



Church of the

SACRED HEART

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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 19

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 AM GERRY & PHILOMENA IZZO, Req. by Daughters & Family
11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Healing Mass

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

ST. PIUS X, Pope

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
7:00 PM CHUCK PENDER, Req. by Connie Besser, THERESA DE PASQUALE, Req. by the Otlowski Family, VINICIO BARONE, Req. by the Leonardis Family, ELINOR SHEPARD, Req. by Dan Mahoney, CATALINA AALA, Req. by the Inigo Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The 112th Anniversary of the Incorporation of The Church of the Sacred Heart

9:00 AM MICHAEL MANDUCA, Req. by the Antoniazzi Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

ST. ROSE OF LIMA, Virgin

9:00 AM SERAFINA MILLER, Req. by the Ratti Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle

9:00 AM FIORE DI COSTANZO, Req. by Anthony Cardinale

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

ST. LOUIS and ST. JOSEPH CALASANZ, Priest

9:00 AM BOB DARR, Req. by the Keane Family

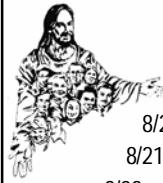
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 AM MARGARET NICHUCK, Req. by Nina Ripley, THERESA DE COLA, Req. by Bill & Teddy Slavoski, THOMAS RUGGIERI, Req. by Barbara Scalzadona, PETER YOUPA, Req. by the McGonigle Family
5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM MARY DELLAPERUTE, Req. by Pat, Bill & Family
11:30AM LYDIA ALVARADO, Req. by Family



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

August 20 - 27

8/20 - Is 56: 1, 6-7/Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32/Mt 15: 21-28
8/21 - Jgs 2: 11-19/Mt 19: 16-22
8/22 - Jgs 6: 11-24a/Mt 19: 23-30
8/23 - Jgs 9: 6-15/Mt 20: 1-16
8/24 - Rv 21: 9b-14/Jn 1: 45-51
8/25 - Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22: 34-40
8/26 - Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17/Mt 23: 1-12
8/27 - Is 22: 19-23/Rom 11: 33-36/Mt 16: 13-20



► 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, Rev. Edward Flanagan.

FOR THOSE IN HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES, especially: Bert Gartland, Lorraine Kick, Wilma Zielinski, Bill Keenan, Rev. John Morley, Edward Billian.

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

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

GUIDO ABRUZZESE SR.

Req. by MaryAnn & Kim Kane

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

PAUL BASSO

Req. by Sister & Family



SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

CAROL HART

Req. by Her Children, Bill & Rachel

ALTAR FLOWERS

for this week are in memory of

BRIDIE KELLY

Requested by Family



Wedding Banns

First Time: Juan Hernandez & Karen Montano

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 13, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 8,212.00	\$ 9,049.00
Loose:	\$ 2,525.00	\$ 1,437.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,242.00	\$ 2,340.00
Totals:	\$12,979.00	\$12,826.00

► **Major Repairs & Renovations to Date** — \$139,340

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT: "Jesus said to the rich man, 'If you wish to be perfect,' go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

— Matthew 19:21

So what did the rich young man do? What will you do?

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: "I tithe out of a deep-down conviction that it's the correct, Scriptural thing to do. I give without expecting anything in return. But it's amazing what God can do when you take Him as your partner. I'm a lot happier than way back when I used to give grudgingly, tight-fistedly, or sometimes not at all." — *A parishioner, St. Augustine, Ossining, NY*

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.



ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: AUG 26-27

5:00 PM - J. Makoski, A. Fallet

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

11:30 AM - H. Brignol, D. Faustini



THIS 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
Total Income	\$ 91,185.00

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
Total Expenses	\$ 72,783.00

► **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.**

PARISH UPDATES: If you are now solely using a cell phone, have changed your phone number or address, please call Lisa at 908-756-0633 x110, so we can update your records. We would also like to update our parish data base with e-mail addresses. Email us at admin@churchofthesacredheart.net to have your email address included or to update an email address. Thank you!

► If you are moving, please notify Lisa at the Parish Office so we can keep our parishioner records current. *Thank you!*

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*

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,
click [Offices & Ministries](#),
then click [Military and Veteran Families](#) and see

THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES



Respect for Life

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but rather to use any violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." — *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

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. Spanish-speakers may visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org or call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: 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

► 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 for updates
and registration.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Join us for the march and wear a red shirt and comfortable shoes. Ride on the parish "float" if you are not able to walk the distance, but please sign-up and let us know to save you a place. Sign-up sheets are at the office & church.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - The Church of the Sacred Heart **Parish Potluck** (see the insert) will take place on **Sunday, September 10 from 2-6:00PM**, 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. 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

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 20

What needs in this parish community are not presently being addressed? How can you respond to these needs and bring them to the attention of others?

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.**

Our monthly Religious Education program begins in September! Have you registered your family? See the parish website: www.churchofthesacredheart.net for the registration form.

We are in need of Grade 7 & 8 teachers and adult group discussion leaders for this program. If you are interested in helping out for one session (3 hours) a month, Please call Louise Timko 908-756-0633 x143 or via or 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.
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.

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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.

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. And look for the **IGI** icon on the parish website. All are invited to view and share the video presentation at OwningOurFaith.com.

THIS IS OUR FAITH

Heroic Holiness and "The Little Way"

August 14 was the feast day of **St. Maximilian Kolbe**. St. Maximilian was a Franciscan priest captured by the Nazis and



St. Maximilian Kolbe
1894-1941

held as a prisoner at Auschwitz. During his imprisonment three prisoners had escaped and the commander of the camp ordered the death of 10 prisoners in revenge. St. Maximilian offered his life in place of another prisoner, a man who had a family. The Nazis accepted his offer, and the 10 men, including St. Maximilian, were placed in an underground bunker to be starved to death. After 2 to 3 weeks all the prisoners were dead except St. Maximilian. In order to make room for more prisoners the Nazis injected St. Maximilian with carbolic acid and he died.

I had heard a homily on St. Maximilian which pointed out that he likely did not spontaneously exhibit this heroic virtue of love toward his fellow prisoner, but, the homilist suggested, that the heroic sacrifice of his life was likely the result of all the little sacrifices he had made all through his life.

The homilist stressed that it is important for us all to remember that God rarely asks heroic virtues from us, but that each of us is called to holiness by little acts of sacrifice.

St. Therese of Lisieux, *The Little Flower* and a Doctor of the Church, suggests the same thought in her advocacy of her "Little Way" to Heaven. She says "love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers, and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love."

In the words of our Blessed Mother from her great prayer, *The Magnificat*, let us all, each one of us, "magnify" our crucified Lord, by little acts of love that we give to ourselves and to everyone God puts into our lives each day.

— *Ralph Quaglia*



St. Therese of Lisieux
1873-1897

Our Lord needs from us neither great deeds nor profound thoughts. Neither intelligence nor talents. He cherishes simplicity.

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. Or call 908-756-0633 x118.

THE PARISH MINISTRY GUIDE

is available on our parish website:
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 x1139 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!

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

"CLASSIC/CUSTOM CAR CRUISE NIGHT" Sponsored by Our Lady of Peace Church located on Amboy Avenue, Fords on Saturday, September 16 at the Parish Center from 5:00-9:00PM. Admission is free and there will be great food, a live Disc Jockey, vendors and some beautiful classic and vintage automobiles. Please join us!

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

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

Today 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.



PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Almighty God, you are our defender and shield against all evil and oppression. We beg your divine protection upon all your children who face persecution and violence for the sake of your name.

May Christians around the world unite their struggles with the Cross of Christ whenever they are faced with mockery, injustice, exile or bodily harm. Help all those displaced from their homes, those sold into slavery and any who have gone missing in the chaos of war,



Have mercy on all the dead who have lost their lives rather than deny their faith in you. Restore peace and joy to the lives of your suffering people and may all senseless fighting and hatred cease.

God of mercy and justice - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - we place all our trust in you. Amen.

— Pedro de la Cruz

JOB POSTING - HELP WANTED

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And please bring enough food for 8-10 people.

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