

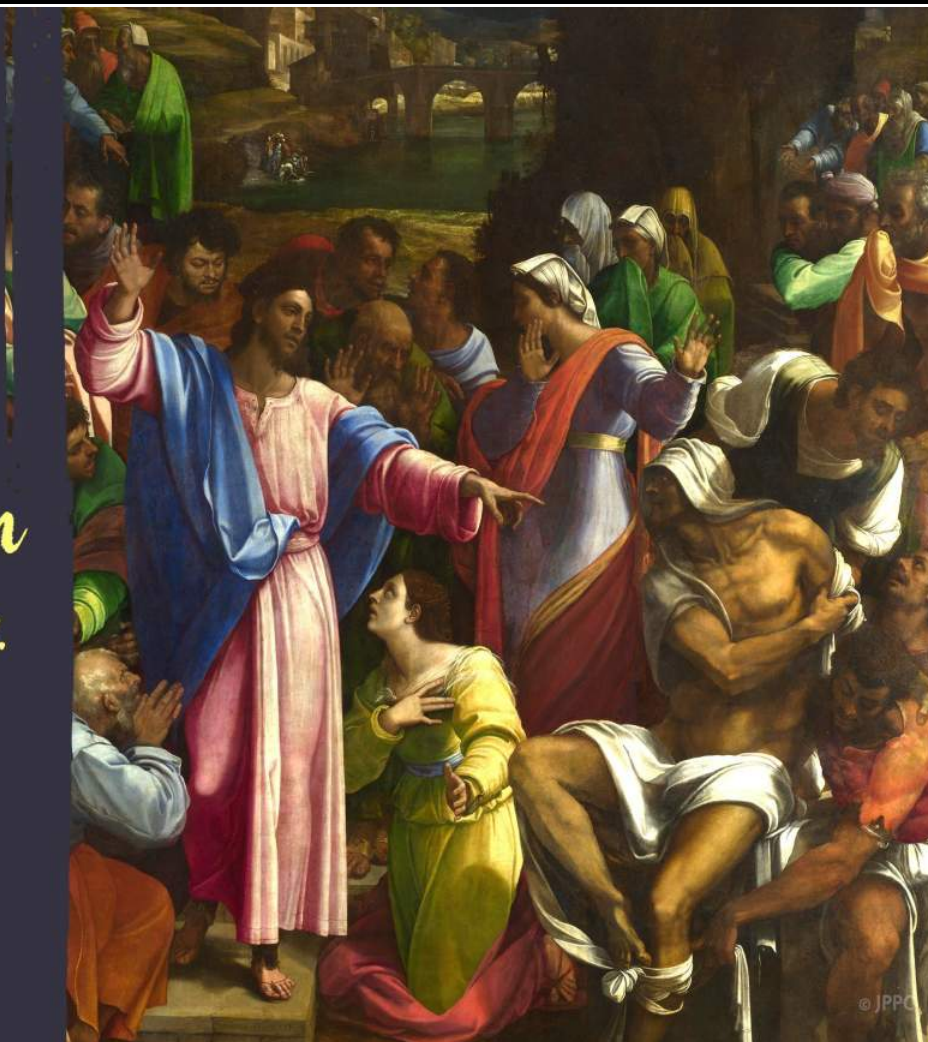
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and the life.

JOHN 11:25



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Saturday: Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Monday through Friday at 8:00 am

Sacrament of Penance:

Sunday: 9:30 to 9:50 am

Wednesdays:

7:30 to 7:50 am & 6:30 to 7:00 pm

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm

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MARCH 22, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Scarlett Anna Kelso
 Baptized on Sunday,
 March 15, 2026

Congratulations to Scarlett's Parents:
William & Danielle

May your Child's Baptism be just the start of a life filled with blessings!



Confessions:

Saturday, March 28 2:30pm - 3:30 pm
 Tuesday, March 31 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Wednesday, April 1 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Good Friday, April 3 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
 The Church will remain open until 11:00 pm for visits to the repository

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 2:00 pm
 The Church opens at 8:00 am for visits to the repository



Eucharistic Adoration During the Wednesdays of Lent

All Wednesdays of Lent, we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at Noon. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for people to commit to periods of Adoration.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday of Holy Week.



BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

HOLY SATURDAY
April 4 @ 1:30 PM

SACRED HEART CHURCH



Swedesburg Vol Fire Co.
 Lent Dinners
 Every Friday During Lent
 March 28 & April 3, 2025
 5 PM – 8 PM - Eat in Or Take Out
 See Facebook for info



Holy Saturday
 Easter Vigil 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday
 8:00 am & 10:15 am



EASTER DECORATING

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Easter. We will assemble in the Church at 7:00 pm on Good Friday, April 3rd to decorate. Many hands make light work!

In Loving Memory



We are grateful for donations received in Memory of
Placida "Mary" DiGenova

On behalf of:

Eileen Daley - Aunt Frances - Katharine Hoetzer

We should spend as much time in thanking God for his benefits as we do in asking him for them.

~St. Vincent De Paul



Update on Sanctuary Mural

We were recently informed that the artist who was commissioned to paint the nine-foot mural of the Sacred Heart for the sanctuary wall has completed the painting. The painting has been shipped from Poland and will need to go through US Customs. The installation of the painting has been scheduled for the week of April 20th. We anxiously await the mural's arrival and installation.



Our Lenten Campaign continues through March 29th. We are delighted to report that **71 babies have been saved so far**, thanks to your prayers and fasting. May God continue to bless us and answer our prayers.



Youth Holy Week Mission: Tuesday, March 31

This Holy Week, our parish is coming alive with the spirit of the New Evangelization! On **Tuesday, March 31**, approximately 40 teenagers and young adults will set out on a

Youth Mission throughout the streets of our parish's neighborhoods.

Their mission is simple but profound: to bring the joy of the Gospel and the message of Christ's Resurrection directly to our community. These young missionaries will be visiting homes to offer prayers, share their faith, and extend a warm invitation to our upcoming Easter liturgies.

How you can help:

- **Welcome them:** If you see these young people in our streets or if they knock on your door, please greet them with a warm smile and an open heart.
- **Pray for them:** We ask for your prayers for the success of this outreach. Pray that the Holy Spirit guides their words and opens the hearts of everyone they encounter.

Let us support our youth as they boldly witness to the love of Jesus Christ!

Happy **10**th Anniversary!

Celebrating 10 Years of Compassion: Caring for Friends Ministry

The story of *Caring for Friends* began in 1974 at the kitchen table of Rita Ungaro-Schiavone. A "force of nature" guided by the belief that "no one should be hungry or alone in a world of caring people," Rita turned her Northeast Philadelphia home into a lifeline for the community.

In 2016, inspired by Father O'Sullivan's vision for a local outreach program, my husband Angelo and I felt called to bring that same spirit to Sacred Heart. Alongside the dedicated hands of Andy and Pat Moletzsky, Karen Hinchey, and Nadine Dennis, we held our first gathering on April 13, 2016.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Over the past decade, this ministry has evolved, but its heart has remained steadfast. From packing PB&J sandwiches to assembling breakfast bags and personal care kits in our driveway during the height of COVID, this community never missed a beat. Since returning to the school hall in 2021, our Soup Ministry has flourished, providing over 300 comfort meals every month to the Colonial Neighborhood Council in Conshohocken.

Please Join Our Celebration It has been an amazing journey, and we want to celebrate this milestone with the people who made it possible. Please stop by the **Parish Hall on Wednesday, April 8, at 6:00 PM** as we honor 10 years of service together.

With deep gratitude,
Lisa Pagnotti



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21

4:00pm Henry Balza
Birthday Remembrance, March 8
Requested by The Bores & Stalker Families

Sunday, March 22

8:00am Mariesa Hinchey Kenzakowski
Birthday Remembrance
Requested by Karen

10:15am Clorinda Giangiulio
Requested by Cathy Middleton

Monday, March 23

8:00am Marie Bazela
Requested by Stan & Marge Leszczynski

Tuesday, March 24

8:00am Annunziata DiNenna
Birthday Remembrance, March 25
Requested by The Family

Wednesday, March 25

8:00am Cary Turner
Birthday Remembrance
Requested by David & Brenda Turner

Thursday, March 26

8:00am Watson Zadroga
Requested by Son & Family

Friday, March 27

8:00am Ellen Soda
Requested by Regina Janoski & Family

Saturday, March 28

4:00pm Diana Rose DeRosato
Requested by Nick DeRosato

Sunday, March 29

8:00am Joseph & Connie Pizza
Requested by Bob & Theresa Wagner

10:15am Helen Razin
Birthday Remembrance, March 5
Requested by The Razin Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!
The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, March 28:

4:00pm

Celebrant: Father DiMaria

Extraordinary Minister: Barbara JanFrancisco

Lectors: Connie Capaldo & Michelle Efthimiadou

Sunday morning, March 29:

8:00am

Celebrant: Father Lyons

Lectors: John Simmons & Robert Stefanik

10:15am

Celebrant: Father Giuffre

Lectors: Sal DiNenna & Chris Kilian

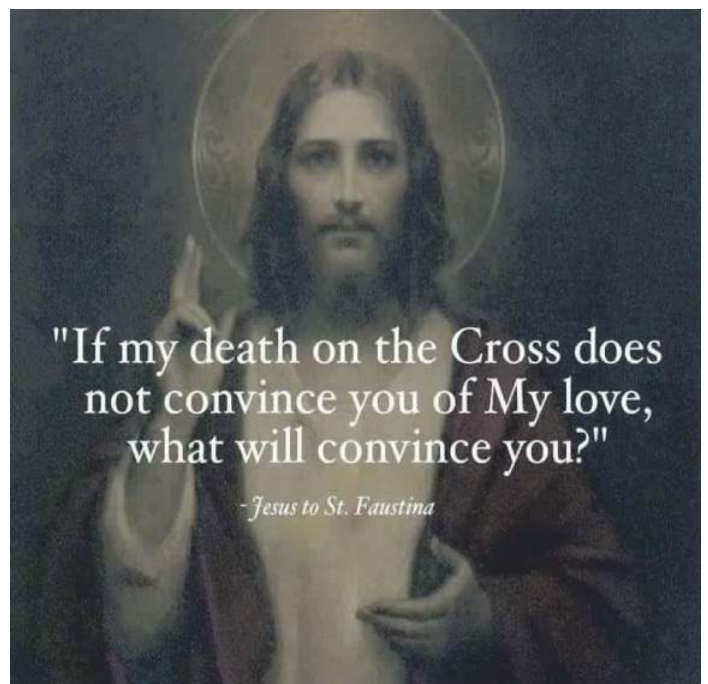


Weekly Report

March 14 - 15, 2026

\$7,394.50

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!





Members of the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council # 3327 will be present after Mass this weekend to collect money for the **PA State "Special Olympics"**.

Our members challenge you to be generous as our Council has decided to match any amount collected - at the three parishes in Bridgeport -Dollar for Dollar to support this event. Thank you for your generosity in advance.



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

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 Brandt; **Zachary T. Brandt** (*Sergeant U.S. Army*), grandson of Eileen Brandt; **Matthew J. Capaldo** (*Commander, U.S. Navy*) son of John & Connie Capaldo; **Michael DeStefano, Jr.** (*Sergeant U.S. Army*) grandson of Jack & Sue DeStefano; **Michael Gutkowski** (*Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy*), grandson of Pat Gutkowski; **Samuel Hoey** (*LCpl, U.S.M.C.*), grandson of Leona Cottone; **Noel Irizarry** (*Sergeant, U.S. Army*), son of Patricia Epright; **Shane Jones** (*Sergeant U.S. Marines*), grandson of Fran Toth; **Matthew McNulty** (*Chief Warrant Officer 4 U.S.M.C.*), son of Irene McNulty; **Rick McVoy** (*Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy*) son of Rich McVoy; **Greg Philips** (*Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy*); **Jessica Prostack** (*CW2 Warrant Officer, U.S. Army*), daughter of Richard Prostack; **Jack Razin** (*1st Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force*), son of Rich & Julie Razin; **Luke Razin** (*Captain, U.S. Air Force*), son of Rich & Julie Razin; **Jeffrey Seamans** (*Captain, U.S. Army*), son-in-law of Dolores Burton; **Stephanie Zugay** (*National Guard*), granddaughter of Greg & Grace Zugay.



FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO
Friday, April 10th
 Doors open 6:00 PM ~ Games at 7:00 PM
 Parish Hall
Chance to win up to \$500.00
 Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus #3327



SACRED HEART MISSION
 WITH MISSION YOUTH

JOIN US IN EVANGELIZING OUR NEIGHBORS

9 May, 2026 Sacred Heart Parish

SCHEDULE
 11:00AM-ARRIVAL AT SACRED HEART
 11:15-12:00PM-TRAINING & HOLY HUDDLE
 12:00-2:00PM CROSSWALKS
 2:00-3:30PM-PIZZA AND HIGHS & LOWS
 4:00PM - VIGIL MASS

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| Chas Pires | Martha &John Smoczylo |
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| Greg Schloth | Patricia Gaffney |
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Good Friday Stations of the Cross Prayers for The Crucified Innocence at the Modern Day Calvary

Join us on April 3

10 to 11AM Norristown Planned Parenthood 1221 Powell Street

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SACRED HEART SOCIAL EVENT

April 19, 2026 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

\$5.00 admission

Admission sales will be raffled off! The more people joining the Bingo Fun, the BIGGER the Jackpot!

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!



- Snacks
- Beverages
- BYOB
- School Hall

- Each person brings a \$5 value gift
- Wrap it in a CRAZY/FUN way
- Bring it to the Bingo event
- Instructions & Fun begin there!

Ticket Sales begin after Masses on

March 21st until April 11th



and at the Rectory during regular business hours.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD DURING EASTER WEEKEND!



Swedesburg Vol. Fire Co.
BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Sunday March 29, 2026
8AM - 12PM

At the Swedesburg Vol. Fire Co. Social Hall
310 Jefferson St., Bridgeport PA 19405



Time to Register for Sacred Heart PREP Summer Session

The session runs from June 15 to June 19, 2026, scheduled daily from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*If Upper Merion Area School District schedules a makeup day on June 15, the program will begin on June 16, with an extra hour added each day.

PREP registration fees are as follows:

- \$125 for one child
- \$150 for two children
- \$175 for three or more children

Register before March 29. Registrations submitted after March 29 will incur a \$50 late fee.



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MARCH 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

THE **RESURRECTION**
& THE **LIFE**



It can come to us while reading a novel, or hearing a weather advisory, or even in the midst of a conversation. I am referring to a phrase or a sentence that you might say “stops us in our tracks” (if you will accept a railroad term). We automatically know that we will remember the words and what it caused us to ponder. This is especially true of words from the Bible. Specifically, words from or about Jesus our Lord.

We have such a sentence right in the middle of today’s annual reading of the Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. It is verse thirty-five of the forty-five tableau. Just two words: “Jesus wept.”

Without any intention on my part to detract from the main lesson here, namely Our Lord’s power over death, those two words, to my way of thinking, deserve a pause in the vocal recount of the story as read at Mass, something like the pause we all make after the words of Jesus’ death.

Why? Because they give chase to any thinking that God is a distant person, aloof in His humanity from any of our emotional reactions to the pains inherent with our lives on this earth.

We know that Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary were good friends of Our Lord. Definitely Jesus felt comfortable with them when He made His frequent visits and paused from His work. The four of them surely enjoyed a good meal, and sharing stories about their lives and happenings in the village. Obviously, a glass or two of the fruit of the vine passed their lips and sent a gentle lift to their senses to sweeten the conversation. (Parenthetically I ask: Wouldn’t you like to have been present, just to hear Our Lord’s voice and His laughter?)

More to the point, we all know those times inevitably come along when we start to cry. Especially when the event involves something bad happening to people we love or have loved. Or even something happening in your own life that you did not expect. Does that mean we are weak, as some would have us believe? Or overly emotional? Only an outlook that holds we are made of metal or wood, could think such.

“Jesus wept.” Two words that hold out so much comfort to us because they mean “God understands your pain. He is with you as no other god men have invented could ever be.” Time for thanks and rejoicing.

One day a single friend asked a father of four, “Why do you love your kids?” The father thought for a minute, but the only answer he could produce was “Because they’re mine.”

God love you and give you His powerful comfort.

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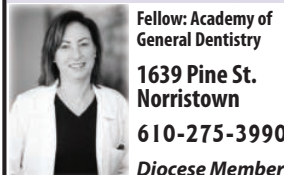
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