

Sacred Heart Parish

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Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.

JOHN 20:22-23

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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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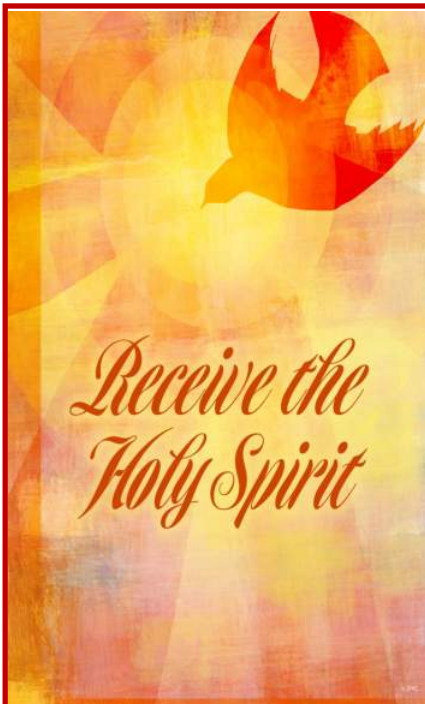
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MAY 24, 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Welcome to Full Communion and Sacramental Joy!

This Sunday, at the **10:15 AM Mass on the Feast of Pentecost**, our parish celebrates a profound moment of grace as three adults take major steps in their relationship with the Lord.

Welcoming Our New Catholic Brother and Sister

We extend our warmest welcome into the Catholic Church to **Debbie Mihalak** and **Conor Breslin**. Formerly of the Lutheran tradition, Debbie and Conor will make their solemn Profession of Faith, receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and receive their First Holy Communion. We thank their sponsors, **Rene Bucci** (sponsor for Debbie) and **Brian Nolan** (sponsor for Conor), for guiding them on this path.

Celebrating Adult Sacramental Completion

We offer our heartfelt congratulations to **Noelle DeRosato**. Baptized in the Catholic Church as an infant, Noelle will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion today, beautifully completing her Christian initiation as an adult. We stand in faith with Noelle and her sponsor, **Brenda Turner**.

A Pentecost Prayer for Our Initiated

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Please keep Debbie, Conor, Noelle, and their sponsors in prayer today as they are filled with the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Holy Eucharist.

**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

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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

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

- **Explore:** Discover the history, beauty, and teachings of the Catholic faith.
- **Journey:** Find out how to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.
- **Connect:** Get answers to your questions in a welcoming environment.

Whether you were baptized in another faith, never baptized, or just want to learn more, you are welcome here.

Contact Us Today

Reach out directly to **Fr. DiMaria** to start the conversation:

- **Phone:** [610-275-1750](tel:610-275-1750)
- **Email:** frdimaria@shswedesburg.org



Come Holy Spirit
O Holy Spirit,
beloved of my soul,
I adore You.
Enlighten me, guide me.
Strengthen me,
and console me.
Tell me what I
should do, give me

Your orders.

I promise to submit myself to all
that You desire of me
and to accept all that You permit to
happen to me.
Let me only know Your Will. Amen.

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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
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Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul

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YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic Adoration, Confession,
& Traditional Music

Drinks to Follow

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 25

9:00am For All Those Who Died in the Military

Tuesday, May 26

8:00am Thaddeus Leszczynski

*Requested by Donna McCloskey,
Therese Dolga & Mark Leszczynski*

Wednesday, May 27

8:00am Louise M. Black

Anniversary Remembrance

Requested by Her Daughter, Elisa Pagnotti

Thursday, May 28

8:00am Margaret Mallon

Requested by Vincent & Janet Mallon

Friday, May 29

8:00am Jon Edwards

Requested by Barbara Pupek & Family

Saturday, May 30

4:00pm Patrick O'Meara

Requested by Regina & Ian Janoski & Family

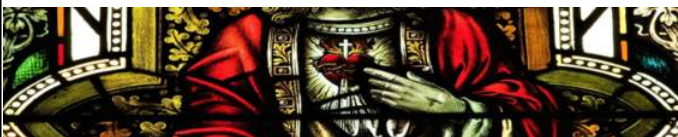
Sunday, May 31

8:00am Ronald Mashintonio

Requested by Sal & Charlotte DiNenna

10:15am Joseph Saboe

Requested by Barbara Roskos



Let Us Serve The Lord With Gladness!

The following Ministers are scheduled for our Parish Masses.
Saturday evening, May 30:

4:00pm

Celebrant: Father Lyons

Extraordinary Minister: Andy Moletzsky

Lector: Connie Capaldo

Sunday morning, May 31:

8:00am

Celebrant: Father DiMaria

Extraordinary Minister: Joan Koeck

Lector: Eileen Bralski

10:15am

Celebrant: Father Lyons

Extraordinary Minister: Valencia Zaremba

Lector: Danielle Carbone



Weekly Report

May 16 - 17, 2026

\$6,120.00

Thank you for your support of Our Parish!



LET NO ONE EVER COME TO YOU
WITHOUT LEAVING BETTER AND
HAPPIER. BE THE LIVING EXPRESSION
OF GOD'S KINDNESS: KINDNESS IN
YOUR FACE, KINDNESS IN YOUR EYES,
KINDNESS IN YOUR SMILE.

MOTHER TERESA

#YOUARECALLEDTOBEHOLY

As you enjoy summer travels and weekends away, we wish you a restful and safe season!

Please remember that parish ministries and expenses continue all summer long. Your steady financial support is vital to keeping our community running while attendance dips.

If you are away, please support us through:

- **Electronic Giving:** Set up automatic gifts on our website.
- **Mail-In Donations:** Send envelopes to the parish office.

Thank you for your faithful generosity. Have a blessed summer!



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** (Cpl, 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.



On Mothers Day, Holy Family Council of the Knights of Columbus, offered long stemmed roses to help support the Guiding Star Maternity Home run by Pro-Life

Union of Philadelphia. The donations received from all three parishes in Bridgeport was \$ 750. We thank everyone who contributed to support this mission through free will donations.



John Bednar
 Monica Reuter
 Maria Welch
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 Francisca Diniz
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 Greg Schloth
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 June DiDesidero
 Cindy Burke
 Parker Grey Davis
 Catherine Martin
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 Piper Kaplan
 Francis Rodenbaugh III
 Karen Braithwaite
 Elaine Fertal
 Barbara Pruskowski

George Minnis
 Al Cowling
 Mary (Puzio) Stephenson
 Mary Boyle
 Fran Toth
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 John Smoczylo
 Kelly Benedict
 Patricia Gaffney
 Angela Desmond
 Eileen Brandt
 Denise & Tom Kavanagh
 Michael Martin
 Ronald Halas
 Marge & Stan Leszczynski
 Fran & Rob Worrall
 Marion Raup
 Irene Elliott
 Butch Rodenbaugh
 Nicholas Janicki
 Laurie Ronan

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.



Farewell from the Horlanders

Dear members of Sacred Heart Parish:

Kristen and I would like to announce that we are being reassigned as FOCUS missionaries to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish in Indianola, IA. With that in mind, we would like to thank you so much for welcoming us into your parish community over the last two years.

Before we were asked to be missionaries in Bridgeport, PA, we could not have found the town on a map or even guessed that it was close to Philadelphia, and now it is a place we have considered our home. We have enjoyed seeing many of you on our walks around town and always loved to stop and chat about your lives and ours.

We started our marriage and family here, had our first child here, and baptized him here at the parish; memories of Matthew's baptism party will remain as one of the highlights of our time here at Sacred Heart. Hosting and attending dinners with you all gave us the opportunity to truly enter into your lives and it was a gift from God to get to know you. We truly made lifelong friends here in Bridgeport!

The Bible studies, discipleship groups, and Saturday holy hours that have formed and grown during our time here is only a fraction of what we came to do, although it may be the most tangible thing we did here. The daily prayer habits you all have formed, families who have centered their lives more fully upon relationship with Christ, and the transformed lives that have happened was all through God's grace and we are honored to have played a small role in it. We hope the parish continues to build upon it, inviting friends both at the parish and beyond to encounter Christ Jesus personally and to make Him the center of their lives.

With all of this being said, thank you to Fr. DiMaria for inviting us to be on mission alongside him for the parish - we would have never encountered any of you without his invitation. Thank you to every one of you, the parishioners of Sacred Heart, for welcoming our family into your community and into your lives. You made us feel so loved and at home here. We have been blessed to be a part of this parish for the last two years and witness what God has done in your lives and we will carry you all in our hearts with fond memories. We do not know when we will meet you all again, but we pray and hope that if not in this life we may see you all again in the Heavenly Kingdom.

God bless,
Thomas, Kristen, and Matthew Horlander
+JMJ+



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!



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.

Be Filled with the Holy Spirit



PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 24, 2026

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Every now and then my TV remote takes me to one of those many cooking shows. Given the chef with the right personality working on a dish that intrigues me, I won't hastily move on to another program. I note how these professionals like to highlight the ingredients they are using so that we amateurs will have our taste buds tempted and our minds uplifted with new facts. We might even consider making the dish if not ordering it on our next restaurant outing.

The Holy Spirit is the inspiration for the "meal" which is the Scriptures that feed our appetite for the truth which is the Gospel. Often enough He conjures up a delightful Reading for us, rich in detail. Today's gospel selection is one of the best. It presents that eternally memorable day when the Holy Spirit comes into the special Upper

Room with full sound and fury not to frighten the Apostles, our Blessed Mother and the other women gathered but to fill any emptiness in their faith with the delights of truth and beauty, courage and the power to be witnesses for Christ Jesus, risen and with us always.

This Pentecost fulfilled Our Lord's promise that He would send the Spirit to them to enlighten them with the fullness of truth. This in turn will make them the first missionaries of the Church, empowered by new insights and stronger conviction than ever before. The Church, so to speak, will truly "be born" in a setting where all the languages on earth will speak the one great Truth of the Gospel. Praising God with a harmony never heard before.

The even greater joy of this feast is its reminder to us that we are meant to not only possess the Gospel, but also to preach it. To spread its essential truth to the world of 2026, which is so hungry for it, even if it does not know it. Or that it looks everywhere but the right place for it.

Are you ready for the task? Convinced of its truth and its power to liberate? If not, come to this Eucharist today to be fed and energized with the Bread of Heaven and realize it is the best recipe and the greatest meal ever prepared. Be newly aware of your place in God's plan. A place only you have and nobody else. You have been chosen by a God who truly loves you and never gives up on you.

Every Christian occupies some kind of a pulpit and preaches some kind of homily every day. But remember that you can preach a better homily with your life than with your lips.

God love you and give you, His peace.

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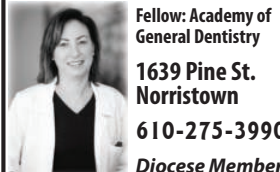
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