

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART  
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080



# 7th Annual Golf Outing

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

*For detailed information and  
to register ... phone*

**908-822-5893**

EMAIL:

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

\$225.00 per Golfer

\$900.00 per Foursome

## **METUCHEN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

EDISON, NEW JERSEY

**FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION, VISIT US AT:  
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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 meetings will resume  
in September.** For more information call 908-822-5895, OR  
contact Fr. John at 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).

## **SOUTH PLAINFIELD LABOR DAY PARADE**

Join with your fellow parishioners  
as we march in this year's town  
parade, Monday, September 5.



The parade theme is "90 Years  
of Red Carpet – Movies,  
Music, Theater." Walk the route  
with us or wave from the sidelines but **WEAR SACRED HEART  
RED.** Some might even consider dressing as characters from  
films with Catholic themes like ... *The Song of Bernadette, The  
Bells of St. Mary's, Going My Way, Shoes of the Fisherman, A  
Man for All Seasons, The Robe, Joan of Arc*, etc. Be creative! Let  
us know that you and others are joining our "parish delegation."  
Please call our Parish Life Coordinator, Ralph Quaglia at 908-  
756-0633 x142.

THE OFFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES -  
Diocese of Metuchen, has a number of donated disability aids on  
hand which we would be happy to make available to anyone in  
the parish who might have need of them. They include  
wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, canes, and porta-potties, plus  
other items. A complete list of available items has been provided



to your parish office. If you have any questions,  
or wish to contact our office directly, please feel  
free to contact us at 732-765-6432 or e-mail:  
[catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com). To request  
prayers for yourself or others, please call our 24  
hour prayer line: 732-765-6431.

**YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE! RETROUVAILLE –**  
A lifeline for troubled marriages. Has your marriage become  
unloving or uncaring – your relationship grown cold, distant –  
thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already  
separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again – then the  
Retrouvaille program may help you. **RETROUVAILLE**  
(Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of  
Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no  
group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program  
initiates the weekend of September 16-18. All inquiries are  
confidential. For details, please call the Family Life Office 732-  
562-1990 x4573, Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or  
Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).

### **Are you praying your Morning Offering?**

VISIT US ON INSTAGRAM – SACREDHEARTSPNJ

#### **DAILY INTENTIONS**

Sunday	That the Gospel message of Joy, Mercy and Reconciliation, may open hearts and minds to Christ Our Savior
Monday	<b>For the Sick and Persons with Disabilities</b>
Tuesday	For Those who Suffer Discrimination regardless of its source (Age, Gender, Race, Religion, Disability, National and Ethnic Origin, Sexual Identify, Social Status)
Wednesday	<b>For Military &amp; Emergency Response Services Personnel</b>
Thursday	For all Pregnant Mothers and their Unborn Children
Friday	<b>For all Civil and Religious Leaders</b>
Saturday	For our Families, our Bishop James & his intentions, and the intentions written in our Parish Intention Book

# WITNESSES TO FREEDOM

## MARTYRS OF COMPIÈGNE

### *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*

They offered their lives as a sacrifice to restore peace to France and to the Church. As the Revolution raged around them, boiling over to the Reign of Terror, their prayer came to a climax when sixteen sisters fell victim to the guillotine.

The Revolutionaries regarded the Catholic Church with scorn, because they saw the institution as too tied to the order they sought to upend. Contemplative orders, like the Carmelites, were targeted because they were not active. The Carmelites offered nothing useful to France, in the eyes of the Revolutionaries.

In 1792, the community of Carmelite nuns at Compiègne was split up, forced to abandon the habits they wore, and kept under watch. The sisters continued to meet and pray, and two years after their expulsion from the monastery, they were apprehended and jailed by the Revolutionaries.

On the day after a brief show trial, the sixteen Carmelite nuns were to be executed. They were paraded through the streets of Paris wearing their habits, because their secular clothes were being washed. As they approached the scaffold, they chanted the *Veni Sancte Spiritus* and other hymns. Each one ascended the stairs, renewed her vows before her prioress, Mother Teresa of St. Augustine, and then calmly placed her head in the guillotine.

With each fall of the blade, the singing diminished, voice by voice. After the sixteenth and final sister had died, there was silence. This was unusual. Typically, an execution was preceded by a drumroll, and following the beheading, the crowd erupted in cheers, paradoxically believing that they were cheering for values such as freedom, equality, and reason. This time, the mood was somber. There were no drums nor cheering. The crowd dispersed in silence.



(The 16 Carmelite martyrs of Compiègne; woodcut by Robert F. McGovern. Copyright by and used with permission of ICS Publications, Washington, DC)

The nuns offered their lives in the hopes that God would bring peace to their land. Ten days after their execution, the Terror ended.

From the beginning of the Church, Christians have loved the land of their birth, and offered their lives for their countries, even when facing persecution. These Carmelite sisters shared in Christ's sacrifice in a most perfect way. They show us how to live and love with grace and dignity in a time of upheaval.

*May Teresa of St. Augustine and Companions,  
Blessed Martyrs of Compiègne, pray for us!*



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**PRAY FOR PEACE,  
UNITY,  
FREEDOM**

