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The Parish Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8AM - 4PM, Friday from 8AM - 2PM. Please schedule other times by appointment.

SACRED HEART CHURCH IS LOCATED AT 149 SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE

We welcome all to join us for worship and invite you to become an active member of our parish family.

Sacred Heart Church is open every day as a quiet refuge for prayer and reflection from 6:00AM until 4:30PM.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: 5:00PM – Saturday Vigil; Sunday – 9:00AM, 11:30AM
Daily: 9:00AM – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 7:00PM – Monday
Holy Day: 6:30AM, 9:00AM, 7:00PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday: 6:00-7:00 PM

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday: 6:45PM with Benediction and Saturday: following 9:00AM Mass

BAPTISM

The sacrament is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 1:00PM with the exception of the Season of Lent.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10:00 - 11:30AM and at other times by appointment.

MARRIAGE

In conjunction with the policy of Marriage Preparation set forth by the bishops of New Jersey, couples should begin the process one year in advance of the planned date of marriage. Arrangements should be made with the Church before any other plans are set. All details and information will be gladly provided upon calling the Parish Office.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, NJ was established in 1905. We are a diverse community striving to foster spiritual growth and Catholic identity through liturgy, sacraments, service, education and our shared faith in God. We are committed to being an instrument of love, healing and hope by ministering to the needs of our parishioners & the larger community, while celebrating the Christ present in each of us.



SATURDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 PM THE SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, APRIL 16

6:30 AMEcumenical Sunrise Service - Spring Lake Park Gazebo9:00 AMPEOPLE OF THE PARISH11:30 AMPEOPLE OF THE PARISH

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 17

- 6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
- 6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
- 7:00 PM ASSUNTA BASSO, Req. by Daughter & Family, DOROTHEA COONEY, Req. by Virginia Palmer, MARY TIMKO, Req. by Bill & Pat Butrico, ANA GARBELOTTO, Req. by the Otlowski Family, CHARLES STIMMING, Req. by Janet Maimone

EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 18

9:00 AM MAY MATERANO, Req. by Eileen Lorance

EASTER WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

9:00 AM LOUIS SCAFIDI, Req. by Gertrude McLean & Family

EASTER THURSDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 AM ARLENE SCHICKER, Req. by Nephew Bob

EASTER FRIDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 AM GULLITTA ANTONINA, Req. by Tony & Maria DiCarlo

EASTER SATURDAY, APRIL 22

- 9:00 AM FIORVANTI RICCARDI, Req. by MaryAnn & Ed Curtain
- 5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 23

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:00 AM GLORIA & ROBERT ELKO, Req. by Son & Family 11:30AM ALLEN MILLWARD, Req. by Family

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.



Wedding Banns

Second Time: Joseph Wilkowski & Una Morgan



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE April 16 - 23

4/16 - Acts 10: 34a, 37-43/Col 3: 1-4/Jn 20: 1-9 4/17 - Acts 2: 14, 22-33/Mt 18: 8-15 4/18 - Acts 2: 36-41/Jn 20: 11-18 4/19 - Acts 3: 1-10/Lk 24: 13-35 4/20 - Acts 3: 11-26/Lk 24: 35-48 4/21 - Acts 4: 1-12/Jn 21: 1-14 4/22 - Acts 4: 13-21/Mk 16: 9-15 4/23 - Acts 2: 42-47/1 Pt 1: 3-9/Jn 20: 19-31



► The daily Scripture references are printed here. If you find it helpful and have internet access, you can find the complete DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS at http://www.usccb.org/nab/.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYER

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK, especially: Pauline Gillick, Dot Rotola, Michael Durning, Danielle Pepin, Prudence Capparelli, Anne Nagy, Eileen Walker, Daniel Hedden, Robert Larsen Jr., Brody Kasnowski, Georgie Martinkovic, Joan Sacko, Kevin Jones, Raul Rodriguez, Alyssa Ricciardi, Margaret Nichuck, Tina Bernauer, Thomas Buttery, Cathy Gary, Cheryl O'Brien, Hank Loeffler, Thomas Heim, Peter Romano, Patricia Lacasale, Margaret Smith, William Blair, Albertina Aguilar, Ed Curtin, Arthur Tinana, Ann Marie Lauten, Elizabeth Vargo, Edward Owsik, Barbara Calderoney, Roland Parker, Viola Pratt, Celeste Ginder, Neil Towey, George Castagno, Rev. Charles Mingle, Nancy Stillman-Pender, Elizabeth Koznowicz.

FOR THOSE IN HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES,

especially: Bert Gartland, Lorraine Kick, Wilma Zielinski, Bill Keenan.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Michael J. Mocerino, Sr. and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

JOHN BERTUCCI

Requested by Family

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

CHARLES PERRETTI Requested by Daughter

SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

LARRY DEL NEGRO JR.

Requested by Cousins Donna & Anthony

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: APRIL 22-23

5:00 PM - H. Brignol, M. Brignol, T. Figueiredo 9:00 AM - C. Butrico, O. Markus, J. Makoski 11:30 AM - S. Sequiera, G. Ruzicka, J. Chavez



We welcome everyone, especially those who are visiting and may be new to Sacred Heart Parish.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

We are a tithing parish & give thanks for God's gifts.

TITHING OR DONATION: CHURCH SUPPORT

Whether you are tithing or donating, however you choose to monetarily support the Church, we need your contributions. Thank you for your financial assistance.

Week Ending APRIL 9, 2017					
		2017		2016	
Envelopes:	\$	11,891.00	\$	9,602.10	
Loose:	\$	2,370.00	\$	1,657.00	
On-line Giving:	\$	2,552.00	\$	1,981.00	
Totals:	\$	16,813.00	\$	13,240.10	

► Major Repairs & Renovations <u>to Date</u> - \$119,818

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "The great gift of our salvation is made manifest in the glory of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the Easter event. Because Jesus died and rose from the dead, we will rise from the dead and live forever. This gift comes wrapped in the body God has given us, calls forth in holiness from us, and challenges us to share as generously as Jesus shares Himself in His Body and Blood ... yesterday, today and forever. He is risen, and lifts us in love. Alleluia! As the apostles then, we are called now to share the Good News." — *Fr. John*

SCRIPTURE: "You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God, for the administration of this public service is not only supplying the needs of the holy ones but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God." — 2 Corinthians 9:11-12

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: "Use the gifts you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you." — *St. Therese of Lisieux*

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL Ambassadors for Christ

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

PLEDGED TO DATE: \$92,363 - GOAL: \$89,000

Thank you to the 383 parishioners who have pledged BEYOND our BAA goal. We have 2,208 families in our parish. This is the opportunity when 50¢ on every dollar returns to Sacred Heart Parish. MAKE THE DIFFERENCE & GIVE! No gift is too small.

THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED

April 17. We reopen Tuesday, April 18.

THIS WEEKEND OF APRIL 15-16 The first collection will be the Regular Weekly collection. The second

collection will be the Regular Weekly collection. The second collection will be the Easter offering. Thank you.

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Remember your loved ones, living and deceased throughout the Easter Season. You can make a donation to provide





THE PARISH CENSUS IS COMING! THE PARISH CENSUS IS COMING! It has been 13 years since our last parish census

and we need to update our parishioner records. Look for information in the upcoming bulletins and on our parish website.

MONTHLY ANALYSIS FOR MARCH 2017

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Weekly Collections	\$ 47,003.00
On-Line Giving	11,315.00
Gifts	345.00
Offerings (Funerals/Weddings)	6,171.00
Religious Education Fees 2015-16	52,065.00
National/Missionary Diocesan Appeals	1,249.00
Major Renovations & Repairs	4,405.00
Other	595.00
Total Income	\$123,148.00
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Salaries	\$ 37,548.00
Benefits	5,848.00
Social Security (FICA)-Employer	2,445.00
Utilities	9,726.00
Repairs & Maintenance	5,856.00
Administrative Costs	3,498.00
Religious Education Expenses	214.00
Diocesan Assessment	12,000.00
Shared Facility Costs (Holy Savior Acad.)	2,268.00
National/Missionary Dicesan Appeals	1,643.00
Holy Savior Academy Assessment	4,400.00
Reserve for Property/Casualty/Auto Ins.	30,000.00
Reserve for Lay Pension Plan	5,000.00
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Total Expenses	\$ 120,446.00
Income Higher Than Expenses	\$ 2,702.00

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL DIOCESAN TOTALS TO DATE:

Goal: \$7,000,000 Pledges: \$6,399,466.19 Paid: \$5,212,713.85 Donors: 19,936 % Pledged to Goal: 91.42% Thank you for joining us as Ambassadors for Christ

with your gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

WE PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Especially for our parishioners



Army Captain Cheryl Hoh, Pharm D Spc. Erik Sienkiewicz - US Army / Iraq Psc. Amanda Marie Morales - US Navy Marine Corp. Troy A. Benson/Japan Pvt. Alterreek Booker - US Army/KY Sgt. Zackeriah Romasz - US Marine Corp. Spc. Bryan Gutschall - US Army/Afghanistan Spc. Nick Okoszko/US Army/No. Carolina LCdr. Edward Quaranta / US Reserves Lt. Col. Dirk H. Smith/US Army, Washington, DC LCpl. Quinn Cochrane/US Marines, No. Carolina Pvt. Edward C. Forsthoffer/US Army

May we work for Justice as we pray for Peace.

Visit our diocesan website at diometuchen.org, click Offices & Ministries, then click Military and Veteran Families and see

THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES



Respect for Life

As we celebrate Christ's victory over death, let us pledge ourselves more fervently to battle the Culture of Death that threatens the very moral foundations of our

society. Christ came that we might have life and have it more abundantly, not so that some might take away the gift of life from defenseless others.

2 NEW WEBSITES - ONE LIFE SAVING MISSION

Life Choices Resource Center launches two new websites: www.ChoicesOptionsforWomen.com & www.LifeChoicesRC.com

SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support of those in need of our parish family and our town.

We are here to serve and offer assistance to any South Plainfield family in need (parishioner and non-parishioner) and aid those having difficulty with obtaining available resources. We offer information about other services (Catholic Charities, South Plainfield Social Services, FISH, United Way (211), Puerto Rican Action Board, Middlesex County Board of Social Services, other organizations and agencies).

If you know of families requiring our assistance, please have them call 908-756-0633 x112, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9:00AM-11:00AM.

The primary source of funding is from contributions made to the Poor Boxes located at all the doors of the Church. Bins are also provided at the church doors for your donations of non-perishable food items.

Thank you again and may God bless you for your continued support to those in need from our parish.

How happy will be our shout of "Alleluia" as we enter

Let us sing "Alleluia" here and now in this life...

We are **EASTER** people and **ALLELUIA** is our song.

so that we may sing it one day in the world to come, when

heaven, how carefree, how secure from any assault. where no enemy lurks and no friend dies.

we are set free.

Advance in virtue, in true faith, and in right conduct. Sing up!



- St. Augustine

The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society invites you to pray the Rosary with them on the first Sunday of each month one half hour before all Masses.



NEXT WEEKEND - Sacred Heart will host a Baby Bottle Blessing fundraiser benefitting Life Choices Resource Center in Metuchen. Help us build a legacy of life! Over the past year, babies have been saved, hearts changed and lives transformed. Life Choices serves women and families in our area by providing **FREE** services such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, material aid, adoption referrals and abortion recovery support along with a Mobile Care Unit. Fill your bottle with change, cash, or a check and return to the parish center by Mother's Day. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of many of God's people, born and unborn.

THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART WELCOMES ALL NEWCOMERS to the

parish. Please contact our parish secretary, Lisa at the Parish Office at 908-756-0633 x110 for registration information. If you are moving, please notify Lisa at the Parish Office so we can keep our parishioner records current. Thank you

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Any new family who has moved into the parish area and adult children 18 years of age and older, are invited to register as a parishioner. The definition of an active parishioner is: One registered, attending Mass weekly and contributing to the support to the church. There is a (3) month minimum registration requirement before registering for a baptism or requesting letters of eligibility/sponsorship.



Email: socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Louise Timko, Director 908-756-0633 x143

For more information please visit our web page

ww.churchofthesacredheart.net

or send us an email:

religiouseducation@churchofthesacredheart.net

Everyone hears the Sunday Scripture readings proclaimed, but do we take time to think about their meaning in our lives?

▶ QUESTION OF THE WEEK – April 16

Is Jesus' resurrection at the center of your life throughout the year? Why or why not?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER SESSION 2017 will be held **July 10-21**, Monday thru Friday, 8:30AM to Noon. Registration for Summer Session has begun. Details and the registration form are on the parish website.

Do you enjoy working with children? Can you share your faith? Volunteer teachers are needed for Summer Session 2017, July 10-21, 8:30AM-Noon. We need teachers for grades 5, 7 & 8. Please call Louise Timko 908-756-0633, x143 or religiouseducation@churchofthesacredheart.net.



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Holy Savior Academy is still accepting enrollment applications enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year.

OPEN HOUSE : Wednesday, May 17, 6:00-8:00PM & Saturday, May 20, 10:00AM - Noon

CAMPUS MINISTRY CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Saint Joseph High School Campus Ministry is having a used clothing drive on Friday & Saturday, April 28 & 29, Items may be dropped of outside the *Cor Jesu* Chapel, 145 Plainfield Avenue, Metuchen.



ARCHIVE FINDING AID: The parish archives can be accessed via the parish website. Instructions for using the Finding Aid are included.

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LYNDA YELENOVSKY, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

◆ CEMETERY HOURS ◆ 8:00AM - 4:30PM (SEPT 16 - APRIL 14) 8:00AM - 7:00PM (APRIL 15 - SEPT 15)

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Would you or someone you know like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation? We attend 9:00AM Sunday Mass and meet for a session afterward. Please contact Louise Timko 908-756-0633 x143 or via email: Itimko@churchofthesacredheart.net.

BAPTISM/SPONSORSHIP CLASS - Parents and godparents are required to attend one session before the child's baptism date can be confirmed. Sessions are held on **the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM** in the Parish Center - 3rd floor. (Adults only - please, no infants or children.) Registration is required. Contact Sr. Nadine 908-756-0633 x118 to register for the class or with any questions.

IN GOD'S IMAGE: CATHOLIC FAITH SHARING FOR LGBT PERSONS & THEIR FAMILIES - In God's Image.

the Gay and Lesbian Faith Sharing Group at Sacred Heart Church, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM in the Parish Annex (behind the school). **Our next gathering will be on May 10.** For information call 908-822-5895, OR contact Fr. John at 908-756-0633 x125 OR email: <u>sacredheartigi@gmail.com</u>. And look for the **IGI** icon on the parish website. All are invited to view and share the video presentation at OwningOurFaith.com.

LGBT PILGRIMAGE TO SACRED HEART BASILICA IN NEWARK, NJ

With the blessings and best wishes of His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Tobin, CSs.R, Archbishop of Newark, please join members of the Catholic LGBT community and their families for 3:30PM Mass celebrated by the Rev. Francs Gargani, C.Ss.R. in the Lady Chapel of the basilica. After Mass, tour this historic building which was elevated to a minor basilica by Pope John Paul II when he visited it in 1995. *RSVP* sacredheartigi@gmail.com.

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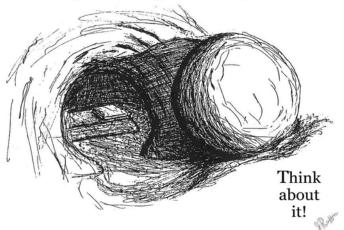
Happy Easter

We say this greeting so easily to each other, as we celebrate with the coming of spring, the coloring of eggs, and songs about the Easter Bunny and the Easter Parade. But these wellmeaning phrases and thoughts distract us and detract from the truly cosmic, miraculous and momentous fact about Easter.

Jesus rose from the dead!!! A man like us, died and came back to life!!! Not only that, He calls us to do the same!!!

In the 2000 years since Jesus rose from the dead, it seems many of us may have lost the miraculous belief in this life changing event! Jesus' rising from the dead and His sending of His Spirit upon the Apostles, changed them from 11 men wandering around Palestine, an area about the size of NJ, into a force that would change the whole Roman Empire. Jesus' Resurrection was the impetus that changed these 11 scared men, who fled into the night when Jesus was arrested. They became the vanguard of the faith that in 300 short years would dominate the Empire and become the faith of 60-100 million people.

He came, died and rose again to break the power of sin.



This belief in the Risen Christ, has also been the motivation for all the saints over the last 2000 years, to change their lives, and then to change the world. The power that comes from the Resurrection still flows and works in us today.

In Dynamic Catholic's *Resisting Happiness*, author Matthew Kelly tells us that God wants us to be happy. He reminds us that we are all called to holiness (like the Apostle and all the Saints), or as he calls Holiness, we are all called to be-the best-versionof-ourselves. Kelly reminds us that like the apostles and the saints, God has a mission for each of us - yes for you and for me.

Like the apostles and the saints before us, we are called to live the message of Jesus. We are called to "love God and love our neighbor as ourselves," because by this love for one another, all the world will come to know Jesus.

So, do not simply say "Happy Easter" this year, but let us each live our belief in the Resurrection!! Let us meditate on it for the coming weeks of Easter, and let it create in us, in you and in me, gratitude for all the gifts God has given us, and a drive to use them for the mission God has given to each of us!

Happy Easter — Ralph Quaglia, Parish Life Coordinator

SACRISTAN TRAINEE

Are you a detail-oriented person with a love for our Catholic Liturgy? We are looking for a responsible individual with the time, flexibility and commitment to learn the procedures of setting-up and follow-up for daily and weekend Masses, para-liturgies, caring for the sacred vessels, working with parish staff and groups in the scheduled use of the church and sanctuary for the celebration of the sacraments and more. If you are interested and want to know more, please contact Fr. John at 908-756-0633 x125.

"I really only love God as much as the person I love the least." — Dorothy Day

PAPAL QUOTE AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

THEME 6: Care for God's Creation: We show our respect for the Creator by our *stewardship of creation.* We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

"Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Sources of fresh water are necessary for health care, agriculture and industry. Water supplies used to be relatively constant, but now in many places demand exceeds the sustainable supply, with dramatic consequences in the short and long term. Large cities dependent on significant supplies of water have experienced periods of shortage, and at critical moments these have not always been administered with sufficient oversight and impartiality. Water poverty especially affects Africa where large sectors of the population have no access to safe drinking water or experience droughts which impede agricultural production. Some countries have areas rich in water while others endure drastic scarcity."#28, ENCYCLICAL LETTER, Laudato Si, On Care For Our Common Home, Pope Francis I, May 24, 2015.



THE SACRED HEART TRAVELERS —

Venture into the Heart and Spirit of America's Great West -- Journey with Rev. John P. Alvarado to

CANYON COUNTRY featuring Arizona & Utah, October 19-27, 2017. Experience the majestic beauty of God's Creation, the tribal lands, national parks, early Catholic missions, cities and towns of the old & new West ... history, culture, nature, church, and food that all make for a great trip that concludes with a 2-day stay in Las Vegas. There are no international flights necessary for this trip. Book now and save. For full details, itinerary, pricing and registration, visit our parish website: **ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net** and click on the Travel Link.



