

Sacred Heart Parish

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Were not our *hearts burning*
within us while he spoke to us
on the way and opened the
scriptures to us?

LUKE 24:32



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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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APRIL 19, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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SAVE THE DATE

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART CELEBRATION DINNER

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026
 Welcome reception begins at 4:30 pm

Adults: \$50 per person
Children (under 12): \$20 per person

Ticket Sales Start on May 16 through June 7
 after all weekend Masses
 and at the Rectory during regular office hours

WELCOME RECEPTION: Assorted cheese, bruschetta, & hot apps.
DINNER: House salad w/assorted dressings, Penna Ala Vodka
 Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Roast Red Potatoes
 Carved Prime Rib, Chicken Picatta
 Cheese Cake with fruit topping
 Soda, Ice tea, Coffee, and Hot Tea, BYOB

St. Helena's Church Empress Room
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Join us for dinner & dancing!

Update on Sanctuary Mural - Revised



The mural of the Sacred Heart which is to be placed in the sanctuary has arrived in the United States and has cleared customs. While the installation of the painting had been scheduled for the week of April 20th, the contractor has requested that the installation be delayed by a week. The installation process will begin on April 27th.

Thank you

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of the three parishes in Bridgeport, PA, the Knight of Columbus Council #3327 was able to support the Special Olympics this year with a check in the amount of \$2,000.





Sacred Heart
PARISH

AND



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church
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invite you to a joint parish celebration of

CORPUS CHRISTI

10:15am - Solemn Mass at Sacred Heart Church,

followed by a grand Eucharistic procession through Bridgeport

to St. John the Baptist, concluding with Benediction & community cookout

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 2026



Companions in Prayer and Ministry will meet on Sunday, May 3rd after the 10:15 Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Please consider joining our Companions Group on the first Sunday of the month after the 10:15 Mass.

Sister Francis Helen



FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

Friday, May 8th

Doors open 6:00 PM

Games at 7:00 PM

Parish Hall

Chance to win up to \$500.00

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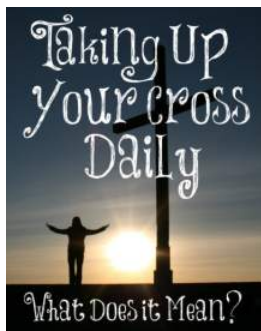
CARING FOR FRIENDS

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, May 13th**, at 6:00pm and come out and join our Caring for Friends Ministry. Do God's work and at the same time make new friends from our parish.

All you need to do is make a pot of your favorite homemade soup, a hearty batch of chili, some mac and cheese or your favorite "comfort food" that can be scooped into a 16oz container. It needs to be able to be frozen so extra sauce or broth should be brought!

Your CFF Team,

Pat, Nadine, Karen and Lisa



Accept your moment to moment crosses with gratitude. Every cross is a grace in disguise. If a cross is accepted in gratitude, you are surrendering. It is through your willful surrender that Jesus surrounds you with grace and you will be united to the Will of the Father. Do not complain. See everything through the lens of love of God and love of neighbor. Lovingly accept your crosses for the glory of God, for your salvation and for the salvation of others.

Your crosses are the means of your salvation.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 18

4:00pm Richard Stiles, Sr.

Requested by Beth Stalker & Family

Sunday, April 19

8:00am William & Dorcas Barrett

Requested by Joe & Kathy Gasko

10:15am Sophie & Joe Mandrachia

Requested by Bob & Theresa Wagner

Monday, April 20

8:00am William Schutter

Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Wife, Judy

Tuesday, April 21

8:00am Lorraine Keszczyk

Requested by Mark & Mary Leszczynski

Wednesday, April 22

8:00am For the Intentions of Michael Prinzivalli

Requested by The Family

Thursday, April 23

8:00am Forrest Bradley

Birthday Remembrance

Requested by David & Brenda Turner

Friday, April 24

8:00am For the Intentions of Cindy Prinzivalli

Requested by The Family

Saturday, April 25

4:00pm Alzebeta Evan

Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Eleanor & Junior

Sunday, April 26

8:00am Pelagia Babicz

Requested by Son & Daughter

10:15am Steve & Laura Barainyak

Requested by The Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, April 25:

4:00pm

Celebrant: Father DiMaria

Extraordinary Minister: Valencia Zaremba

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

Sunday morning, April 26:

8:00am

Celebrant: Father DiMaria

Extraordinary Minister: Larry Kilian

Lector: Robert Stefanik

10:15am

Celebrant: Father Lyons

Extraordinary Minister: Andy Moletzsky

Lector: Sal DiNenna



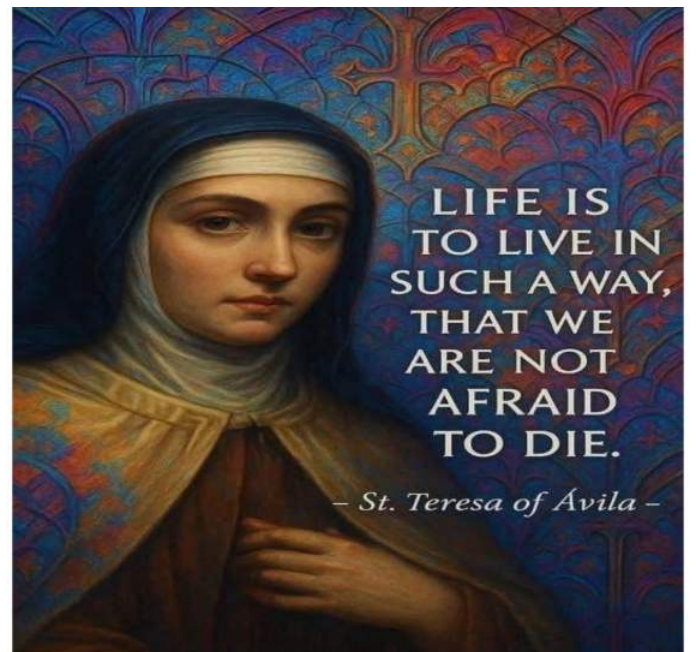
Weekly Report

April 11 - 12, 2026

\$6,103.00

*We are still processing Easter collection and
will report soon.*

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!





Mother's Day: A Day of Roses and Baby Bottles

Mother's Day celebrates the gift of life. Without the gift of motherhood, we simply would not exist. While Mother's Day is a time for us to celebrate the love of the women who gave birth, nurtured, and loved us, it is also an opportunity for us to support mothers in need.

On Mother's Day, after all the Masses, the Holy Family Council of the Knights of Columbus will sell long stemmed roses to help support the Guiding Star Maternity Home. Additionally, we will make available baby bottles which are supplied by the Pro-Life union. We would ask each family to take a bottle home and fill it with change and bills and then return it to church. The proceeds from the bottles will also help support the Guiding Star Maternity Home.

For more information about the Guiding Star Maternity Home please visit their website:

<https://www.guidingstar.org>



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.

Monday Night Rosary will be recited in church each Monday at 7 p.m.

Pro Life Holy Hour at 12:00 noon each Wednesday in church.



QUO VADIS DAYS 2026 WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

June 22-25 2026

Registration Due: May 22, 2026

Registration: \$25-300
sliding scale, pay what you are able

Who: High School Men; incoming freshmen to graduated seniors

What: a 4 day 3 night camp for high school men in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia focused on fun, prayer, and fellowship

Where: Black Rock Retreat Center (Quarryville - optional bus transportation available)

Join the Vocation Office, Philadelphia seminarians, priests, and friends from around the Archdiocese for a week of fun, games, prayer, and faith!



Scan for registration details or visit:
HeedTheCall.org/QuoVadis



Questions?

lpickell@archphila.org (610-667-5778)



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| Salvatore Salamone | Mary (Puzio) Stephenson |
| Francisca Diniz | Mary Boyle |
| Lisa Ronan | Fran Toth |
| David Reuter | Joan Birely |
| Bob Bores | Martha & John Smoczylo |
| Chas Pires | Kelly Benedict |
| Julie Burk | Patricia Gaffney |
| Greg Schloth | Angela Desmond |
| William J. Ryan | Eileen Brandt |
| June DiDesidero | Denise & Tom Kavanagh |
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The Catholic Church of Philadelphia warmly invites
married couples throughout our archdiocese to celebrate
their wedding anniversary at the annual

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Efren Esmilla, Celebrant



Saturday, May 2, 2026
5:15pm Anticipatory Mass

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
1723 Race Street, Philadelphia

A special blessing will be offered for those celebrating
milestone wedding anniversaries (1, 5, 10, 25, 30, 50+ years).
Everyone, including friends and family, are welcome and
encouraged to attend.

If you would like to receive a certificate, please register with
the Archdiocesan Office for Life & Family at
famlife@archphila.org



**World Day of Prayer
for Vocations**

Sunday, April 26



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE
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HEED THE CALL



Pray a Rosary

for those discerning their vocation,
especially to the priesthood.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It's a given, I believe, that a trip of any kind is best experienced with a trusted and beloved friend rather than with, say, an acquaintance of a lesser "vintage." I believe that is especially true when the trip comes after a major disappointment or setback. Such was the case when we read about a trip on the road to Emmaus. Cleopas, an early

member of the Church, was walking with his unnamed friend. Both deal with sadness.

They decided to leave the scene of their great let down. That came with the death of their hero. A man they trusted with their whole heart and soul. He had been tortured and executed on a Roman cross, the worst punishment that regime had devised for common criminals.

Suddenly they are joined by another traveler, who seems blissfully unaware of last week's event. But then this Stranger starts to unpack the Scriptures in a way the other two men had never heard.

As sunset approaches, the two invite the Stranger to dinner, when it came time for the breaking of the bread, they recognized Jesus immediately. Just as suddenly as He had first appeared, He was gone! What a happening! The conversion effect was wonderful. Suddenly the two travelers became evangelists!

There is much to "unpack" in this appealing story. A Bible study group has enough material for several sessions. A preacher could "wax eloquent" and at length after his research

Allow me to pull just one phrase out of St. Luke's colorful narrative. It's the one traveler's question to his companion: "Were not our hearts burning within us as He opened the Scriptures?" Of course they were. This was the greatest bible study they would ever hear! It was wonderful and consoling at the same time. An excitement about future possibilities that flooded their minds as they listened.

Such is the invitation we receive for renewal of our spirit each week at Mass. The Scriptures are always a reminder of the incomparable love of God for us as conveyed by the Spirit.

It's true that sometimes in life we feel unloved or forgotten by God. Life can pack a lot of disappointment in just seven days. So, as we fellow travelers make our way through life, we need to hear that wonderful voice giving us a guarantee. "I am with you all days, until the consummation of the world."

God love you and give you His Easter peace.

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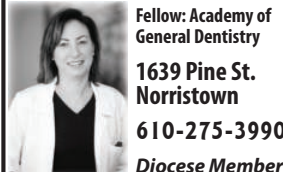
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