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# SACRED HEART

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**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**

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*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.



# MASSSES

## SATURDAY, APRIL 29

5:00 PM DECEASED MEMBER OF THE SKROCKI FAMILY,  
Req. by Richard & Kathy Skrocki

## SUNDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 AM PATRICK & SALLY DIEGNAN, Req. by Don & Geri  
Diegnan  
11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## MONDAY, MAY 1

### ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary  
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction  
7:00 PM GEORGE RIPLEY, Req. by Eleanore Disch,  
ANGEL ACAB, Req. by Aversalo & Acab Families,  
MARY TIMKO, Req. by Marie Dolinski,  
DOROTHEA COONEY, Req. by Lois & Frank  
Garbarini, ROSA GIAMBATTISTA, Req. by M/M  
Arnaldo Ferrara

## TUESDAY, MAY 2

### ST. ATHANASIUS, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM ELLIE HANDLEY, Req. by Dan Hogan

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

### ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES, Apostles

9:00 AM JAMES WALL, Req. by Lou & Nilda Peralta

## THURSDAY, MAY 4

9:00 AM JOHN FREELEY, Req. by Dan Hogan

## FRIDAY, MAY 5

9:00 AM JOSEPH MANNO, Req. by the Antoniazzi Family

## SATURDAY, MAY 6

9:00 AM MARY & FRED SONNENFELD, Req. by Bruce &  
Marilyn Rossi  
11:00AM THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST  
5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 7

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

9:00 AM ANN W. MAHONEY, Req. by Family  
11:30AM MIKE KUZIO, Req. by Son Paul

► **Saturday morning, MAY 6 we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available Saturday morning, May 6.**

**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 30 - May 7

4/30 - Acts 2: 14, 22-33/1 Pt 1: 17-21/Lk 24: 13-35  
5/1 - Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6: 22-29  
5/2 - Acts 7: 51-8: 1a/Jn 6: 30-35  
5/3 - 1 Cor 15: 1-8/Jn 14: 6-14  
5/4 - Acts 8: 26-40/Jn 6: 44-51  
5/5 - Acts 9: 1-20/Jn 6: 52-59  
5/6 - Acts 9: 31-42/Jn 6: 60-69  
5/7 - Acts 2: 14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2: 20b-25/Jn 10: 1-10



► 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: Vinicio Barone, Clara Petersen and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

## VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

### CATHERINE PELLEGRINO

Requested by Niece

## SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

### MILDRED ABRUZZESE

Requested by Loving Husband Guido

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

## DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

## 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 23, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 9,081.00	\$ 9,060.80
Loose:	\$ 1,852.00	\$ 1,186.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,312.00	\$ 2,746.00
Totals:	\$ 13,245.00	\$ 12,992.80
Easter:	\$ 19,971.45	\$ 20,579.00

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

**SCRIPTURE:** "So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." — *Matthew 6:31-33*

**CHRISTIAN COMMENT:** "John Donne tells us 'no man is an island, we're all a piece of the continent.' This means we cannot exist alone; we must be involved in the well-being of and have concern for all people. This means caring and sharing. Caring about people and sharing with people what God has given. This is also known by another term called *tithing*." — *Rev. Charles Mangano, Cure' of Ars Parish, Merrick NY*



**Thank you** to all who gave the gift of an **Easter 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. Please contact Lisa in the Parish Office if you have a special flower request.

### 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*



### 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.

**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.*

**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.



## 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

### Ambassadors for Christ

It's not too late to participate in the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. In addition to our parish goal, we are looking to achieve our non-monetary goal of 100% participation. A gift from every household, no matter the size, will make a powerful statement about our commitment to our faith. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

Thank you for joining us as Ambassadors for Christ with your gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal.



#### 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](http://www.diometuchen.org/BAA).

**PLEGDED TO DATE: \$99,898 - GOAL: \$89,000**

Thank you to the 436 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.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL DIOCESAN TOTALS TO DATE:

Goal: \$7,000,000 Pledges: \$7,120,673

Paid: \$5,736,298 Donors: 23,029

% Pledged to Goal: 101.72%

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  
Cpl. 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



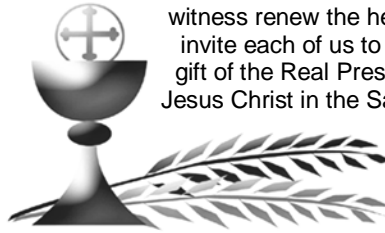
*May we work for Justice as we pray for Peace.*

Visit our diocesan website at [diometuchen.org](http://diometuchen.org),  
click [Offices & Ministries](#),  
then click [Military and Veteran Families](#) and see

**THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES**

## WE REMEMBER OUR CHILDREN IN PRAYER

as they approach The Table of the Lord for the first time to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. May their innocent witness renew the hearts of all the Faithful and invite each of us to a deeper appreciation of the gift of the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.



*My Jesus, Bread of Life,  
be my strength and guide.*

**MAY CROWNING** - Join the Rosary Altar Society members for the May crowning following the 7:00PM Mass on Monday, May 8. The monthly business meeting to follow in the Annex. All are welcome to attend.

**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.**



**SAVE THE DATE - 8th Annual Sacred Heart Golf Outing**  
September 26 - Metuchen Golf Club. Visit our Golf webpage on [churchofthesacredheart.net](http://churchofthesacredheart.net) for updates and registration.

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

## SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

### January-March 2017 — Quarterly Report

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support to those in need from our parish family. Your generosity allows us to continue to serve the most needy and to be a living example of Mercy.

With your gifts we were able to assist, on a monthly basis, 29 families with food and financial aid. During the past quarter our food pantry has been well stocked with continuous donations of food from parishioners and other residents (464 bags). We distributed **500 bags of food** to families in need. We assisted families with financial help (\$6,440.00), and over \$1,815.00 in gift cards for perishable food, clothing, and other personal needs. Please note:

- ❖ In February students from St. Joseph High School donated 217 bags of food.
- ❖ Social Concerns Ministry also supported the *God's Special People's* luncheon in February.
- ❖ Thank you to Holy Savior Academy's Brownie Troop 65402 for over 40 bags of food.
- ❖ Reimbursements from Catholic Charities: \$1500.00. (Part of your donations to the Bishop's Annual Appeal and Catholic Charities does come back to the parish)

If you know of families in need, please have them call 908-756-0633 x112, Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 9:00AM & 11:00AM. The primary source of funding is from the Poor Boxes located at all the doors of the Church. Also, at all doors, bins are provided for your donations of non-perishable food items.

**Email: [socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto:socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net)**



## Respect for Life

Life Choices Resource Center launches two new websites: [www.ChoicesOptionsforWomen.com](http://www.ChoicesOptionsforWomen.com) & [www.LifeChoicesRC.com](http://www.LifeChoicesRC.com)

**YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED** at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on June 3, 2017 at the 5:00 PM, Vigil of Pentecost in celebration of the 5th Anniversary of Priesthood of Fr. James E. De Fillippo.



**SISTERS OF MERCY TREASURE CHEST RAFFLE** - The 2017 drawing for the Sisters of Mercy Treasure Chest Raffle will take place on May 21 at 3:00PM at Mt. St. Mary. Tickets for this annual raffle can be purchased now from Sr. Nadine at the parish center/convent during our working hours. Sister will also be available for ticket sales on **May 6-7 & 13-14** after all the Masses. Tickets are \$25. Raffle sales for 2016 totaled over \$80,800 dollars resulting in a give away of \$40,400, with the first prize of \$20,200. Total number of prizes will be ten starting with 25% of all collected funds to . 1%. We are most grateful for your continued support for our infirmed and retired Sisters.  
— Blessings, Sr. Nadine



## DO YOU USE THE PARISH WEBSITE?

See <http://www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net>

**VISIT THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE AT**  
[www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org)

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

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



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Timko, Director  
908-756-0633 x143



For more information please visit our web page  
[www.churchofthesacredheart.net](http://www.churchofthesacredheart.net)  
or send us an email:

[religiouseducation@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto: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 30

What is the story about being a Catholic that you could tell?  
What opportunities can you take or create to make this story more meaningful, exciting or fulfilling?

## 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](mailto:religiouseducation@churchofthesacredheart.net).



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MRS. CAROL WOODBURN, PRINCIPAL

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**

## HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY MARIAN MAY CROWNING

All are invited to join the students of Holy Savior Academy as they crown the statue of the Blessed Mother at the grotto in front of the church on Tuesday, May 16 at 8:30AM.



**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.

# HOLY REDEEMER CEMETERY



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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: [ltimko@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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. Francis 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](mailto:sacredheartigi@gmail.com).

# THIS IS OUR FAITH

## Easter: Risen Jesus, Changed Apostles

As Catholics we believe Jesus rose from the dead. But if that's all that happened, Christianity would have ended 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem. The power of Jesus's death and resurrection lies not in the empty tomb, but in the changed lives of the Apostles! The Apostles had journeyed with Jesus for 3 years. They had left their jobs, families and friends to follow Him throughout all of Palestine; they had gone out two-by-two proclaiming the Kingdom of God and performing miracles in His name. Yet they ran away when the authorities came to arrest Jesus.



The Resurrection of Jesus and His subsequent appearances to the apostles and other disciples changed these men and women who were so close to Jesus. It changed them from cowards who ran away from Jesus on Holy Thursday and went into hiding, to people who openly began to speak and teach about Jesus, perform miracles in His name and ultimately to confront the power of the Jews and the entire Roman Empire. The Resurrection of Jesus issues the same call to each of us today. Just as the men and women who surrounded Jesus 2,000 years ago, we are called to live a changed life.

Today, we here at Sacred Heart begin our month-long call to Discipleship and Stewardship. The Bishops of the United States tell us "once one chooses to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, Stewardship is no longer an option." So, Stewardship is a way of life for each of us!

But what is Stewardship? What does it mean? Lisa Rohr of McKenna Stewardship Ministries says, "In brief I think we can define that a Christian steward is a disciple who lives in gratitude by recognizing and embracing God's gifts and sharing them in love of God and of one's neighbor."

Throughout Holy Scripture there are constant reminders that we are called to be stewards of all of God's gifts....our time and talents, our communities, the earth we live on with its natural resources, our relationships with family and others, and even our financial resources. We must truly recognize that everything belongs to God and we are stewards or caretakers who are expected to use the gifts in

service to one another, in gratitude to God. Simply put, it is based on the biblical view of God as Creator and we are His servants. We are accountable to God for the use of our gifts of time, talent, and treasure that He gives us during our life on earth. Stewardship provides us with the foundation for a deepened faith for all of us and our parish.

*When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, "I used everything You gave me."*

## 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.**

*You are called ...  
you are gifted ...  
what is your response?*



## STEWARDSHIP is LOVE in action.

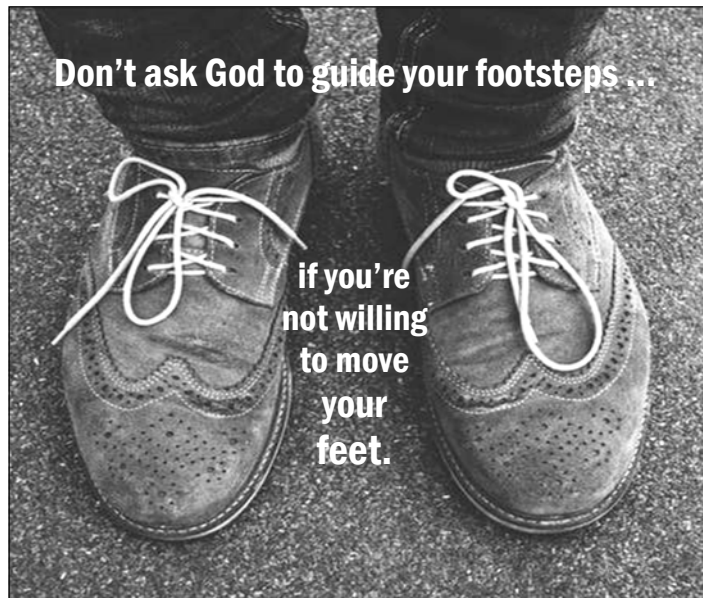
**This weekend our parish begins our Tithing and Stewardship Renewal.**

Tithing and stewardship is based on the principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus. It is a way of living and of giving thanks to God for all the blessings God has given us by returning to the Lord a portion of time, talent and treasure. It can change the spiritual lives of individuals and the life & focus of an entire parish community.

You are invited to listen and pray. Reflect on how God has blessed you. Discern how God is calling you.

**DRAW NEAR TO THE HEART OF JESUS, AND DISCOVER WHO YOU ARE.**

**Don't ask God to guide your footsteps ...**

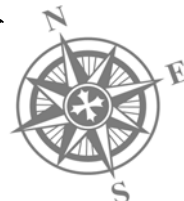


**if you're not willing to move your feet.**



*Journeys for the Heart & Soul*

## SACRED HEART TRAVELERS



**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](http://ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net) and click on the Travel Link. **Book by May 1 and save \$170.**



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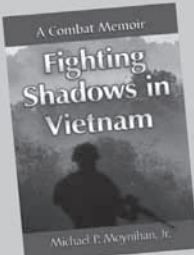


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