time. Registration fees after July 1 are $150 for one child and $250 for two or more children.

The next monthly Holy Hour will be held Monday, September 16, during which the Rosary will be prayed followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. This month’s Holy Hour honors St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio). The program begins at 7 PM. All are invited.

The collection for Catholic University came to $971. Thank you for your generosity.

A review of our records showed that over half our registered households receiving contribution envelopes use them rarely, if at all. In order to save the parish costs of production and postage, contribution envelopes are being mailed only to households that use them on a regular basis. Remaining households will receive a minimum of two mailings a year, at Christmas and Easter. Parishioners who attend Mass regularly and are not using their envelopes are highly encouraged to begin using them in order to remain on the regular parish mail list.

A one-day conference co-sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Life and Family and Desert Stream Ministries/Living Waters on sexual identity will be taking place from 9 AM to 4 PM this Saturday, September 7, at Saint Katherine of Siena Parish, 104 S. Aberdeen Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087. Andrew Comiskey, author and founder of Desert Stream Ministries, is the host. The conference will address the compassion and clarity of Jesus for persons facing sexual identity problems. Tickets are $25 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gender-matters-fighting-for-the-integrity-of-persons-tickets-63065230803.

Sincerely,

Father Nasta
Our Parish Mass Intentions
August 31 & September 1, 2019 – TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00pm Frank & Wanda Opielski
Blessings on Their 62nd Wedding Anniversary
8:00am For the Intentions of the Members
of Our Lady of the Rosary Society
Requested by Our Lady of the Rosary Society
10:15am Steve Barainyak & Ed Gunsalus
Requested by Family
5:00pm For the People of Our Parish
September 2, 2019 – LABOR DAY
9:00am Robert Dayoc, Sr.
(5th Anniversary Remembrance)
Requested by Wife Sue, Children
& Grandchildren
September 3, 2019 – SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT
6:30am Virgilio D'Amore & Josephine Stepaniak
Requested by His Wife & Her Daughter,
Barbara D'Amore
No 8:00am Mass
September 4, 2019 – WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
6:30am A Special Intention
No 8:00am Mass
September 5, 2019 – SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA
6:30am Alexander & Mary Lyczkowski
(Alexander’s Anniversary Remembrance
September 6th)
Requested by Al & Gloria Lyczkowski & Family
No 8:00am Mass
September 6, 2019 – FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
6:30am John Nelson, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance)
Requested by Wife, Roberta & Family
No 8:00am Mass
September 7, 2019 – SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am Marge Kowal
Requested by The DeStefano Family
September 7&8, 2019 – TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00pm Florence & John Czapla
Requested by Son, John
& Daughter-in-law Mary Czapla
8:00am Living & Deceased Members
of the Holy Name Society
Requested by Sacred Heart Holy Name Society
10:15am For the People of Our Parish
5:00pm Marge Kowal
Requested by The Moyer & Shewchuk Families

Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!
The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.
Saturday evening, September 7th:
4:00pm
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Barbara JanFrancisco, Terry Kelly, Andy Moletzky, Pat Moletzky
Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.
Music: John Bednar & Julia Niemiec
Servers: MaryCatherine Murphy, Luke Opielski
Sunday, September 8th:
8:00am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Dolores Burton, Karen Hinchey, John Simmons
Lector: John Kolcun
Music: Mary Breithaupt & Cathy Middleton
Servers: MaryCatherine Murphy, Leo Brady
10:15am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Larry Kilian, Rich McVoy, Melonie Mitchell,
Briana Wisniewski
Lector: Peter Wisniewski
Music: Mary Breithaupt & Jan Krueger
Servers: Leo Brady, Ania Niemiec
5:00pm
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Brenda Turner, Carol Wisor-Keeley
Lector: David Turner
Music: Mary Breithaupt & Maureen Piotti
Servers: MaryCatherine Murphy, Leo Brady

ETERNAL REST,
GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!
In your kindness,
please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
Eleanor Gutkowski
Who passed away on April 5, 2019
“May Her soul and all the souls of the
faithful departed Rest in peace”

Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today.
- Mother Teresa

Sunday, September 8, 2019
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b
Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
The Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed after the Saturday morning Mass.

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

Debbie Klingerman (Mother of Danielle & Jen Klingerman & Daughter of Anthony & Phyllis Tarantino); Lisa Smith (Daughter of Jan Krueger); Theresa Bokoski; John Glinski; Norbert Trautner (Friend of Ronald Smith); Nick “Chief” Rotondo; Joan “Terry” Roskos; Avelia Fusco; Kay Bolger; Diane Moser; Sister Mary Elizabeth; Dora Delmoro; Armando Delmoro; Chris Strohm; Leeanne Clevenstine (Granddaughter of Margaret Palmer); Margaret Halas; Walter Grzywacz; Patricia Gergel; Frances Reed (Friend of Kathy Smith); Julian Kurpiel; Gary Gutkowski; Joseph Verguldi (Cousin of Eleanor Grabowski & Junior Evan); John Sargent (Son of Sheila Sargent); Michael Dulaney (Brother-in-law of John Puzio & Kathy Smith); Edith Barbone; Robert Dussinger (Friend of Kathy Smith); Sue Dayoc; Julia Tarmin; Richard Tarmin; Mallory McNear (Niece of Marge Kowal); Kenneth Turley (Friend of Joseph & Catherine Lawn); Terry J. Stephenson (Brother-in-law of John Puzio & Kathy Smith); Justin Korup (Grandson of Virginia Dudus); Evelyn Horning; Virginia Dudus; Al Cowling; Denise VanBuskirk; Susan Saraceni (Daughter of Barbara Pupek); John Mouser (Friend of Lee Ann & Hilary Kinckner); Bob White (Friend of Lee Ann Kinckner); Eleanor Toth; Robert Dayoc, Jr.; Marion Raup; Peter “Bud” D’Alessandro (Husband of Joanne D’Alessandro); Rita Romano (Mother of Joanne D’Alessandro); Fran Salamone.

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.

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 Reserve), son of Eileen & Nesbur Brandt; Zachary T. Brandt (Specialist U.S. Army), grandson of Eileen & Nesbur Brandt; Michael DeStefano, Jr. (Corporal 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 Prostak; Robert Hudson (Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army), son-in-law of Richard Prostak; Jarred Houck (Airman First Class), nephew of Larry and Mary Sue Kilian; Noel Irizarry (Private First Class, Marine), son of Patricia Espirit; Shane Jones (Lance 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.

St. 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.
September 1, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Black and Indian Mission Collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States. Your financial contribution to this fund assists clergy, religious and lay catechist, parishes, schools and catechetical centers for the evangelization of the Black and Native American peoples throughout our country.

As we embark on another year of evangelization in the Black Catholic, Native American and Alaskan Native communities, everyone is encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the fruitful support of the missions in the United States and to consider expressing concretely their Christian solidarity though sacrificial offerings.

Your support impacts the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious women and men, and lay-leadership who labor on Indian reservations, urban centers, Black Catholic and Alaskan Native parishes mission schools and the many, many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. Locally, through grants awarded from this collection, a number of parishes within the Archdiocese are able to fund pastoral outreach and evangelization programs. It is only through your continued generosity of this collection that such efforts are realized.

The Collection for the Black and Indian Missions will be held in parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the weekend of September 7 and 8, 2019. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

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Archbishop of Philadelphia

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Prayer for the Care of Creation by Pope Francis

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence
and your tender love.
Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus,
through you all things were made.
You were formed in the womb
of Mary our Mother,
you became part of this Mother,
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.
Today you are alive in every creature
in your risen glory.
Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light
you guide this world towards the Father’s love
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.
You also dwell in our hearts
and you inspire us to do what is good.
Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community
of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you
in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined
to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love for all
creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good,
advance the weak, and care for this world
in which we live.
The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you! Amen.
FOOTBALL MANIA IS HERE! The Knights of Columbus Norristown Council #772 will be selling Football Mania Tickets after all our Masses this weekend August 31 & September 1 and next weekend September 7 & 8. Tickets cost $10 each and will be good for 10 weeks. Proceeds from the sales of these Football Mania Tickets will benefit Max McGallagher, (many of you may remember Max helping here at Sacred Heart) a seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Last year’s proceeds totaled $620, which Max was most appreciative of!

For any questions please call: Nick Janicki at 610-275-4434

The Annual Polish-American Family Festival & Country Fair

Takes place at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, at 654 Ferry Road in Doylestown, PA. August 31, September 1 and 2 (Labor Day) and September 7 & 8, from Noon to 8 PM each day. The Festival features carnival rides, stage shows, Crafters & vendors, Polish Folk Dance Groups along with a variety of Polish and American Foods. Admission is $12 per person which includes unlimited entrance to all midway rides (extreme rides at additional cost), stage shows and special events. Festival sweepstakes (tickets $5 each or 6 for $25): Grand Prize – a Trip to Rome, 2nd prize - $5000, 3rd Prize - $2500 and 4th prize a Balloon Ride & 5th Prizes - $500 Drawing Sunday, September 8 at 7:30 (need not be present to win). Free parking.

For more information, call 215-345-0600 or visit the Shrine’s Web site: PolishAmericanFestival.org

WIDOWS AND WIDowers

Are you a widow or a widower? If so, Our New Beginnings II group affords anyone who is widowed, the opportunity to socialize with people from similar circumstances in a supportive environment through activities (mini golf, bowling etc.), events (dinner at different area restaurants, plays), and travel (bus trips to different tourist attractions on past trips we’ve visited The Statue of Liberty and the Baltimore Harbor). Our first meetings will be this Wednesday, September 4 in the St. Helena’s School cafeteria. Please come and join us.

For any questions or further information, please contact Janice Baker at janlb@comcast.net or call 610-278-9916, or contact Cathy Middleton at rpmiddeton@comcast.net or 610-292-9410

If Cathy doesn't answer, please leave a message.

Fourth Annual Padre Pio Festival
St. Bede the Venerable Parish
Sept. 14, 15, 2019

The priests and the parishioners of Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, Pennsylvania (Bucks County, Northampton Township), welcomes all to its Fourth Annual Mass and Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as “Padre Pio,” on Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15. The two-day event will be highlighted by Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday 12:30pm Mass celebrated by Fr. Pio Mandato, followed by a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. The festivities continue with a healing service with confessions, a children’s pavilion, musical entertainment and several specialty food and craft vendors. Plenty of free parking is available, pilgrim buses are welcome.

For more information, go online to padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com, or call the St. Bede parish office at 215-357-5720.

SACRED HEART MUSIC MINISTRY

“Serve the LORD with gladness: Come before His presence with singing.” Psalm 100:2

THE SACRED HEART CHOIR IS WELCOMING NEW SINGERS!!

The music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our communal liturgies and various parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse and committed members. We are welcoming adults, young adults, and youth to join us as we begin a new season. We have the Adult Choir Group, Youth Group, Contemporary Group and Cantor Group to consider. If you sing at weekly mass, why not come and sing with us. We pray that you may be willing to give your talents to support our liturgies and encourage those around you to serve in this way too.

Simply contact, Mary Breithaupt, Director of Liturgical Music, at marybreithaupt111@gmail.com or 610 - 952 - 8960.
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