

Church of the

SACRED HEART

A Faith Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition Since 1905

PARISH CENTER & MAILING ADDRESS

200 RANDOLPH AVENUE, SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080

PHONE: 908-756-0633 FAX: 908-757-5655
ONLINE: http://www.churchofthesacredheart.net

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

PARISH STAFF **908-756-0633**

PASTOR x125 REV. JOHN P. ALVARADO

IN RESIDENCE x126
REV. JAMES E. DE FILLIPPS

DEACONS

D. GREGORY CARUSO **x145** D. WAYNE OTLOWSKI **x141**

DANIEL MAHONEY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION x143 LOUISE TIMKO

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR x140 PAUL A. LORANCE

PARISH FINANCES x114
IIM BUFIS

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR x110 LISA THOMPSON

PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR x142 RALPH A. QUAGLIA

STAFF ASSISTANT x118 SR. NADINE BOYLE, RSM

SACRISTANMARIE DOLINSKI

HOLY REDEEMER CEMETERY LYNDA YELENOVSKY 908-822-5892 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 1

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

9:00 AM ANTHONY & ELEANOR STRANO, Req. by Niece

_ynda

11:30 AM LUIGI FRAGASSI, Req. by Wife & Family

MONDAY, APRIL 3

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary

6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction

7:00 PM MARY PFEIFER, Req. by Connie Besser,

ELFRA ADVERSALO, Req. by the Adversalo &

Acab Families,

EMELIA ALJIAN, Req. by the Bach Family,

MARY TIMKO, Req. by Lou, Maryann & Jenn Ronzo,

LINDA BHRAN, Req. by the Cesare Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

ST. ISIDORE, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM ROBERT BESSER, Req. by Wife & Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

ST. VINCENT FERRER, Priest

9:00 AM SABASTIAN D'ADEZZIO, Req. by Mike & Kathy

Decker

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 AM PAUL BASSO, Req. by Sister & Family



FRIDAY, APRIL 7

ST. JOHN BAPTIST de la SALLE, Priest

9:00 AM LEO WILSON, Req. by the Caruso Family

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 AM REMEMBRANCE GUILD

5:00 PM MILDRED ABRUZZESE, Req. by Loving Husband

Guido

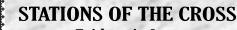
SUNDAY, APRIL 9
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Holy Week Begins

9:00 AM ANNIV. JOHN WASKIEWICZ, Reg. by Family

11:15 AM **Procession with Palms**

11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



Fridays in Lent 7:00PM — IN CHURCH

.......

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE April 2 - 9

4/2 - Ez 37: 12-14/Rom 8: 8-11/Jn 11: 1-45 4/3 - Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8: 1-11

4/4 - Nm 21: 4-9/Jn 8: 21-30

4/5 - Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8: 31-42

4/6 - Gn 17: 3-9/Jn 8: 51-59

4/7 - Jer 20: 10-13/Jn 10: 31-42

4/8 - Ez 37: 21-28/Jn 11: 45-56

4/9 - Mt 21: 1-11/ls 50: 4-7/Phil 2: 6-11/Mt 26: 14-27:66

► 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.

FOR THOSE IN HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES, especially: Bert Gartland, Lorraine Kick, Chuck Pender, Wilma Zielinski, Bill Keenan.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Bernice Jeronowitcz, and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

MICHAEL MEDWIG

Requested by Marion Valeri

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

ANNA LUKACS

Requested by Carole & Bob

SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

CONNIE PISANIELLO

Requested by Donna & Anthony

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: APRIL 8-9

5:00 PM - S. Sequiera, O. Markus, A. Ortega

9:00 AM - H. Brignol, M. Brignol, D. Faustini

11:30 AM - A. Walker, G. Delacruz, Z. Policarpio



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 March 26, 2017

	2017		2016	
Envelopes:	\$	10,482.00	\$	9,413.00
Loose:	\$	1,268.00	\$	3,694.00
On-line Giving:	\$	2,377.00	\$	3,496.00
Totals:	\$	14,127.00	\$	16,603.00

► Major Repairs & Renovations to Date — \$116,022

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "Today we pray the words of Psalm 130 - 'I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in God's word.' If this is the truth that we hold in our hearts and more than speak upon our lips, then we are ready to take a chance on God's love and support. The generosity and mercy that God shows is the same that we are able to share with one another. Each day becomes an opportunity to put our faith into action and allow God to use us in ways that fill us and send us out to be the hands and heart of Jesus." - Fr. John

SCRIPTURE: "Jacob then made this vow: 'Of everything you give me. I will return a tenth part to you without fail." - Genesis 28:20-22

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: "I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God's failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of His work. He has never failed in His promise, so I cannot fail in my services to Him."

— William Carey (1781-1834) Baptist Missionary to India

"I sent you to reap what you have not worked for, others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."







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: \$68,244 - GOAL: \$89,000

LET'S NOT FORGET ... THE ANNUAL COLLECTION



FOR RETIRED PRIESTS — Next weekend, Palm Sunday, we are asked to support the fund for our retired diocesan priests. This collection is exclusively for the benefit of our 26 retired priests, as well as for our active priests upon their retirement. May your

generosity to this collection reflect your gratitude and love for our retired priests who have been dedicated and faithful to their priesthood over the years. Let's not forget.

RICE BOWL - Lenten Rice Bowls are available in the entrances of the church. Please take one for your Lenten sacrifice. The due date for the return of your rice bowl is noted on the box.



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

DO YOU USE THE PARISH WEBSITE?

See http://www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net

VISIT THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE AT

www.diometuchen.org

► And don't forget to "like" us on FACEBOOK

The Church of the Sacred Heart, and to "follow" us on TWITTER

& INSTAGRAM







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.

How much of your personal finances do you already do online? SACRED HEART CHURCH

OFFERS ONLINE GIVING for parishioners who prefer to donate through automatic draft. Online Giving is a secure and personalized way to give to the parish.

In the convenience of your home you choose how much to give, how often to give, and what form of payment you wish to use.



Online Giving can stand on its own as a means of donation or can be used in conjunction with your offering envelopes. Sign up for Online Giving at our parish website: http://

www.churchofthesacredheart.net Have your weekly offering automatically debited from your checking account or credit card. If you have reward credit you can be earning points or cash back.







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

"In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ." — St. John Paul II, The Gospel of Life

SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

Easter Baskets

Can you believe it, Easter is just around the corner? Sacred Heart Social Concerns has begun working on their Easter Baskets for those in need in our Parish Community.

Presently we assist approximately 25-31 families per month. We are In need of fresh or canned hams, glaze, potatoes (boxed or canned), desserts, coffee, canned fruit, and biscuits.

Hams may be dropped off at the Parish Center during business hours. All other non-perishable food can be placed in the bins at all the doors of the Church. Your generosity has enabled us to



continue providing assistance to those in need and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

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.

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

Email: ocialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net

St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen CHRISM MASS

MONDAY, APRIL 10 - 7:30 PM

On Monday, April 10, 2017 Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each



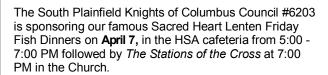
parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom— which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The OIL OF

CATECHUMENS is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism: the OIL OF THE SICK is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and SACRED CHRISM is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People: the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 7:30 PM. The Diocese of Metuchen will provide a live broadcast of the Chrism Mass Monday, April 10. On that day, you may access the live stream of the Mass via the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi website, http:// www.stfranciscathedral.org/. Click on "Watch us Live! Online streaming."

▶ Please note that our parish daily Mass on April 10, will be celebrated at 9:00AM. There will be no evening Mass.

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.





FASH DANER

ANNUAL LENTEN FRIDAY

FASH DANER

Holy Savior Academy Cafetoria

5:00-7:00 PM

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #620 is sponsoring our famous Sacred Heart Lenten Friday
Fish Dinners on April 7, in the HSA cafeteria from 5:00
7:00 PM followed by The Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in the Church.

THE MENU features: Fillet of fish (fried, broiled, parmigiana), a pasta dish or pizza, garden salad, rice pilaf, French fries, mac & cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea or a cold drink, plus dessert! TAKE OUT ORDERS AR ALSO AVAILABLE! Admission \$10/adults, \$9/Seniors \$5/children, pay at the door. pilaf, French fries, mac & cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea, or a cold drink, plus dessert! TAKE OUT ORDERS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE! Admission \$10/adults, \$9/Seniors,

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 2

What form of human pain is most obvious to you when you encounter it? How do you respond? Do you think you should have a different response? 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.



Where academic excellence & Christ's presence come together

149 SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE, P.O. BOX 1179 SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080

908-822-5890 — HOLYSAVIORACADEMY.COM

MRS. CAROL WOODBURN, PRINCIPAL

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

Call now and schedule a tour!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - sponsored by the South Plainfield Lions Club, Sunday, April 9, from 8:00AM-Noon at South Plainfield High School. Donation \$8/Children under 5 eat FREE. All proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund. Bring your camera and take a photo with the Easter bunny.

SPAGHETTI DINNER - sponsored by Boy Scout

Troop 207, at the South Plainfield American Legion Post 243, Oak Tree Road, on Saturday, April 8, 4-8:00PM. Tickets \$6/ea. Includes: salad, bread, meatballs, drink, and all you can eat spaghetti. (Gluten free available upon request).



HOLY REDEEMER



CEMETERY

Serving the funeral and burial needs of our Catholic Community with respect & dignity since 1919.

OWNED & OPERATED BY THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

1734 CLINTON AVENUE, SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080 908-822-5892

Website: www.holyredeemercemetery.net Email: shcemetery@comcast.net

Graves, Mausoleum Crypts & Cremation Niches
Inquire about brass military insignia
and photoceramic features.

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.

PARISH BOOK CLUB - Join our parish book club!

Tuesdays throughout Lent at 1:00-2:00PM in the Annex (no stairs!) and 7:30-8:30PM in the Parish Center. The 1:00 PM meeting will have a light lunch of soup and bread. Please *RSVP* to Louise Timko at 908-756-0633 ext.143. We will discuss "Resisting Happiness" by Matthew Kelly, which was distributed parish-wide at Christmas.



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 April 12.** 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.

THIS IS OUR FAITH

LENTEN BOOK

"Resisting Happiness"

PART 5

Chapter 28: The Light is on: That is the Confessional Light! Kelly says "that for the last 50 years Catholics just stopped going to confession." But he maintains that, "We all have a great need for healing. We all need to be liberated from our self -centeredness"

Kelly continues "Haven't you ever noticed the way people living good lives have a glow about them? They don't seem to be carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. When you go to confession your soul is cleansed and an inner beauty shines from within you. But after a few weeks the little sins begin to pile up, and before you know it, a big sin doesn't look so bad



on top of a pile of small sins. And once you add the big one to the pile, you figure you've made a mess already so you might as well really make a mess. Little by little, you begin to lose your sense of sin. Before you know it, you are very unhappy and you don't really know why." If you think you have not sinned, then maybe better questions to ask yourself are: have I been the best- version-of-myself; where I haven't I been the best- version-of-myself? "Action Step: No matter how long it has been, go to reconciliation this week!"

Chapter 27: The Secret to Excellence: Matthew Kelly's dad's mantra was "listen to your coach", because nobody achieves excellence without coaching. Matthew reminds us that God wants you to have an excellent life; God wants you to become the best-version-of-yourself, and God want you to be holy. "Action Step: Seek out a spiritual coach."

Chapter 30 and 31: The First and Second Intervention.

God sends people into our lives. For Matthew Kelly, John was the first person to lead Matthew on his spiritual journey. This intervention started when Matthew was only 15 to 17 years old. John helped Matthew develop a set of spiritual activities and a plan for enhancing his relationship with God. "Key Point: What's your plan? Have you ever really had a plan for spiritual health and growth? Action Step: How are you going to grow spiritually over the next 12 months, write down a plan!"

<u>Second Intervention</u>: Matthew's friends invite him to go away on a golf trip. Actually, the trip was a subterfuge to talk to Matthew. One of his friends said to him in front of everybody else "we think you are wasting your life, and you need to make some changes", Matthew says "Dynamic Catholic exists because of that intervention... <u>Key Point</u>: Our best friends encourage and challenge us to become the best versions of ourselves. <u>Action Step:</u> Who in your circle is God calling you to encourage or challenge to become the best-version-of-themselves?"

Chapter 32. Let your light shine: God has a unique mission for you. "Key Point: You have the perfect personality and talents to fulfill the mission God is entrusting to you. Action Step: Which of these traits most prevent you from letting your light shine? Fear, laziness, procrastination, selfishness, addiction, obsession, Comparing yourself to others, allowing your critics to drain your energy and direct your life, and unwillingness to move beyond your comfort zone, self-doubt, gossip, negative relationships, worry, excuses."

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.

"Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades. Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and ecosystemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry. They have no other financial activities or resources which can enable them to adapt to climate change or to face natural disasters, and their access to social services and protection is very limited. For example, changes in climate, to which animals and plants cannot adapt, lead them to migrate; this in turn affects the livelihood of the poor, who are then forced to leave their homes, with great uncertainty for their future and that of their children. There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever. Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering, which is even now taking place throughout our world. Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded .. " #25, ENCYCLICAL LETTER, Laudato Si, On Care For Our Common Home, Pope Francis I, May 24, 2015.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 28 - 30. Space is limited. Call 732-904-9636 for registration and information. Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.



CANYON COUNTRY -- OCTOBER 19-27, 2017

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. ▶▶▶ Join us for an Information Session
Thursday, April 6 at 6:30PM in the parish Annex.

Piscataway funeral home 18 Stelton Road · Piscataway, NJ 08854 732-968-2828



Mc Eviskin - Gustafson HOME FOR FUNERALS, LLC 2425 Plainfield Avenue · South Plainfield, NJ 07050

908-561-8000

FAMILY OF FUNERAL HOMES ♦ INDEPENDENT & LOCAL www.mccriskinfuneralhome.com

"Independent, Family Owned & Operated Funeral Homes"

South Plainfield

JAMES W. CONROY FUNERAL HOME **FUNERAL HOME** 2456 Plainfield Avenue · South Plainfield, NJ 07080

908-756-2800

James A. Gustafson, Pres./Mgr. N.J. Lic. No. 4205 · Richard W. McCriskin, II - V. Pres. N.J. Lic. No. 4564 Kerri-Anne Krapf, Director, N.J. Lic. No. 5045 · Daniel M. Erickson, Director, N.J. Lic. No. 4798 · Lauren J. Lapola, Director, N.J. Lic. No. 4816

& Pre-Arrangements♦SSI/Medicaid Protection♦Cremation Services♦Customized Cultural Services♦Financial Assistance Available

A Time to Deepen Your Love...



..through a Marriage Encounter Weekend

> www.wwmecentralnj.org 1-888-827-NJME

Grill Open All Night!



Wi Fi

BAGEL PANTRY



Our bagels are always hand-rolled and made on premises! SALADS - SANDWICHES - CATERING

BUY DOZEN **BAGELS GET** 3 FREE

BUY ½ DOZEN BAGELS GET 2 FREE

134 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield . 908-791-0076 www.bagelpantry.com

YOUR AD HERE! Text BVAD to 71441 for more information!





1645 Park Avenue (908) 791-WINE

• Foundation Problems

South Plainfield Observer

South Plainfield's Local Paper Your Source For Local News **908-668-0010**

• Nasty Crawl Spaces, too!

110 Hamilton Boulevard

ABSOLUTE 🗘 **AUTO/TRUCK SALVAGE** (732) 469-2202

Recyclers of All Metals & Tires · Used & New Auto Parts Francis J. Zatika, President www.absolute.cc

245 MOUNTAIN AVENUE · MIDDLESEX

Familu Restaurant & Pub



COMPLETE PARTY MENU \$20 PER PERSON

2501 PLAINFIELD AVENUE SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080

flanaganspub@comcast.net www.flanagansrestaurant.com



GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN YOUR COMMUNITY!



Full Time - Competitive Benefits Available

Uncapped Commissions & Incentives

B2B Sales Experience Preferred

- Email work@bonventure.net for more information -

"You Won't Drown With Us Around" NATALE PLUMBING & HEATING

Commercial and Residential • Fast, Reliable S - NO JOB TOO SMALL OR BIG -

State Lic. #5322 908-482-8272 We Accept VISA 515 FOREST ROAD • SCOTCH PLAINS

READY.GOV Don't be afraid...Be Ready

Ouglity 1st Basement

Waterproofing & Finishing
 Humidity & Mold Control

BasementRepairNJ.com

NY Lic # 1274423 • NJHIC# 13VH01833300

Responsible Waterproofing® Sustems

In this memoir, set as deeply in his mind as in the Southeast Asian jungle, a young American soldier embarks on a journey to a war that, for him, will never be over.



The world was a playground for Mickey, a naive Irish American kid bored with his life. His father served in World War II, his brother was a Marine in Vietnam; now it was his turn. His 365 days in Vietnam builds in torment until an attack on a bunker complex in Cambodia. Wounded, his friend captured, he becomes a tormented survivor knowing he is always just a heartbeat from death.

AVAILABLE NOW!

Scan Here:



or visit: http://goo.gl/ZGdeFF

NEED A LAWYER? INJURED ON THE JOB? MARC J. BRENNER



Workers' Compensation Social Security Disability **Personal Injury**



OF NEW JERSEY As A WORKERS'

★ CALL FOR A FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION ★



(973) 326-8902 222 RIDGEDALE AVENUE · CEDAR KNOLLS



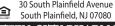
If you think all brokers are the same, You Don't Know Jad-

John (JACK) Pedersen

Broker / Owner Parishioner

908-755-8300 jackpedersen1@gmail.com

30 South Plainfield Avenue





& SURGICAL

908-755-7696 1708 Park Avenue | South Plainfield RAMPS · OXYGEN · OSTOMY SUPPLIES HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT · FREE DELIVERY

Owners: Bill Ashnault, RPh., Sandy Cassio, Tom Cassio



T= PLUMBING **Professional**

Plumbing & Heating "No Job Too Small" License #8741 • South Plainfield

"Memorable Events Created"

Wedding Event Planner Organizadora dé Bodas y Eventos

908-561-1941



Family Owned & Operated Since 1962
FREE Estimates - Lifetime Warranty On All Repairs

908-757-1933 3330 Park Avenue • South Plainfield www.randcautobody.com

CINDY **MICHAELS**

Jewelers & Gemologists Fine Jewelry

176 Front Street · South Plainfield

Myrna Garcia Se Habla Español "Showing You The Difference" **Custom Mirrors**

Table Tops · Store Fronts

FOR ALL YOUR GLASS & FRAMELESS SHOWER NEEDS

908-754-4046

www.glasstechnj.com



MARKET & DELI

Fresh Food At A Better Price

908-205-0331 greenolivemarkets.com

214 Front Street · South Plainfield

Fuel Oil • Garden Supplies • Feeds • Kerosene, Water Softener Salt • Pet Supplies 223 Front Street · South Plainfield 908-75b-0947 · F 908-75b-1041

CANCELA INSURANCE BROKERAGE, LLC.

Anthony Cancela, Jr. RHU, President

908-756-5126 • Fax: 908-756-5169 anthony@cibinsurance.com

2350 Oxford Avenue • South Plainfield, NJ 07080



www.penyakroofing.com • 908-753-4222



CONSTRUCTION

MICHAEL J. KUKISH **CARPENTER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR**

~ Over 40 Years Experience ~ N.J. Lic. #13VH03815200

CUSTOM CARPENTRY Additions • Renovations

732-381-3463 COLONIA

908-769-4264

MANUEL P. SANCHEZ **ATTORNEY AT LAW**

Sanchez Sanchez & Santoliquido, Esqs. Real Estate · Business Transactions
Municipal Court · Wills · General Practice (908) 791-0142

When you help the American Red Cross. YOU HELP AMERICA.

CALL 1-800-HELP NOW OR VISIT US AT REDCROSS.ORG





American Red Cross

ANZA LAW FIRM LLP

PERSONAL INJURY • WILLS & ESTATES • FAMILY LAW • REAL ESTATE MUNICIPAL COURT • WORKERS' COMPENSATION • BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

908-753-6010

2416 Plainfield Avenue · South Plainfield, NJ 07080

STILODISPOSAL



Need junk removal? 908-754-0776 www.stilodisposal.com

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY

Rose Marie Pelton

New Jersey Properties®

REALTOR-Associate
NJAR Circle of Excellence 90-2013 659 Mountain Boulevard - Watchung, NJ 07069

Bus 908 753-4450 · Fax 908-753-0136 Cell 908-419-3982 · Direct: 732-653-0322 Rosemarie.Pelton@BHHSNJ.com



From Concept to Creation, Your Complete Landscape Designer

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

BRICK PAVERS • SIDEWALKS PATIOS · DRIVEWAYS 908-413-1962

www.A-TECHLANDSCAPE.com Vinny Butrico, Parishioner

Fully Insured

B.K.'s Home Improvements Inc.

Siding · Roofing · Windows Kitchens · Baths · Skylights PISCATAWAY · 752-7686



CatholicMatch **New Jersey**

CatholicMatch.com/NJsingles

KC'S KORNER PUB & RESTAURANT

The Coldest Draft Beer • Outdoor Cafe

908-757-5306 South Plainfield 100 OAK TREE AVE . SOUTH PLAINFIELD