

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:  
[www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net](http://www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net)**

**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).

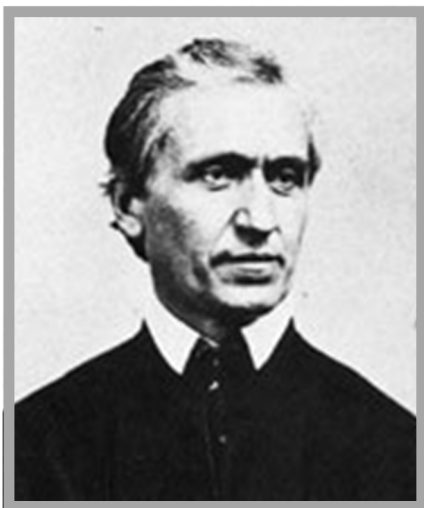
## **Are you praying your Morning Offering?**

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



## FR. JOHN BAPST, SJ

*“... if John Bapst, SJ, be found again on Ellsworth soil we will provide for him, and try on an entire suit of new clothes, such as cannot be found at the shop of any tailor, and then when thus appareled he be presented with a free ticket to leave Ellsworth upon the first railroad operation that may go into effect.”*

Catholics in the United States have a history of challenging our country to a fuller embrace of religious freedom. In the 19th century, violence and persecution posed a significant challenge to newly arrived immigrants from Ireland, Germany, and other parts of Europe. Riots led by anti-immigrant, anti-Catholic nativist parties broke out in cities such as Louisville, Cincinnati, and Philadelphia. It was a time of serious testing for Catholics in this country.

Fr. John Bapst of the Society of Jesus did not want to be sent to the “New World.” But his Jesuit superiors had other plans for him, and they sent him to Maine to evangelize the Native Americans. In the town of Ellsworth, where he set up a Catholic parish and school, Fr. Bapst became caught up in a controversy over public schools. During that time, students read aloud from the Bible in school. Fr. Bapst had suggested that Catholic students not be required to read from the King James Version of the Bible, because it was a Protestant translation. After this, *Know Nothings* attempted to destroy the parish and banned Bapst from Ellsworth.

Bapst was apprehended by a mob. According to some accounts, he was actually pulled out of the confessional. The mob tarred and feathered him, and attempted to set him on fire. He was rescued and eventually cleaned up and brought back to good health. He would go on to become the first president of Boston College. Even so, the event traumatized him, and he suffered flashbacks until the end of his life.

Fr. Bapst did not come to this country as rabble rouser. He is not known to have been a particularly great preacher or confessor or scholar. There is no cause for his canonization. He was a Jesuit priest who answered a call, and it thrust him into a whirlwind of hatred. Religious prejudice is not new. John Bapst, SJ shows us the courage of an ordinary priest bearing witness to freedom in an extraordinary way.

May the example of Fr. John Bapst inspire each of us to answer our own call, even in the midst of misunderstanding and prejudice.



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**PRAY FOR PEACE,  
UNITY,  
FREEDOM**

