

St. Augustine Parish

Bridgeport, PA

*Serving the people of Bridgeport, Swedesburg and areas of King of Prussia & Swedeland since 1892.
Serving the people of the former Slovak Catholic Parish of Our Mother of Sorrows (OMS) since 2001.*



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One Great Parish*



PARISH STAFF

Reverend Louis C. Bier, Pastor
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ST. AUGUSTINE CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM

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Phone: (610)272-1710 – Facsimile: (610)272-6396

MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(All Masses celebrated at St. Augustine Church unless noted otherwise).

Saturday Vigil: 5:00p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 @ OMS Worship Site
10:30a.m.
Weekdays: 7:30a.m. (Mon.-Thursday)
Holy Days: As announced.

DEVOTIONS: Miraculous Medal Prayers: Wednesdays after Mass. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesdays from 8:00a.m until 12:00 Noon.

FAITH FORMATION: For parish children in grades K-8 attending non-catholic school. Instructions are held every Sunday at 9:00a.m.

CONFESSIONS: Each Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30p.m. Eves of Holy Days: 20 minutes before the Vigil Mass. Seasonal Penance Services and anytime by appointment.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is held during the year for any adult committed to discern if God is calling him/her to the Catholic faith.

PRE-JORDAN: Expectant parents and godparents are asked to participate in a seminar on Baptism held on the 4th Monday of every other month (Sept., Nov., Jan., March, May, July) in the Ministry wing at 7:30 p.m. Please call the rectory to register for the seminar. **Godparents:** Must bring a letter of eligibility from their home parish the evening of the seminar.

BAPTISMS: Celebrated the 2nd Sunday of every month after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements should be made at least six months before the date of the wedding. Please contact the rectory.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Any parishioner who is ill, infirm or shut-in may receive Holy Communion at home. Please call the rectory for the Sacrament of the Anointing. Please inform us of anyone who is hospitalized.

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome. Please register by calling the rectory. Those moving should inform the rectory office as soon as possible.

OFFICE HOURS: Mon.-Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm. The rectory office is closed on civic holidays.

PLEASE NOTE: Personal receivers are available in the Sacristy for use at Mass for the hearing impaired.

The United Way of Southeastern PA Code Number for Bridgeport CYO is: 2328 St. Augustine

We Are a Tithing Parish

November 2, 2008 - Feast of All Souls

“May the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in Peace.”

COORDINATORS OF PARISH MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

Adult Faith Formation –
Altar Servers – *Leo Brady*
Altar Society –
Baby Sitting (Sunday Mass) –
Baptismal Prep. – *Amy Czarkowski & Cheryl Smith*
Building Committee –
Bulletin – *Mary Ann Krajnik*
Business Manager – *Coleen Popowicz*
Cantors – *Helen Surman & Jan Krueger*
Catholic Charities – *Jim Murphy*
Children’s Faith Formation (CCD)–*Janet Kita*
Cemetery Supervisor – *Jack DeStefano*
Choir (Adult) – *Kass Reid*
Community of Disciples – *Sr. Catherine & Ed Loughlin*
CYO Advisory Board – *Jerry Cunnane*
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion –
Kay Bolger & Jozef Bobok
Finance Council – *Father Bier*
Food Certificate Program – *Coleen Popowicz*
God’s Little Children – *Barbara Bores*
Heart Program – *Amy Czarkowski & Beth Stalker*
Hospitality Days - *Carol Wisor*
Ladies Guild – *Mary Ann Krajnik*
Lectors – *Peter Frasier & Eleanor Grabowski*
Liturgy Committee – *Father Bier*
Music Ministry – *Kass Reid & Helen Surman*
Newsletter –
Pastoral Council – *Father Bier*
Peace & Justice Committee – *Janet Kita*
Prayer Chain – *Linda Korpel*
Pre-Cana – *John & Sheila Sargent*
Prime Time (Senior Outreach)
RCIA Representative –
Respect Life – *Robert Bores*
Sacristan – *Leo Brady*
Stewardship Committee –
Ushers – *Junior Evan & John Czarkowski*
Vocation Coordinator – *John Sargent*
Website Coordinator – *Jozef Bobok*
Welcoming Committee –
Youth Ministry – *Vanessa T. Madrak*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rev. Louis C. Bier *Kevin Bonner, '10* *Karen Hinchey, '10* *Janet Kita (ex-officio)*
Mary Eads, '09 *Shawn Courtney, '10* *Edward Kohler, '10* *Leo Brady (appointed)*
Sheila Sargent, '09 *John Czarkowski, '10* *Brenda Turner, '10* *Mary Ann Krajnik (appointed)*

“TITHING IS GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”

“And of all that You give me, I surely give one tenth to You.”

Genesis 28:22

Sunday, October 26, 2008 - \$5,035.00

Sunday, October 28, 2007 - \$6,835.16

Hurricane Relief - \$593.20

Thank you for tithing – 5% to God’s Church and 5% to God’s other good works (2nd collections, Missions, Catholic Charities, Poor box, Parochial school tuition, Cancer research, Private charities, etc.).

TITHING COMMENTS

Father Bier – *“It has been one year since we started tithing. You have seen in the last year that the collections have been up. Thank you so much to everyone who is tithing. I encourage everyone else to begin this ‘spiritual way’ of life. If you cannot give a full 5%, then why not begin with 3%. God will take care of you.”*

A Parishioner – *“As my wife and I read the parish financial report, we can see that the parish is ‘just making it.’ We believe that tithing has prevented our parish from outstanding bills. We have tithed for one year and we love it! God has been so good to us. We hope all parishioners begin to tithe and give back to God what is due Him.”*

Every household has received a **“Tithing Comment”** card. After you have had some time to pray, read and think about tithing, you are invited to share your personal feelings by returning this ‘comment’ card via the collection basket. Your comments will help and encourage our parishioners to join in the spirit of tithing.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for these and all our Military personnel:



BM2 Stefan Bachman, Cpt. Pascal Blanchette, 2ndLt. Charles J. Cunnion, Cpl. James Ellis, USMC, HM2 Michael Ford, Gregory Giordano (Army), Gregory Kantz, Stephen Kantz, 2nd Lt. Joseph Saboe, Lt. J.G. Shane R. Dennis, Sgt.

Matthew McNulty, USMC, Major William Watson, Staff Sgt William Wrabley, III.

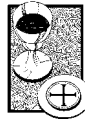
“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen”

The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. This week the Sanctuary Candle is *in memory of John Ferenchak, Sr. at the request of Edith Ferenchak and family.*



An offering of \$10.00 is requested. You can call the rectory to make arrangements.

THE BREAD & WINE in the early Church were brought by the people and used at the celebration of the Mass. The bread and wine this week is *in memory of John Ferenchak, Sr. at the request of Edith Ferenchak and family.*



If you wish to participate in this ancient ritual of the Church, please call the rectory to make arrangements. An offering of \$20.00 for each memorial is requested.

If you wish to place flowers on the altars at either of our Churches in memory of a loved one or a special occasion, kindly contact the rectory and we will contact the florist. Thank you.



We are happy to keep the name of your loved one on the list for **one month**. If you wish to extend a request for prayers beyond this time, please contact the Rectory to let us know so we do not remove the name from the list. Please remember, only the names of the seriously ill should be placed on the sick list. Thank you.



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:
James Brogan, Pasquale Capobianco, Cynthia Collins, Nancy Davidson, Rev. Francis H. Gallen, Mary Huth, John Kuhna, Paige Leary, Michelle Lewis, Inez Mainieri, Patricia McCarthy, Joseph Mulvey, Susanne Rinnier, Chris Smith, Milton Stratton, Tricia Taggart, Benjamin Walsh, James White and Lauren Williams.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY – 11/2 – Feast of All Souls

8:00 AM: All Souls Intentions

Requested by – Remembrance Envelopes

10:30 AM: All Souls Intentions

Requested by – Remembrance Envelopes

MONDAY- 11/3 – Martin de Porres

7:30AM: Dennis Fontaine (50th Anniversary)

Requested by – Gerry Fontaine

TUESDAY – 11/4 – Charles Borromeo

7:30AM: Leonard DeStefano

Requested by – The Family

WEDNESDAY – 11/5 – Weekday

7:30AM: Stacy Hunt

Requested by – Connie Hunt

THURSDAY – 11/6 – Weekday

7:30AM: Ruth Gramaski

Requested by – Stanley Gramaski

FRIDAY – 11/7 – Weekday

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY – 11/8 – Weekday

5:00PM: Rosalie Carmichael

Requested by – Edward Dugan

SUNDAY – 11/9 – Dedication of Lateran Basilica

8:00AM: Sarah Barainyak

Requested by – Frank Barainyak & Family

10:30AM: Florence Sally

Requested by – Bill Sally

N.B. – Father Bier says Mass for the people of the parish every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.



EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every **Wednesday from 8:00AM to 12 Noon**. Please stop and spend some time before our Eucharistic Lord.

SPECIAL HOLY HOUR

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed **TODAY November 2nd from 11:30AM to 12:45PM** as we join with all parishes in the Diocese in prayer for our country as we approach the General Election on November 4th. Come and spend time with the Lord.



Dear Parishioners:

Today, we celebrate the Feast of All Souls. **Each of us carries in our hearts the memory of people we love who have now gone before us.** Perhaps the loss of them is still very painful to recall or maybe we can think of them with a loving smile. Whatever our feelings and emotions, we trust and hope in a God of love, a God who desires that everyone will be saved. Christ died for us while we were sinners so that, unworthy though we are, we might be able to make our final journey home to him. The promise of new life which flows from the empty tomb underpins how we live and how we die. So, on this Feast of All Souls, let us remember all those who have died and let us pray that the faithful departed will receive from Christ gentle mercy, rest for their souls and eternal peace. **During this month of November, all of our beloved deceased will be remembered at all our Masses.**

Tuesday, November 4th is Election Day. In the past few weeks, all parishioners have been given information (a guide of candidate's positions, a Catholic guide in the voting booth and *The Catholic Standard & Times*) to call you to Faithful Citizenship in forming your consciences as you prepare to vote. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to love God and to love others in every action of our lives and a key place for that is in our opportunities as citizens of the United States. The Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania issued a statement entitled "A Call to Faithful Citizenship and Respect for Life." In this statement the Bishops said: "We wish to reiterate that the intentional destruction of innocent human life, as in abortion and euthanasia, is not just one issue among many. Time and time again, we bishops have taught that the right to life is the most basic and fundamental human right and must always be defended. Intrinsic evils can never be supported. Catholic teaching does not treat all issues as morally equivalent. The protection of human life from conception until natural death is the preeminent obligation of a truly just society." The Bishops continue: "We encourage the Catholic citizens of Pennsylvania to study the Church's teaching as they prepare for Election Day. We bishops do not endorse any candidate or party. We seek to ensure that the message of the Gospel is heard and upheld. We urge our Catholic faithful to be informed and guided by the moral truths of our faith and to exercise faithful citizenship." May the Holy Spirit guide us on Tuesday!

Father Bier

Thank You!

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Father Bier and the entire St. Augustine parish community for the wonderful celebration on the occasion of my 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. I was very honored by all the time and effort that went into the beautiful liturgy, as well as, the delicious brunch.

Throughout the past twenty-five years God has allowed me to be part of the lives of many people whose lives and commitment to God have both served and challenged me. **The parishioners of St. Augustine Parish are one powerful example of this service and love.**

Please be assured of my prayers and continued service to you. May the God who has brought us together continue to bless our parish community and together, may we continue to answer "yes" to God's future for each of us. Again, thank you so very much for your goodness to me!

Sincerely,
Father Bob Murray, OSA

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Nov. 8th & 9th

- 5:00 PM: Matt Fontana – Evan Smith
- 8:00 AM: Christine & Jennifer Estright
- 10:30 AM: Jordan Courtney – Caitlin Bowe

CENSUS/STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION

We thank everyone who has returned their census forms and stewardship gift. So far we have received **189** responses out of 570 households. Your generosity has amounted to **\$17,418.00** for which we are most grateful. If you have not yet completed your information, you are requested to return your completed census card, along with your gift and place it in the regular Offertory collection **next week.**



GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE sponsored by our Ladies Guild is underway. Catalogues are available at the exit of both Churches. Orders are due by **November 11th**. Your support is appreciated.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Pro-Life Rosary: Every **Wednesday at 10AM** in front of Bryn Mawr Hospital. Join us on **Wednesday evenings** at Sacred Heart Church at **6:15PM** to pray for the Unborn. Stand up for what we, as Catholics, believe: that the unborn are people with rights!

Pregnant and need help? For information, alternatives and resources, contact the Pregnancy Hotline at **610-626-4006** for help for mother and baby.

A Baby's Breath: Annual Silent Auction on Friday, **November 14th** at Park Ridge Sheraton in K of P. All proceeds from the auction will assist mothers in crisis pregnancies. If you wish to donate a new item or attend, please contact **Barb Fritz at 610-539-4618** or e-mail at help@babysbreath.org

"We must refuse to give our vote to those who, despite their laudable interest in some aspects of the common good, have unabashedly pledged themselves to the perpetuation of abortion."

*Justin Cardinal Rigali
Archbishop of Philadelphia*

HEED THE CALL

Have you ever considered being a priest? What an awesome life it is! Do not be afraid to **HEED THE CALL** of Jesus Christ.

Are you between the ages of 25 and 35? Have you ever thought about being a priest? Does the thought interest you? **HEED THE CALL.** Come and join others for a weekend **December 5-7, 2008** at St. Charles Seminary to explore the call. For more information, call **610-667-5778** or visit our website www.HeedTheCall.org. Registration is required.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Generous hearts change the world. Be generous to Jesus. Consider the Priesthood.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

You are requested to participate in our annual food drive. We will collect non-perishable food (stuffing mix, cranberries, pasta, soups, tuna, vegetables, baby food, etc.) **through Sunday, November 23rd**. Your help is needed more than ever due to these difficult economic times. The food will be distributed to the Patrician Society. Thank you for your charity and generosity.



"HEARTS 4 JESUS" YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHTS

KIDS – KEEP THESE DATES OPEN!

FOR ALL JUNIOR HIGH KIDS

7PM – 8:30PM – Youth Hall (Rambo & Ford Sts.)

November 16th

December 21st & January 18th

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

7PM – 8:30PM – Youth Hall (Rambo & Ford Sts.)

November 2nd

December 7th & January 4th

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For more information or to volunteer in **any** capacity, call **Vanessa at 610-272-4088, ext. 5.**

Youth & Young Adult Opportunities



"Youth for the Eucharist" – Every 2nd Sunday of the month at St. Titus Church, East Norriton, PA. 7:00 – 9:00PM. Prayer & Praise, Adoration & Confession. Keep up to date on the latest by visiting www.oyya.org

LEADERS OF SONG/CHOIR MEMBERS

Our parish is in need of men and women to lead us in song at our Sunday Liturgies. There are many gifted people in our parish for this important ministry. Also, we are always in need of new voices (men & women) for our choir. If you wish to be in our parish choir or to lead the community at Sunday Mass, please contact either **Jan Krueger at 610-265-9578; Helen Surman at 610-272-4249 or Kass Reid at 610-279-2147.**



MUSICIANS WANTED

Prior to our Christmas play in December, we have prelude music. I am looking for anyone interested in being part of an orchestra and performing Christmas carols. The arrangements are easy. **Please call Helen Surman at 610-272-4249.** Let me know what instrument you play and when a good time for rehearsal would be for you. Thank you.

CANTOR/ORGANIST practice will be held on Monday, November 10th at 7:00PM in the choir loft.

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CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION
KINDERGARTEN LEVEL

SCHEDULE

- Sun. Nov. 2 ***Feast of All Souls***
 CCD – 9AM
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from
 11:30AM -12:45PM
YOUTH NIGHT – High School Teens
 7PM – St. Monica’s Hall
- Mon. Nov. 3 Pastoral & Finance Council Mtg. – 7:00PM
- Tues. Nov. 4 **GENERAL ELECTION DAY**
- Wed. Nov. 5 **Exposition – 8AM – Noon**
 Pro-Life Rosary– 6:15PM – Sacred Heart
- Sat. Nov. 8 **Confessions – 4:00PM**
- Sun. Nov. 9 **CCD – 9AM**
 Ladies Guild Tea Party – 11:30AM – OMS
- Mon. Nov. 10 Cantor/Organist Practice – 7:00PM

Do you have a Kindergarten child who is excited to be learning about letters, numbers and a thousand other things in school this year?

Think about registering him/her for Kindergarten Sunday school too! We learn about God’s love for us, the wonderful people and beautiful world He created for us and the gifts of His Son, Jesus Christ and His mother, Mary.

Art, games, music, stories and getting to know other children in our parish community will help your child grow in the faith that you have already begun passing on since the time of his/her Baptism.

If interested, please call Mrs. Kita at 610-265-2534 or the rectory at 610-272-4088.

TEA FOR TWO ...OR MORE!

We are having a Tea Party!

Our Ladies Guild is hosting a Tea Party on **Sunday, November 9th at OMS Hall at 11:30AM.** All women of the parish (**no age limit**) are cordially invited to attend.



There will be food, refreshments, games and door prizes. Come and make new friends. **For reservations, you can return the form to the rectory or call Mary Ann at 610-272-1508 by November 4th.**

TEA PARTY

Mary Ann:

I will be attending the Tea Party ____.

Number of friends coming with me ____.

Return by November 4th.

TURKEY BINGO

Our annual Turkey Bingo will be held on **Sunday, November 23rd at 1:00PM at OMS Hall.**

Admission: \$8.00 (package deal). Children are welcome! **Please support us**

by donating a 20lb. turkey. This is also a good time to clean out your closets and

donate an unused item for a door prize. For more information, call **Helen Surman at 610-272-4249 or the rectory at 610-272-4088.**



PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL

The parish Pastoral and Finance Councils will meet on **Monday, November 3rd at 7:00PM** in the Ministry wing.

ST. AUGUSTINE PRAYER CHAIN

We have begun a ‘**prayer chain**’ throughout the parish to pray for anyone in need. It is very easy to do – **there are no meetings to attend!** All that is require – Pray in the comfort and the privacy of your home when you receive a call for prayer. We now have **12** dedicated people – but there is **always** room for more prayer power. If you wish to place anyone on the ‘**prayer chain**’ or to pray for someone, contact **Linda Korpel at 610-291-1138.**



PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

Last May, every household (**570**) received a draft of the proposed **Parish Pastoral Plan.** Parishioners were asked for their input and ideas. The Pastoral Council was hoping for a greater response. Unfortunately, only **13 parishioners** responded. The Parish Pastoral Council has adopted this Pastoral Plan for St. Augustine Parish. **On the weekend of November 15-16, the Parish Pastoral Plan will be blessed at all the Masses.** This plan will be our guide for future pastoral planning.

OUR PARISH BULLETIN needs your advertising support! It pays for our bulletin and provides revenue for our parish. To have your business, service or practice recommended to all our parish families, please call Jim Finnen at 610-653-2145.

www.saintaugustinechurch.net Read the bulletin online. Stay informed. Get involved.

St. Mary Church in Conshohocken will take place on **Sunday, November 9th from 12 Noon to 7PM.** Great food, crafts, games and fun for all ages. Santa will be there at 4PM. All are welcome to come and join in the festivities.



St. Patrick Church in Norristown Christmas Bazaar will take place on **Friday, November 14th from 5:00PM to 8:00PM** and on **Saturday, November 15th from 10:00AM to 8:00PM** in the Church Hall on DeKalb Street. For information, call **610-272-1408.**

Kennedy-Kenrick High School will be held on **Saturday, November 15th.** Spaces are still available. If interested, call Anne at 610-275-2752.

Mother of Divine Providence in King of Prussia will have their Christmas Craft and Bazaar on **Saturday, November 15th** from 9:00AM to 3:00PM in the new parish center. Santa, baked goods and many other attractions. For information, call **610-265-4178.**

Visitation BVM in Trooper will hold a Christmas Time Past Dinner and Mini-Bazaar on **Saturday, November 22nd from 3:00PM to 7:00PM.** For information, call **610-585-0669.**

POLKAS AGAINST CANCER: **Saturday, November 8th** at the Swedesburg Fire Company from 7:00PM to 11:00PM. **Tickets: \$25.** Your support will fund cancer treatment and research.

REUNION: Upper Merion H. S. Class of 1998 Ten year reunion will be held on **November 29th** at the Fox and Hound Pub and Grille in King of Prussia. Contact Laura Korpel at dutchgirlmr@hotmail.com or call 610-585-0844 for more information.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES offers individual, couples and family counseling services. All services are confidential. Fees are based on your ability to pay and most major insurance plans cover our services. We are located on the grounds of St. Paul's Parish, 353 E. Johnson Highway. For more information, call us at **610-279-7372.**

LITURGY MEETING

The next meeting for the members of the Liturgy Committee will be on **Sunday, November 16th** in the Ministry wing immediately after the 10:30AM Mass.

ST. CHARLES SEMINARY COLLECTION

The Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Annual Appeal kicks off during the month of November. Please consider supporting the Seminary, and, if possible, increasing your gift over what you gave last year. The Seminary community is grateful to you for your faithful support. Your tax-deductible gift helps to enhance the many resources needed for priestly training and enables the Church to form holy, educated and dedicated priests. **Michael Ruminski, a Pre-Theologian seminarian, will speak at our Masses the weekend of November 8-9 on behalf of the Seminary community. You can make your contribution to the Seminary either by mailing your gift directly to the seminary or place it in the 2nd collection on the weekend of November 14-15.**



Saint Augustine speaks:

“Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.”

A VOTER'S PRAYER

Almighty God, though I am but one individual, my vote is very important. I realize the grave matters that are affected by my choice. Teach me, Lord. I avail myself of the teaching of the Church. May my thinking be molded by her rich Tradition. May my intellect be informed by the wisdom of her Saints. Give me the courage to place before myself those who are least empowered, for I am responsible for them in as much as I profess to be your follower. Guide my hand, O Lord. Amen.

St. Thomas More, patron of elected officials, pray for us!

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