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Holy Mass:

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 17, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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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Music by Fasano Entertainment



Join us for dinner & dancing!



*Samuel Joseph
Dauby*

Baptized on Saturday,
May 9, 2026

By His Uncle, Father James Duffy, S.J.

Congratulations to Samuel's Parents:

Andrew & Brianna

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

**Guiding Star Maternity Home
Take a Bottle—Fill with
Donations**



We kindly ask that all baby bottles be returned
by **Sunday, May 31**. The proceeds from the
bottles will help support the Guiding Star
Maternity Home. Thank you for helping others.



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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



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



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.



The May meeting for Suddenly Seniors will be on Thursday, May 28th at 12:00 at the Swedesburg Firehouse. We will be celebrating all our birthdays so lunch will be provided. If you are planning

to attend, please RSVP:

carolamcdevitt@verizon.net by May 21st.

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JUNE SHOWTIMES

All at 7PM

Monday, June 1 - Regal Main Street Theater 6 - Manayunk

Tuesday June 2 - Regal King of Prussia Stadium 16

Monday June 8 - Regal Downingtown Stadium

Tuesday June 9 - United Artists Grant Plaza 9 - Northeast Philly

Monday June 15 - Regal Warrington Crossing Stadium 22

Tuesday June 16 - AMC Marple 10 - Springfield, PA

JULY 4 SHOWTIMES

10AM, 1PM, 3:30PM

Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul

RSVP Here

RSVP REQUIRED
NO WALK-INS ALLOWED

Visit Our Website



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 16

4:00pm Frank Janoski, Jr.

Requested by Regina & Ian Janoski & Family

Sunday, May 17

8:00am Joseph Saboe

Requested by Mary Sue & Larry Kilian

10:15am George A. Gallagher

50th Anniversary Remembrance, May 18

Requested by Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Monday, May 18

8:00am Thaddeus S. Leszczynski

Requested by Marge & Stanley Leszczynski

Tuesday, May 19

8:00am John Capinski

Requested by Bill & Bridget Maruszczak

Wednesday, May 20

8:00am Jenette Mercado

Thursday, May 21

8:00am George Estock

Requested by Larry & Mary Sue Kilian

Friday, May 22

8:00am Antonio & Adelina Bruno

Requested by Daughter, Placida

Saturday, May 23

4:00pm Eleanor Bores

Requested by The Bores & Stalker Families

Sunday, May 24

**8:00am Stanley Wlazelek, Sr. &
Stanley Wlazelek, Jr.**

Requested by Wanda & Family

10:15am Anna Rosa Cilli

Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by The Sommerer Family



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.
Saturday evening, May 23:

4:00pm

Celebrant: Father DiMaria

Extraordinary Minister: Barbara JanFrancisco

Lector: Walt Fromm, Jr.

Sunday morning, May 24:

8:00am

Celebrant: Father Lyons

Extraordinary Minister: Joan Koeck

Lector: Michelle Efthimiadou

10:15am

Celebrant: Father DiMaria

Extraordinary Minister: Larry Kilian

Lector: Chris Kilian



Weekly Report

May 9 - 10, 2026

\$7,298.18

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



Our lack
of forgiveness
makes us hate, and
our lack of compassion
makes us hard-hearted.
Pride in our hearts
makes us resentful and
keeps our memory in a
constant whirlwind
of passion and
self-pity.

- Mother Angelica



In Loving Memory

We are grateful for a donation received in Memory of
Anna Mae Komorowski

On behalf of:
Kathleen Steiger



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.

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Monday, May 25th. We will remember all those who have given their lives in the service of our country. The parish office will be closed for the day.



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120 JEFFERSON ST. BRIDGEPORT, PA



YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR

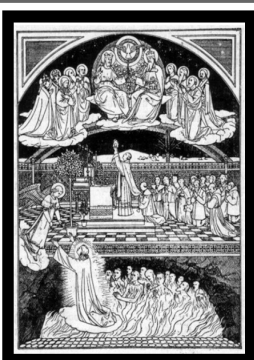
Eucharistic Adoration, Confession,
& Traditional Music

Drinks to Follow

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27



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



INDULGENCES

Do you know what the Catholic Church teaches about Indulgences? What is the difference between a plenary indulgence and a partial indulgence? How can we receive indulgences for ourselves or for others? Join us at the next Patricians meeting to discuss **Indulgence** on Wednesday,

May 20th from 6:45 - 8:45 pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA.

(We meet in the coffee hour room -- enter from the Ford St parking lot.) *The Society of the Patricians is an informal group of Catholic adults who meet monthly under the direction of Fr. Sam Keyes to learn more about the Catholic Faith so that we can better share it with others. Please come, and bring a friend! Refreshments will be served and free literature will be available. The program is sponsored by the Legion of Mary. More info: r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or 610-256-7125.*



Faith leads us to accustom ourselves to undertake our daily activities as though we were constantly glancing at God to see whether what we are doing is really His Will, whether ours is the way He wants us to do things. It leads us to get used to discovering God in people, to recognize him behind what the world calls chance or coincidence, in fact, to see his mark everywhere.

~Fr. F. Suarez

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

The results of our Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign are:



299 Known Babies Saved!
1 of these babies saved from abortion was saved at the Norristown Planned Parenthood, through your prayers!
2 abortion center workers quit their jobs
2 abortion centers closed

Thank you to all who prayed on-site, in our Chapel or at home during this time!

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.



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MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

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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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2026

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



GO AND TEACH

Theology often reaches for the stars but sometimes cancels the trip because it gets lost in technical language that holds it back. To speak with any warmth about the great

"Uncaused Cause" is not the language of poetry or song. So it is delightful for us to learn from Holy Scripture that our God is a loving family of Three Persons bound together by love. We hear about it and soon enough we not only long to be known by God but also to be loved by Him as well. Scripture tells us we are.

So it is that the original members of the Church had a certain confidence born from meeting and living with the risen Christ. When He promised them that He would send an Advocate, or Counselor, they automatically took Him at His word. So, what to do in the meantime? Pray.

Ah, there it is, the one item we frequently forget about when we're in a difficult "place" in our lives, or when we have run out of our own resources to stay patient, hopeful, or confident.

Scholars of the Bible tell us, after reflecting on a passage like the one we hear today from John's Gospel, that to possess life is to know the living Trinity in a bond of love. But how do bonds of love form? How do friendships thrive and grow? By spending time with the other person. By experiencing all the twists and turns involved in living on this great blue ball spinning on its axis day after day with God at our center. That is the essence of prayer. We do it often with words but sometimes with our respectful silence. Considering who we are with, our very Savior, listening is more of a priority than any of our talk.

In this world of talk all around us, available "24/7/365," as they say, you might think listening is not important, or maybe a non-productive exercise in futility. What does the psalmist have God say? "Be still and know that I am God." Turn off the big turntable of distraction and the smaller one of "ego" that makes us off-center. Stop what you're doing and be "in the tent" with God as Moses was in the Exodus. Set aside perhaps 15 minutes to start and decide that in your day, "this belongs to God." Let it become a habit. It will keep you focused and calm at your center over time.

I note that our local PBS radio station offers a meditation time every day at 11:00 AM. That is the idea. Even if 11:00 AM might not be your best time, it shows that the producers of the program honor the habit of stopping the rush and being a thoughtful and loving person with God as your companion. The gathering of the Apostles with Mary and some other devoted women in that Upper Room as a unified family reflects the family oneness of the three Divine Persons. Today the Third Person comes to them with sound and power, signifying everything they need to know. And they rejoice in a rare peace through something called "prayer."

"Prayer provides power, poise, peace, and purpose."

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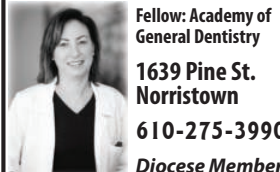
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