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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.



MASSES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

5:00 PM ANNIV. FRANK TIMKO, Req. by Wife Mary & Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 AM MARY & SAL DELLAPERUTE, Req. by Pat, Bill & Family

11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Healing Mass

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary

6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction

7:00 PM SIMONE PISANO, Req. by the Ozbalik Family,
JOANNA PASTER, Req. by the Otlowski Family,
RAEMARIE FUENTES, Req. by Lou & MaryAnn
Ronzo, HELEN IANNAcone, Req. by Marie
Dolinski, PATTY YANICK, Req. by the Zieger Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

9:00 AM ROBERT DISCH, Req. by the Hennerty Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 AM DIANA SPOTTSWOOD, Req. by M/M Stallone

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 AM JOSEPH BALAZS, Req. by Richard & Robert Rogers

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

ST. JOHN EUDES, Priest

9:00 AM ANNIV. ZOLTAN PETERCSAK, Req. by Wife
Barbara

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

ST. BERNARD, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM DIETER HOLLAIN, Req. by the NiCastro Family,
NANCY McKIMM, Req. by Joan Bennett,
EVELYN AHLAND, Req. by John Hudson,
HELEN IANNAcone, Req. by Ann Schenck,
PHILIP A. TOSCANO, Req. by Brian McGonigle
5:00 PM DEAN & CARTER FAMILIES, Req. by Richard &
Kathy Skrocki

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30 AM ANGELO VASTANO, Req. by Wife Mary & Family

ALTAR FLOWERS

are in loving memory of

RUTH & JIM BOLGER

Requested by Don & Elaine & Family



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

August 14 - 21

8/14 - Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10/Heb 12: 1-4/Lk 12: 49-53

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

8/16 - Ez 28: 1-10/Mt 19: 23-30

8/17 - Ez 34: 1-11/Mt 20: 1-16

8/18 - Ez 36: 23-28/Mt 22: 1-14

8/19 - Ez 37: 1-14/Mt 22: 34-40

8/20 - Ez 43: 1-7a/Mt 23: 1-12

8/21 - Is 66: 18-21/Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13/Lk 13: 22-30



► 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, Alfred Haas, Martha Leon, George Ripley, Alice & Ed Kicki, Anne Nagy, Eileen Walker, Daniel Hedden, Robert Larsen Jr., Brody Kasnowski, Georgie Martinkovic, Joan Sacko, Mary Pfeiffer, Kevin Jones, Raul Rodriguez, Dot Cooney, Alyssa Ricciardi, Richard Romeri, Margaret Nichuck, Frank Spalluto, Tina Bernauer, Kathleen Poliquin, Thomas BATTERY, Betty Ann Robertson, Cathy Gary, Rich Levine, Cheryl O'Brien, Albert Pizza Sr., Hank Loeffler, Thomas Heim, Peter Romano, Katherine Makowski, Patricia Lacasale, Frank Harris, Patrick Cadeen, Margaret Smith, Clara McGill, Louise Valentino, Romulo Lopez, Janice Vogel, Carol Hart, Dot Mercier, William Blair, Daniel Hogan.

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

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

PATRICK DUNBAR

Requested by Wife & Family

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

SAL & MARGARET PERRETTI

Requested by Niece



SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

ZOLTAN PETERCSAK & JOAN EJK

Requested by Wife & Sister



Wedding Banns

FIRST TIME: Ralph Angeles & Jennifer Perez

THIRD TIME: Craig Smillie & Kathleen Cioffi

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 7, 2016

	2016	2015
Envelopes:	\$ 11,234.55	\$ 10,632.00
Loose:	\$ 1,557.00	\$ 1,257.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,940.00	\$ 2,560.00
Totals:	\$ 15,731.55	\$ 14,449.00

Major Repairs & Renovations to Date – \$ 94,795.00

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "Jesus never said to His disciples (of every age and time) that following Him would be easy or comfortable. The scripture readings this weekend attest to this. The peace that only God can bring, not the world, is not necessarily "peaceful," but rather stirs and churns within us. Are we willing to be moved? A change of heart calls for a change of thought and action. Are you willing to be moved? — Fr. John

SCRIPTURE: "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce. — Proverbs 3:9

PARISHIONER COMMENT: "The talks on tithing did cause me to re-evaluate my contributions to my parish. It is difficult, but I am certain that what we give to God, we receive back from Him in blessings." — A parishioner, Immaculate Conception, Tuckahoe, NY

What will you give back to God from the blessings you have received?

MONTHLY ANALYSIS FOR JULY 2016

Weekly Collections	\$ 46,295.00
On-Line Giving	10,672.00
Gifts	490.00
Offerings (Funerals/Weddings)	4,759.00
Religious Education Fees 2016-167	1,125.00
Major Renovations & Repairs	4,324.00
Other	3,211.00
Total Income	\$ 70,876.00

Salaries	\$ 29,792.00
Benefits	7,629.00
Social Security (FICA)-Employer	1,824.00
Utilities	6,124.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2,327.00
Administrative Costs	5,561.00
Religious Education Expenses	334.00
Diocesan Assessment	11,000.00
Shared Facility Costs (Holy Savior Acad.)	1,659.00
Holy Savior Academy Assessment	4,500.00
Nationa/Missionary Diocesan Appeals	1,894.00
Total Expenses	\$ 72,644.00

► Expenses *Higher* Than Income \$ 1,768.00

SAVE THE DATE - The Church of the Sacred Heart Annual Parish Picnic will take place on **Sunday, September 11, 2016** at the school backyard & cafeteria. **FAMILY- FOOD - FUN** for every age and everyone. *Eyes of the Wild* will be returning



with exciting live animals. There will be dancing and singing and get yourselves ready for this year's talent show. **Think about your performance specialty & get practicing!**



PARISH PICNIC TALENT SHOW RETURNS ...

STARRING ... YOU! Once again, this year's Parish Picnic will showcase many of our parishioners sharing their talents during the festivities. **The Talent Show will be from 3:00-4:00PM.** Those who wish to participate should contact Dan Mahoney 908-756-0633 x139, or via email Dan410@aol.com. Any person in grade 6 or older is welcome to participate. Depending on the number of people that sign-up, the time will be limited based on the number of participants. Please contact Dan ASAP so that you will have your "spot" for the show.

CONSIDER A FLORAL MEMORIAL AT THE ALTAR — Arrange to have flowers placed at the main Altar or on a side Altar to remember a loved one living or deceased. Call Lisa at the Parish Center 908-756-0633 x110 for options. Have your loved one's name printed in the bulletin & remembered in prayer.

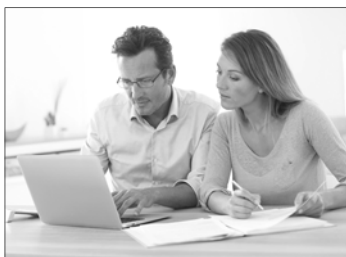
► **Have you included your parish in your estate planning and in your Will?**

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.



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WE PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Especially for our parishioners



Army Captain Cheryl Hoh, Pharm D
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then click [Military and Veteran Families](#) and see
THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: AUG 20-21

5:00 PM - J. Chavez, T. Figueiredo, J. Makoski

9:00 AM - L. Flannery, F. Flannery, G. Delacruz

11:30 AM - Z. Policarpio, A. Ortega, D. Faustini



FREE SUMMER MOVIES AT THE PARISH:

"Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message" and **"For Greater Glory"**: The Church of the Sacred Heart, will be showing these two films. The 2015 Knights of Columbus-produced film, *"Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message"* is narrated by Jim Caviezel, the actor who portrayed Jesus, in *"The Passion of The Christ."* This film paints a comprehensive and inspiring picture of the history, facts and legacy of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and was shown on ABC last Fall. Also being shown is *"For Greater Glory"*, A chronicle of the Cristero Resistance (1926-1929); a response by the people of Mexico against the anti-Catholic, anti-clerical Mexican government of the time. With a full-star cast, this film had been shown in theaters across the country in 2012.

► **"Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message"** will be shown in the church on **Monday, Aug. 15, at 1:00PM.**

► **"For Greater Glory"** will be shown in the church on **Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7:00PM.** All are welcome.

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 certificates.**

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



Respect for Life

"Abortion is the most lucrative part of Planned Parenthood's operations. They really want to increase the number of abortions so they can increase their income."
— Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood clinic director.
NRL News, January 2010

SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

Thank you, and God bless you, for your continued support to those in need from our parish family and beyond.

A special **THANK YOU** to the **Summer Session Religious Education** students and teachers for their generous donations to our food pantry. The food pantry was also visited by 2nd & 3rd grade students & teachers. They toured the pantry and briefly were told how we help families who are in need. The students had some very interesting questions. Also, thank you to the 7th grade students who checked expiration dates and carried the food to the pantry.

As indicated in previous reports, during the summer months we have a shortage of items on our shelves. The following items are always in need: **Peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, boxed potatoes, and toothpaste and other toiletries.** Your generosity, as always, is very much appreciated. If you know of families in need, please encourage them to 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



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 and receive a personalized certificate from Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.



Sunday, October 30, 2016 at 4:00PM

Application forms may be secured by contacting the parish office or by logging on to the diocesan website: 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 Monday, October 17.** 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 4573.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Timko, Director
908-756-0633 x143

For more information please visit our web page
www.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** – August 14

Do you rise to the challenge of being pushed out of your comfort zone or do you avoid the growth opportunity if it makes you uncomfortable?

REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS NOW OPEN. Our new program, Growing in Faith Together is a MONTHLY program. Sessions are held once a month and you choose whether you would prefer to attend Sunday afternoons or Wednesday evenings throughout the year. The day you choose will be the session your family will attend through the year. Adults with children must attend 10 of the 12 monthly sessions. This is not a drop-off program. At least one parent must attend with a child, though, of course, both parents are welcome. And there is a light meal during each session! The registration form can be found on the parish website: churchofthesacredheart.net and is available at the Parish Center.

Adults without children are invited to participate in Growing in Faith Together! Attend sessions as you choose. Topics are on the parish website (on the home page click on the Faith Formation link) and will be listed in the bulletin. Suggested dinner donation is \$5 per person, payable at the door. No registration required.



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School may be out for the summer, but our doors are open year round. 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) 562-2443 or email education@diometuchen.org.

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8:00AM - 7:00PM (APRIL 15 - SEPT 15)

Website Update!

You can now access the cemetery website via the Church website: churchofthesacredheart.net, click on **Cemetery** and it will take you directly to the site. Please view and submit photos, comments, obituaries, military information, etc. **Thank you!**

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, and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. We can only write *Letters of Eligibility* for parishioners who meet these criteria.

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.

VISIT 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

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THIS IS OUR FAITH

NO MORE CCD? continued

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Well, is the old CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) model working? According to Sherry Weddell, author of *"Forming Intentional Disciples"*, the CCD Model was designed in the 17th century to counter the Protestant Reformation.

"The assumption was that a carefully nurtured religious identity acquired in childhood would endure throughout life. The Jesuit motto said it all *"Give me a child until he is 7, and I will give you the man."* The author continues, "But the evidence suggests that what worked in the 17th century does not work in the 21st. Pew researchers found that attending CCD, youth groups, and even Catholic high schools made little or no difference to whether or not an American Catholic teen ended up staying Catholic, becoming Protestant, or leaving to become "unaffiliated"¹.

Here are some of the current statistics regarding Catholicism in America²:

- ◆ Only 30% of Americans raised Catholic are still practicing: i.e., attend Mass at least once a month

- ◆ 38% identify as Catholic, but seldom or never attend Mass

- ◆ The final 32% no longer consider themselves Catholic

It has long been an assumption that although Catholic teens vanish after Confirmation they come back for marriage and raising their families. However the number of Catholic marriages have fallen 60% between 1972 and 2010, although the Catholic population has increased by 17 million. Also of those attending Sunday Mass, the vast majority are over 65 years old, see chart below³:

Generations		Attending Sunday Mass
Builders	Age 65+	45%
Boomers	Age 47-64	20%
Gen X	Age 26-49	13%
Millennials	Age 18-25	10%

It is obvious that we are not transferring the Faith to future generations as well as we had done in the past. However we also have to ask, what kind of faith are we transferring to those who remain.

Weddell, states that the "bedrock foundation" at the heart of Catholicism is belief in a personal God who loves us. She goes on to report statistics from the Pew Research Group that only 48 percent of Catholics were absolutely certain that the God they believed in was a God with whom they could have a personal relationship. So the person you are sitting next to at Mass may be there with an entirely different belief in God than the one held by Catholic teaching.⁴

So, it's broke and we've got to fix it! What originally worked in passing the Faith from generation to generation is not working now. Moreover, the ability to pass the Faith on has also been affected by dramatic changes in culture and society over the last 50 years which have contributed to the breakdown of common values.

Next week we will review how *Whole Community Catechesis* is designed to counter some of these factors which have contributed to the decline in faith transmission to new generations.

1. Pg.34, *Forming Intentional Disciples*, Sherry Weddell, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing, Huntington, IN.; 2. Ibid. Pg. 24; 3. Ibid. Pg. 38; 4. Ibid. Pg. 44.

A Prayer for Peace & Unity in Our Nation and the Closing of The Year of Mercy

PILGRIMAGE

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Mother Teresa of Calcutta

PAPAL QUOTE AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - THEME 5: The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers – The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected — the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

"All these rights, together with the need for the workers themselves to secure them, give rise to yet another right: *the right of association*, that is to form associations for the purpose of defending the vital interests of those employed in the various professions. These associations are called labor or trade unions." On Human Work *Laborem Exercens*, #20. *Laborem Exercens*, On Human Work on the ninetieth anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*, Encyclical of Pope St. John Paul II, September 14, 1981.

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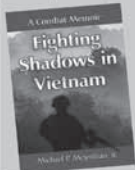
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