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AND THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE

JOHN 14:6

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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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MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



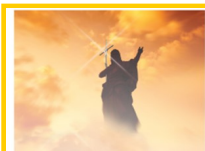
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**JOIN US IN EVANGELIZING
OUR NEIGHBORS**

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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Ascension of the Lord


The Ascension of the Lord, Thursday, May 14

Our Mass schedule for the Holy Day of Obligation is as follows:

Wednesday, May 13 at 4:00 PM

Thursday, May 14 at 8:00 AM

Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 PM




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>



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First Holy Communion

A special thank you to our catechists, Michelle Efthimiadou, Joan Koeck, Barbara JanFrancisco, Tracy Nunan, Brenda Turner and Linda Moser, Coordinator of Religious Education for preparing our children for this special day!



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**

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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



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 2

4:00pm Anna Rosa Cilli

Requested by Maria & Andrew Johnston

Sunday, May 3

8:00am Betty Shannon

*Requested by Patrick & Donna McCloskey
& Family*

10:15am Joseph "Joey" Battisto, Jr.

Requested by Bill & Bridget Maruszczak

Monday, May 4

8:00am Joseph G. Lawler

Requested by Jo-Ann & Kevin Lawler

Tuesday, May 5

8:00am Constance Spencer

Requested by Vincent & Janet Mallon

Wednesday, May 6

8:00am Joseph Olszewski

Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Daughter, Roberta Nelson

Thursday, May 7

8:00am Salvatore Bello, Sr.

Requested by Lou Puco

Friday, May 8

8:00am William Schutter

Wedding Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Wife, Judy

Saturday, May 9

4:00pm Anne O'Meara

Requested by Regina & Ian Janoski & Family

Sunday, May 10

8:00am Patricia "Pat" Gutkowski

*Requested by Bernie & Jackie Gutkowski
& Family*

10:15am Robert & Esther Cantando

Requested by The Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.

Saturday evening, May 9:

4:00pm

Celebrant: Father DiMaria

Extraordinary Minister: Barbara JanFrancisco

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

Sunday morning, May 10:

8:00am

Celebrant: Father Lyons

Extraordinary Minister: Larry Kilian

Lector: Tony Viggiano

10:15am

Celebrant: Father Giuffre

Lector: Sal DiNenna



Weekly Report

April 25 - 26, 2026

\$9,183.50

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



**We are happy to report that
our Easter collection totaled
\$32,801.40.**

**Sincere thanks are extended
to all of our people for their
generous gifts to the parish.**





In Loving Memory

We are grateful for a donation received in Memory of

Bertha Basile

On behalf of:

Alexandria Maxwell



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.



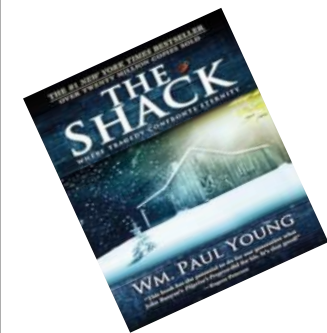
We extend a warm welcome to

The Neary Family

who recently registered in our Parish!



The May meeting of the Book Club will be on May 19th at 1:30 in the Rectory Meeting Room. Since the April meeting was canceled, we will be discussing both our April book (The Shack) and our book for May which is Twice by Mitch Albom. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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| Monica Reuter | George Minnis |
| Maria Welch | Al Cowling |
| Salvatore Salamone | Mary (Puzio)Stephenson |
| Francisca Diniz | Mary Boyle |
| Lisa Ronan | Fran Toth |
| David Reuter | Joan Birely |
| Bob Bores | John Smoczylo |
| Chas Pires | Kelly Benedict |
| Julie Burk | Patricia Gaffney |
| Greg Schloth | Angela Desmond |
| William J. Ryan | Eileen Brandt |
| June DiDesidero | Denise & Tom Kavanagh |
| Cindy Burke | Michael Martin |
| Parker Grey Davis | Ronald Halas |
| Catherine Martin | Marge & Stan Leszczynski |
| Joseph Puzio | Fran & Rob Worrall |
| Piper Kaplan | Marion Raup |
| Francis Rodenbaugh III | Irene Elliott |
| Karen Braithwaite | Butch Rodenbaugh |
| Elaine Fertal | Nicholas Janicki |
| Barbara Pruskowski | Laurie Ronan |

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.

In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June 2026. To enter into the graces of this consecration, consider the following:

ENTHRONE

an image of the Sacred Heart in your home, parish, school or workplace

CONSECRATE

yourself or your family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Find resources and more information at

ARCHPHILA.ORG/UNDERGOD



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church invites you to join in praying the **Patriotic Rosary** for the Consecration of our Nation and for peace in the world on **Saturday, May 16th (Armed Forces**

Day) at 11 am, outside, in the Ford Street parking lot. (In case of rain, we will use the hall.) Location: 502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA. Parking is available in the Ford St lot, the Union Ave lot, and on the street. Light refreshments will be served after the prayers. Some seating will be available -- feel free to bring lawn chairs if you like. ***This is a non-political, non-partisan event. All are welcome to join us in praying for our country.*** Veterans and active military: feel free to wear something to signify your service! More info:

r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or 610-256-7125.

We hope to see you there!



Need Mental Health Support?

The Catholic Church of Philadelphia now offers a Mental Health Referral Network to help individuals and families find trusted professionals and resources for care and healing. This network includes information on providers' religious affiliations, so you can find support that aligns with your faith. Visit:

<https://archphila.org/mental-health-referral-network/> to learn more.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026



Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Any holder of seaside property knows that he or she has an obligation to respect the laws of shifting tides and occasional flooding. Neglecting either would prove to be foolish. So, he or she wisely makes sure the house is built solidly on rock, or perhaps on strong piers rising from the sand high enough to escape damage.

The whole strategy can easily become a metaphor for our spiritual lives, which must have a firm foundation upon Christ as our Rock, or on the strong piers of belief and trust, enabling us to rise above any contemporary threat or cultural deviation.

Our modern Western culture follows upon two millennia's worth of threats to belief—a veritable stockpile of weapons, if you will—arising either from within or, at other times, from without the Church. From within, we can cite heresies that have plagued our community from its earliest days. God chose great saints, holy men and women, who used their prayer-driven insights and called upon heroic courage to fight these enemies of truth and lead the Church to new positions of strength. Often, they were obvious errors, like denying Christ's divinity despite the Scriptural proclamation.

Today, I believe the threats are more subtle. They cloak themselves in comfortable disguises so that they look just like good common sense. Take materialism, for example—the misguided belief that being rich is the way to true happiness. Most of the people in the advertising universe seem young and energetic and bursting with happiness as they hold a certain product in their hands. Or perhaps they are more mature and tell us about investments that have made them comfortable and worry-free. Just one false tenet of a fake joy.

So we must be vigilant. We must know Christ's teachings, which are the same as Church teachings, and hold to them when these "storms" come along. As the old hymn reminds us, time and time again: "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ the Lord."

I don't understand electricity, but I'm no fool. I'm not going to sit around in the dark until I do. The same is true of salvation. I don't fully understand how God could become man, how He could die as the basis for my forgiveness, or how He could give you and me a new life. But only a fool would ignore such a great opportunity to build a life upon it just because he didn't understand it.

God love you and give you His Easter peace.

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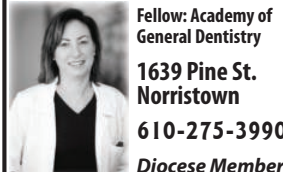


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