



Church of the

# SACRED HEART

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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**

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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, AUGUST 12

5:00 PM FRANK & MARY TIMKO, Req. by Family

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM LORETTA & JOSEPH LACASALE, Req. by the Lacasale Family

11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## MONDAY, AUGUST 14

### ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, Priest & Martyrs

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary

6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction

7:00 PM CHUCK PENDER, Req. by Bill & Pat Butrico,  
THERESA DE PASQUALE, Req. by Carole & Bob Holzheimer, VINICIO BARONE, Req. by M/M Arnaldo Ferrara, RICKY DONOVAN, Req. by Jim & Tree Olano, JOSEPH A. CIMINI, Req. by Tom & Irene Donnelly

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### *A Holy Day of Obligation*

6:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

9:00 AM ZOLTAN PETERCSAK, Req. by Wife

7:00 PM JONATHAN YUHAS, Req. by Fr. John Alvarado and the Parish Center Staff



## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

### ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

9:00 AM DANNY VENTRIGLIA, Req. by Sandy Romasz & Val Genova

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 AM PETE KRAPELS, Req. by the Otlowski Family

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 AM HANK HOHENSTEIN, Req. by Lou & Sandra Muchi

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

### ST. JOHN EUDES, Priest

9:00 AM CROAT & TUTHILL FAMILIES, Req. by Family,  
GUIDO ABBRUZZESE SR., Req. by Bill & Teddy Slavoski, THOMAS RUGGIERI, Req. by Ann Schenck,  
ESTHER SIVULICH, Req. by Husband & Children

5:00 PM CARTER & DEAN FAMILIES, Req. by Richard & Kathy Skrocki

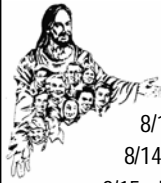
## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM GERRY & PHILOMENA IZZO, Req. by Daughters & Family

11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Healing Mass



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

### August 13 - 20

8/13 - 1 Kgs 19-9a, 11-13a/Rom 9: 1-5/Mt 14: 22-33

8/14 - Dt 10: 12-22/Mt 17: 22-27

8/15 - Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15: 20-27/Lk 1: 39-56

8/16 - Dt 34: 1-12/Mt 18: 15-20

8/17 - Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18: 21-19: 1

8/18 - Jos 24: 1-13/Mt 19: 3-12

8/19 - Jos 24: 14-29/Mt 19: 13-15

8/20 - Is 56: 1, 6-7/Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32/Mt 15: 21-28



► 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, 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, Celeste Ginder, George Castagno, Garrett Barone, Barbara Nuber, Judy DiLeo.

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

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

## VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

### ASSUNTA BASSO & GIOVANNA ESPOSITO

Req. by Son & Daughter

## SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

### SAL & MARGARET PERRETTI

Req. by Niece

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

### ANTHONY GUARRACI

Req. by Family



## ALTAR FLOWERS

for this week are in memory of

### JOHN & MARY SABO

Requested by the Sabo & Naberezny Families



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 August 6, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 9,753.00	\$ 8,155.00
Loose:	\$ 1,328.00	\$ 1,159.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,672.00	\$ 2,640.00
Totals:	\$13,753.00	\$11,954.00

#### ► Major Repairs & Renovations to Date – \$135,624\*

\*After a review, the Major Repairs & Renovations amount has been adjusted. The above revised amount is correct.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT:** "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

— Matthew 6:21

**CHRISTIAN COMMENT:** "How can anyone put into words what God does for one? The peace ... in times of stress is an example. The month's money of one who has a fixed income and yet it seems to go further. God is so subtle. I don't hear bells, fireworks or drums; still my prayers are answered. Don't try to outdo God! He will not allow it. He comes back with more help than before."

— A parishioner, Holy Cross Church, Bronx

**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.



#### ► Have you included your parish in your Estate Planning & in your Will?

Remember the Church of the Sacred Heart in life & in death. Please call and speak with Jim Bufis at the Parish Office (908-756-0633 x114) about your legacy gift to your parish.



## Wedding Banns

Third Time: Georgio Dano & Lauren Capedevielle  
Taylor Nichuck & Daniela Estupinian

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: AUG 19-20

5:00 PM - S. Sequiera, H. Brignol  
9:00 AM - L. Flannery, F. Flannery  
11:30 AM - A. Ortega, A. Fallet



**NEXT WEEKEND -** We welcome Fr. Peter Mandina of the Diocese of Machakos, Kenya, who will share with us the wonderful works of God through their efforts in Kenya. The diocese is one of the largest in Kenya with about 1.6 million baptized Catholics. The Catholic Church in Kenya has a unique role in improving the lives of the people, usually accomplished through the efforts of the Church, rather than the government. Thanks in large part to the prayers and support of Catholics in the USA, the church in Machakos is growing and making a positive difference in the lives of the people. Our support and prayers are needed as part of our annual Mission Cooperative Program.

### MONTHLY ANALYSIS FOR JULY 2017

Weekly Collections	\$ 58,870.00
On-Line Giving	13,052.00
Holy Day	20.00
Gifts	2,030.00
Offerings (Funerals/Weddings)	7,903.00
Religious Education Fees	1,850.00
Major Renovations & Repairs	4,327.00
Other	3,133.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 91,185.00</b>
Salaries	\$ 30,382.00
Benefits	6,387.00
Social Security (FICA)-Employer	1,867.00
Utilities	6,867.00
Repairs & Maintenance	11,038.00
Administrative Costs	5,061.00
Religious Education Expenses	1,181.00
Diocesan Assessment	10,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 72,783.00</b>
► Income Higher Than Expenses	\$ 18,402.00

**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.**

**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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## 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

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## Respect for Life

**2 NEW WEBSITES - ONE LIFE SAVING**

**MISSION** Life Choices Resource Center launches two

new websites: [www.ChoicesOptionsforWomen.com](http://www.ChoicesOptionsforWomen.com) &  
[www.LifeChoicesRC.com](http://www.LifeChoicesRC.com)

**ARE YOU SUFFERING AFTER AN ABORTION?** Help is available. If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available! Experience God's merciful love and begin the journey of healing. Call **Project Rachel's** local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300 or visit [HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://HopeAfterAbortion.org). Spanish-speakers may visit [EsperanzaPosaborto.org](http://EsperanzaPosaborto.org) or call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org)



**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.**

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!** The **Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea** conducted by Rev. Alphonse Stephenson will be performing here at Church of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, November 26, at 3:00PM. This concert is sponsored by the Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society. Mark your calendars and look for ticket information in future bulletins.

## 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 & INSTAGRAM**



## SAVE THE DATE & SHARE THE NEWS — 8th Annual Sacred Heart Golf Outing

September 26 at the Metuchen Golf & Country Club.  
Visit us at [churchofthesacredheart.net](http://churchofthesacredheart.net) for updates  
and registration.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Join us for the march and wear a red shirt and comfortable shoes. Ride in the our parish "float" if you are not able to walk the distance, but please call the parish office let us know to save you a place.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** - The Church of the Sacred Heart **Parish Potluck** (SOMETHING NEW) will take place on **Sunday, September 10 from 2-6PM**, in the school cafeteria. FAMILY-FOOD-FUN-MUSIC for every age and everyone!



## SILVER & GOLDEN

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.



### Sunday, September 17, at 4:00PM

Application forms may be secured by contacting the parish office or by logging on to the diocesan website: [www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org). Forms must be signed by a pastoral minister and returned to the Family Life Office by the parish office. Application forms will be accepted by the Family Life Office until the **deadline for registration Friday, September 1**. A confirmation letter will be sent once your application has been processed. Formal invitations and seating tickets will be mailed approximately two weeks prior to the celebration. Tickets are not required for guests. Everyone is welcome to attend this joyous event.

For additional information call the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen (732) 562-1990 x 1705 or 4573.

## SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

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

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.

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

# 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 – August 13

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 = not at all AND 10 = completely), how would you rate the strength of your faith? What factors strengthen or weaken your faith? How can you turn away from distractions and more toward Jesus?

During the Religious Education Summer Session, a collection was taken up for the Missionary Childhood Association, which provides water, medical care and basic educational supplies to children in the poorest countries. The students collected \$1,511.00 to help other children in need.

**GIFT-** Registration for our monthly religious education program: **GIFT: Growing in Faith Together** has begun. The registration form can be downloaded from the parish website: [www.churchofthesacredheart.net](http://www.churchofthesacredheart.net).

►►► We are in need of a volunteer on Sunday mornings for an hour after the 9:00AM Mass to prepare 2 or 3 teens for Confirmation. Please contact Louise Timko at 908-756-0633 x143 or [religiouseducation@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto:religiouseducation@churchofthesacredheart.net) if you are interested in doing this for the parish.



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MRS. CAROL WOODBURN, PRINCIPAL

Holy Savior Academy is still accepting enrollment applications enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year. Call 908-822-5890 to schedule a tour.

**THERE IS STILL TIME** to enroll in our Catholic schools. Catholic schools in the Diocese of Metuchen link faith-based values with academic excellence. If you are new to the area or desire a different school experience for your child, we invite you to learn more about the Catholic school advantage. The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Schools can connect you with a school in your area. To speak to a staff member in our Office of Schools, please call (732) 562-2446 or email [education@diometuchen.org](mailto:education@diometuchen.org).

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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 **FIRST 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.

**SPONSOR LETTERS** - Canon (Church) Law mandates that a Godparent for Baptism and a Sponsor for Confirmation be an active, Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, is in a valid Catholic marriage (an individual married civilly by a judge, mayor, or divorced and remarried without an annulment is not eligible to act as a sponsor) and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. Please note that we can only write *Letters of Eligibility* for parishioners who meet these criteria.

**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 Sept. 13.** 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).

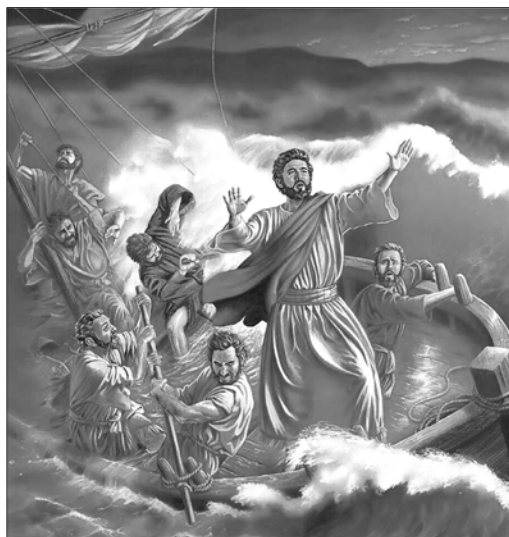
# THIS IS OUR FAITH

## "Be Not Afraid"

In the northern United States, free from light pollution, the night sky is crystal clear. In a large city, we perceive these stars to be absent because we cannot see them. But the stars are always present and shining brightly despite our inability to see them. In this Sunday's Gospel, we meditate on the mystery of God who the disciples believe is absent in the midst of the storm. Jesus, in stepping back from His disciples, shows that God sometimes seems to mysteriously hide. Scripture speaks often of this experience:

"How long, oh Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me?" (Psalm 13:1) "Do not hide your face from your servant; answer me quickly, for I am in trouble." (Psalm 69:17) "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died." (John 11:21) Jesus himself, said on the cross, "my God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" (Matthew 27:46)

God, in his mysterious plan of salvation, appears to be absent from the lives of His people. In times of tragedy, great pain, or suffering, people often ask, "Where was God?" But we must remember the wisdom of today's Gospel – that when the waves are crashing around the boat, and the winds of the storm howling, and the disciples full of anxiety, Jesus is on the mountain in loving communion with God the Father. Jesus walks across the water toward the disciples, calming the storm and says to them (and us), "Fear not, it is I. Be not afraid." In other words, though we may be in frightening or trying situations, His power is always greater. Notice here that He does



not promise there will be no "storms" in life. But He shows us by word and action that He has power over all of them. "Fear not, is I. Be not afraid!"

There are times in our life too that we expect Jesus to be present to us in a particular way. Often it is we, through the darkness of our

intellect, pride, or stubbornness who fail to recognize that Jesus is present and working in ways we may not perceive or understand. "This is a fundamental choice we face as Christians: in times of adversity, do I turn inward in fear? Or do I choose authentic communion with God the Father?"

What are the storms and winds occurring in my life today? Do I trust that Jesus, though He may seem absent at times, is truly loving me in these moments?

Jesus offers us the gift of peace, for He is the Prince of Peace. Although at times we perceive Him to be absent or distant, He is always present and interceding for us before God the Father. May we constantly turn to Him in prayer, particularly during the trials and tribulations of our own lives.

— Adopted from homily of Rev. Zach Kautzky ordained for the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa in 2010.

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED** - Our adult altar servers assist at Funeral Masses and our youth servers (4th grade or higher) assist with weekend Masses, Holy Days, and Weddings (optional). Training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Nadine via email: [srnadine@comcast.net](mailto:srnadine@comcast.net). Or call 908-756-0633 x118.

### THE PARISH MINISTRY GUIDE

is available on our parish website:  
[www.churchofthesacredheart.net](http://www.churchofthesacredheart.net).



**TRIP TO IRELAND** - Journey with us to the Emerald Isle from April 2 -11, 2018. Visit Belfast, Armagh, Giant's Causeway, Knock (with Mass), Galway (with Mass), Connemara, Bunratty and Dublin. Brochures are available in the church and at the Parish Center. Join friends and fellow parishioners for the trip of a lifetime. Questions? Call Dan Mahoney 908-756-0633 xt139 or contact Peter's Way Tours 800-225-7662. Deposit not due until September 30.

### DO YOU ENJOY MEETING NEW PEOPLE?

Think about joining our parish HOME VISITORS. Spend time with parishioners who are homebound and would love to have your company.

► Please call our Parish Life Coordinator, Ralph Quaglia at 908-756-0633 x142 for full details ... and say **HERE I AM!**



*Your Stewardship of Time & Talent can be fun, motivational and inspirational. Take the time; make the time. God has given you the talent!*

**SENIOR & AMBASSADOR GIRL SCOUTS** - Join our summer session to get a head start on your Spirit Alive award. Sunday August 20, 1:30 – 5:00PM, St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen. Cost: \$5 - snack /beverages provided. Topic: "Where life is taking you" and begin service project planning Contact: [DOMgirlscouts@gmail.com](mailto:DOMgirlscouts@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE MASS** - Bishop Checchio will offer Mass for all those engaged in farming and other agricultural related businesses on Sunday, August 27, at 5:00PM., at St. Ann Parish, 32 Main St., Hampton, NJ. Families and individuals who are involved in all aspects of agricultural production and services, such as tree farmers and nursery, horticulture, landscapers and lawn care service providers and home or community gardeners and bee keepers, are invited to attend. Fellowship and light refreshments to follow Mass. Please register online by August 20, at <http://diometuchen.org/RuralLifeMass>.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR** - St. Francis Cathedral, Main Street & 32 Elm Ave, Metuchen. Seven Thursday Evenings, Sept 14 through Oct 26, at 7:30PM. Conducted by the Body of Christ Prayer Group. For more information contact Tom Mockoviak 732-549-4740 or [mockofam@optonline.net](mailto:mockofam@optonline.net)

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**ANNUAL MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL  
NEXT WEEKEND: AUGUST 19-20**

Next weekend we welcome Rev. Peter Mandina of the Diocese of Machakos, Kenya who will speak on behalf of his people. The Diocese of Machakos is one of the largest in Kenya with 76



parishes and over 1,000 outstations. Total population is about 3.3 million of which about 1.6 million are baptized Catholics. The Diocese lies in a semi-arid area where the annual rainfall is low and unreliable. Drought, famine & poverty are challenges faced by much of the population, since they depend on agriculture

for their livelihood. The effects of malnutrition and HIV/AIDS is the cause of death for many young children.

The Catholic church in Kenya has a unique role in the lives of its citizens. Improving the lives of the people is usually accomplished through the efforts of the church rather than of the government. Thanks in large part to the prayers and support of Catholics in the United States, the Church in Machakos is growing and is making a positive difference in the lives of the people including:

- Operating 2 hospitals and over 20 clinics/dispensaries.
- Drilling of wells to provide clean water.
- Establishing immunization programs.
- Maintaining 21 group homes for disabled children.
- Maintaining 4 orphanages for children orphaned by HIV/AIDS.
- Organizing workshops on health and nutrition issues.
- Providing rehabilitation programs for street children.
- Providing education on proper land usage.
- Began construction of a primary school for orphans and other needy children.

During the past year, the growth and increased vitality of the Church in the Machakos Diocese is reflected in the establishment of 1 new parish and the ordination of 1 priest and 4 deacons for ministry in the Diocese and 1 priest ordained for ministry in religious orders.

**PURPOSES FOR MISSION APPEAL DONATIONS**

1. Support for needy parishes and the renovation of several older churches.
2. Purchase of cars and motorbikes for use in pastoral work of newly opened parishes.
3. Assistance to orphanages and group homes for children with special needs.
4. On going formation of catechists who provide instruction in 76 parishes and over 1,000 out stations.
5. Payment of medical care and medical insurance for priests and 55 senior seminarians.
6. Payment of school fees for needy students from poor families.
7. Continue construction of primary school for orphans and needy children.

**Thank you for your Christian response & generosity.**



**IRAQ** — On June 10, 2014, ISIS forces killed and looted their way through Mosul. Christians were told to convert to Islam or leave, abandoning their homes and possessions. On August 6, 2014, ISIS swept across the Nineveh plains, forcing 120,000 Christians to flee overnight to Erbil, Kurdistan. Today, ISIS is on the run and the Nineveh plains have already seen the return of hundreds of Christian families. The buildings are destroyed however. There is no electricity or water. There is no government protection. The faithful of Iraq and many places around the world need our prayers and sacrifice.

Be aware of what is happening to our sisters and brothers in Christ. Organizations like **Aid to the Church in Need** are a good resource. We rarely hear anything in the news about the Christian (mostly Catholic & Orthodox) slaughter that is taking place. Did you know that there is a bill moving through this 115th Congress, **H.R. 390**, that was sponsored by NJ Republican, Chris Smith (2017-2018) — **Iraq and Syria Genocide Emergency Relief and Accountability Act of 2017** and cosponsored by 47 other legislators. The Senate has yet to do anything with it. You can write, or call and speak with our US Senators from New Jersey, Bob Menendez and Cory Booker, and ask them to not only support this bill but get it moving ASAP. Visit [CONGRESS.GOV](http://CONGRESS.GOV) and read the details for yourself. Can we join our Nation's voice and that of the United Nations to the outcry of Pope Francis and many others.

Just last week, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson of the Knights of Columbus, announced a plan to raise and donate \$2 million to help resettle Christian families who were recently displaced by the Islamic State in the Nineveh Plain Islamic State area back in 2014 countless executing many of had time to flee. In destroyed Christian churches,



The Dominican sisters who worked and lived in the area were shocked when they first saw disturbing photographs of, "our churches, homes, schools, and convents, hospitals burned and destroyed after they had been looted." If you would like to donate toward this fund, visit the *Knights of Columbus* website.

Iraq. A village on will be rebuilt. The originally seized the and drove out Christians, them before they the process ISIS everything, including monasteries and

You can make a significant difference in helping to support and protect the lives of tens of thousands of Christians by speaking up and speaking out the name of Jesus. Write, call and ask others to do the same. Your PRAYER and FAITH IN ACTION carry the power of the Holy Spirit.

From your pastor, Fr. John

# Parish Potluck

**Sunday, September 10, 2017**

**2:00 to 6:00pm**

**School Cafeteria**

**“Not our traditional Picnic”**

This year join us for plenty of fun, food, fellowship, and music with a touch of a competitive edge and for every age!



## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ **Square Dancing with a professional caller**
- ❖ **South Plainfield Police Canine Unit Demo**
- ❖ **Karaoke**
- ❖ **Gift Basket Raffle**
- ❖ **Afghan Raffle**
- ❖ **50-50**
- ❖ **Plenty of Food AND**



AND



**CUPCAKE  
WARS**

**ALL are WELCOME! Bringing food is not a requirement.  
Join the fun at this year's Parish Potluck!!**

**Please join us and bring your best recipe to share. Choose from:**

- Chicken**    **Meat Dish**    **Vegetable Dish**    **Salad**    **Pasta**



If you are cooking for the Parish Potluck please bring enough for 8-10 people.  
Let us know what you are bringing by August 27. **Email: eileenandmanny@comcast.net**



The **Chili Cook-Off** and **Cupcake War** will have a panel of judges to decide the winners!!!  
Get your recipes out and your pots and pans ready.



Cupcake War Challengers:  
Each entry should have 2 dozen, regular-sized cupcakes.



Let us know what if you are entering either competition by August 27.  
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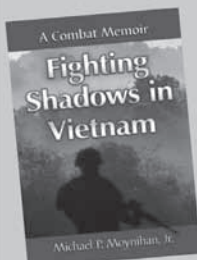


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