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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.

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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 22

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 23

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

MONDAY, APRIL 24 ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, Priest & Martyr

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary

6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction

7:00 PM BRIAN CAPPARELLI, Reg. by Eleanore Disch,

MARY TIMKO, Req. by Tom & Irene Donnelly, MILLIE ETTERE, Req. by the Cesare Family, DOROTHEA COONEY, Req. by Jane Giammarino, LYNN ROSSI, Req. by Husband & Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

ST. MARK, Evangelist

9:00 AM ANN PECHULIS, Req. by Bill & Teddy Slavoski

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

9:00 AM KATHLEEN GRASSO, Reg. by Phil & Amy Battista

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 AM THE BURKE SIBLINGS, Req. by The Burke Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

ST. PETER CHANEL, Priest & Martyr
ST. LOUIS GRIGNION de MONTFORT, Priest

9:00 AM KAY KUZIO, Req. by Son Paul

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

 9:00 AM CARMINE GALLO, Req. by Wife & Family
 5:00 PM DECEASED MEMBER OF THE SKROCKI FAMILY, Req. by Richard & Kathy Skrocki

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 30

9:00 AM PATRICK & SALLY DIEGNAN, Req. by Don & Geri Diegnan

11:30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

OFFERTORY GIFTS - If your loved one is being remembered at Mass with a special intention, please let one of the ushers know if you would like to bring up the Offertory Gifts of Bread and Wine for the Eucharist.





WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE April 23 - 30

4/23 - Acts 2: 42-47/1 Pt 1: 3-9/Jn 20: 19-31 4/24 - Acts 4: 23-31/Jn 3:1-8

4/25 - 1 Pt 5: 5b-14/Mk 16: 15-20 4/26 - Acts 5: 17-26/Jn 3: 16-21

4/27 - Acts 5: 17-26/JH 3: 10-21

4/28 - Acts 5: 34-42/Jn 6: 1-15

4/29 - Acts 6: 1-7/Jn 6: 16-21

4/30 - Acts 2: 14, 22-33/1 Pt 1: 17-21/Lk 24: 13-35

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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: Theresa DePasquale, and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

ROBERT MURRAY

Requested by Wife & Family

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in celebration of

MOM'S BIRTHDAY

Requested by Danielle & PJ

SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

CAROL HART

Requested by Children Bill & Rachel

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: APRIL 29-30

5:00 PM - A. Ortega, G. Delacruz, J. Makoski

9:00 AM - L. Flannery, F. Flannery, D. Faustini 11:30 AM - A. Walker, G. Ruzicka, 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 APRIL 16, 2017

		2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$	8,900.00	\$ 12,294.00
Loose:	\$	3,717.00	\$ 1,434.00
On-line Giving:	\$	3,845.00	\$ 2,421.00
Totals:	\$	16,462.00	\$ 16,149.00
Easter:			\$ 19,831.45
Holy Thursday:			\$ 1,234.00
National/Missionary Appeals			\$ 2,587.00

► Major Repairs & Renovations to Date - \$120,131

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "Peace is found in the mercy of God. If we show mercy to one another, can peace be far behind?" — *Fr. John*

SCRIPTURE: "If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3: 17-18

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: "We are called to work in the world without getting caught up in the cares of the world. We are called to possess lightly. It all belongs to God."

— Our Lady of Lourdes Bulletin, Philadelphia, PA

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Ambassadors for Christ

Ministering to those experiencing pain, confusion and fear, and those preparing for death is the role of the clergy assigned as **Hospital Chaplains**. They respond to calls at every hour of the day and night providing sacramental and pastoral presence when needed most. The Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to support the work of the priests serving as chaplains in more than 15 hospitals and health care facilities located in the Diocese of Metuchen. Last year, our hospital chaplains made over 40,000 pastoral visits.

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.

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.

Thank you to all who contributed time, talent, and financial support in helping to beautify our church to receive God's people and to celebrate the glory of the Resurrection. Thank you to our ministers of the Word, Eucharist, Music, Hospitality, Ushers, ad to those who serve at the Altar. We bring this all together as our prayer of praise to God. Thank you to all who gave the gift of a flower offering in memory of family and friends. Your loved ones will be remembered in prayer this Easter season. Offerings will be gratefully accepted throughout the season to refresh the floral settings.



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.

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.

Where there's a WILL, there's a way to help your parish with a bequest in your estate planning. Thank you for remembering Sacred Heart Parish.

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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



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Saint John Paul II, The Gospel of Life

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.

Prayer to the Divine Mercy (From Catholic Online)

O Lord, behold here before You a soul who exists in this world in order to allow You to exercise Your admirable mercy and manifest it before heaven and earth. Others may glorify You through their faithfulness and perseverance, thus making evident the power of Your grace. How sweet and generous You are to those who are faithful to You!

Nevertheless, I will glorify You by acquainting others of Your goodness to sinners and by reminding them that Your mercy is above all malice, that nothing can exhaust it, and that no relapse,

no matter how shameful or criminal, should allow the sinner to despair of forgiveness.



I have offended You grievously, O Beloved Redeemer, but it would be still worse if I were to offend You by thinking that You were lacking in goodness to forgive me. I would rather He deprive me of everything else than the trust I have in Your Mercy. Should I fall a hundred times or should my crimes be a hundred times worse than they actually are, I would continue to trust in

SAVE THE DATE - 8th Annual Sacred Heart Golf Outing September 26 - Metuchen Golf Club Visit our Golf webpage on churchofthesacredheart.net for Updates and Registration

Your mercy. Amen.

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.



FASHION SHOW - Sponsored by the South Plainfield



Columbiettes On April 30, at the Knights of Columbus hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield. Both adults and children will be modeling Lunch will be served. Tickets are \$15 please call Sandy at 908-753-8695 to hold your reservation.

THIS 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.

DO YOU USE THE PARISH WEBSITE?

See http://www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net

VISIT THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE AT

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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 23

What do you grumble & complain about the most about being Catholic? What would you need to do to move past this issue?

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

SAND'S CASINO BUS TRIP - Saturday, May 20. Departing from Holy Savior Academy at 11:00AM and returning to the school by 7:00PM. \$45 (includes \$20 in slot play and \$5 food voucher). Call Coach Ty 908-397-4453 for tickets.

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.



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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: ltimko@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: sacredheartigi@gmail.com. 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 on **Sunday, May 21**. 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.

THIS IS OUR FAITH

The Feast of Divine Mercy

Today we celebrate the **Feast of Divine Mercy**. This feast was instituted for the entire church on April 30, 2000 by Pope John Paul II, coincidental with his canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska.

Divine Mercy is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Sister (now Saint) Faustina reported as part of her encounters with Jesus between 1931 and 1938 in Poland, and is associated with special promises from Jesus. ("I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow.")

In these revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus commanded that an image be painted (seen on the left) according to the pattern that St. Faustina had seen and then venerated, first in the Sisters' chapel, and then which spread throughout the world. These revelations included the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (a chaplet is a string of 55 beads (one third of the rosary number) for counting prayers). The Lord asked Sr. Faustina to say the Chaplet and to "Encourage souls to say the Chaplet that I have given you."



Jesus also specifically

requested the establishment of the Feast of Divine Mercy: "The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy."

"However, it is important to remember that this message of The Divine Mercy, revealed to St. Faustina and to our present generation is not new. It is a powerful reminder of who God is and has been from the very beginning. This truth, that God is in His very nature Love and Mercy Itself, is given to us by our Judeo-Christian faith and God's self-revelation."

"The Old Testament speaks frequently and with great tenderness about God's mercy. Yet, it was Jesus, who through His words and actions, revealed to us in an extraordinary way, God as a loving Father, rich in mercy and abounding in great kindness and love. In Jesus' merciful love and care for the poor, the oppressed, the sick and the sinful, and especially in His freely choosing to take upon Himself the punishment for our sins, a truly horrible suffering and death on the Cross, so that all may be freed from destructive consequences and death, that He manifested in a superabundant and radical way the greatness of God's love and mercy for humanity. In His person as God-Man, one in being with the Father, Jesus both reveals and is God's Love and Mercy Itself."

For more on Divine Mercy- including the specific requirements for the indulgences and the source of the above information, please see: http://www.thedivinemercy.org

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.

KNIGHTS HONOR BROTHERS - On Saturday, April 1, 2017, the Knights of Columbus South Plainfield Council #6203 honored Past Grand Knight Tom Pollock for his dedicated service

as Grand Knight at a luncheon held at Columbian Club Hall. Tom was honored with a delicious lunch and was given a plaque & gift as a thank you for the two years he served as Grand Knight. Also in attendance were his wife, daughter, father in-law and mother in-law.



At Tom's request he also wanted to do something special for Knights who were members for over 30 years in the

Council. He invited those members to join him at the luncheon. There were 11 Knights with over 30 years in attendance ranging from a 32 year member to two 50 year members. Each member received a



plaque and a corsage from the current Grand Knight Joe McGeehan in appreciation for their loyal membership. The members all complimented on how much they enjoyed the luncheon and renewing old friendships.



Journeys for the Heart & Soul

TRAVELERS



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