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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, DECEMBER 10

5:00 PM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE TOWEY FAMILY,
Req. by Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 AM ELIZABETH & JOSEPH STOLZ, Req. by Daughter
& Family
11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
7:00 PM ROBERT & MICHAEL DISCH, Req. by Wife & Mom,
MARY PFEIFER, Req. by Nancy Stillman-Pender,
WILFRED MAXWELL, Req. by Lorraine Beyer,
ZIGMUND MRUCZINSKI, Req. by Fortuna Notino,
NATALE MAZZAFERRO, Req. by Neil & Helen
Towey

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

ST. LUCY, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 AM LUCILLE ZENO & PAT BIANCO, Req. by Natalie,
Jim, Lucia & Angelo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM ERIO NOTINO, Req. by Wife Fortuna

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 AM MARILYN TULLY, Req. by the Bach Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 AM LEONA COLLINS, Req. by the Hagerty Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 AM GREGORIO REYES, Req. by Pagdonsolan Family,
MARY PFEIFER, Req. by the Piotrowski Family,
THOMAS GORMANLY, Req. by the Gwiazda Family,
PATRICK SILLITTI, Req. by M/M Arnaldo Ferrara,
ANNIV. MARY & CHARLES STAATS, Req. by
Daughter Dottie

10:00 AM Advent Penance Service

5:00 PM ANNIV. ANTHONY MICHALAK, Req. by Wife &
Children

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30 AM ANGELO KOUTSAFTES,
Req. by Paul, Eileen, &
Christina Lorange



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

December 11 - 18

12/11 - Is 35: 1-6a, 10/Jas 5: 7-10/Mt 11: 2-11
12/12 - Zec 2: 14-17/Lk 1: 26-38
12/13 - Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13/Mt 21: 28-32
12/14 - Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7: 18b-23
12/15 - Is 54: 1-10/Lk 7: 24-30
12/16 - Is 56: 1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5: 33-36
12/17 - Gn 49: 2, 8-10/Mt 1: 1-17
12/18 - Is 7: 10-14/Rom 1: 1-7/Mt 1: 18-24



► 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, Dot Cooney, Alyssa Ricciardi, Margaret Nichuck, Tina Bernauer, Kathleen Poliquin, Thomas Buttery, Cathy Gary, Cheryl O'Brien, Hank Loeffler, Thomas Heim, Peter Romano, Patricia Lacasale, Margaret Smith, William Blair, Albertina Aguilar, Ed Curtin, Maryann Santoro, Arthur Tinana, Ann Marie Lauten, Elizabeth Vargo, Edward Owsik, Kathy Keenan, Barbara Calderoney, Roland Parker.

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Stacy L. Kregeloh, Jason Auletto, Anne Daugenti, Anthony Troiano, and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish and their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

JOHN MOCHARSKI

Requested by Wife & Family

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

MARY & STANLEY GINDA

Requested by Son & Daughter in law



SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

DEACON JOE STANCZAK

Requested by Mary McNerney & Family

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: DEC. 17-18

5:00 PM - S. Sequeira, H. Brignol, J. Makoski

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

11:30 AM - G. Ruzicka, A. Ortega, J. Gaffney



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 December 4, 2016

	2016	2015
Envelopes:	\$ 12,644.50	\$ 11,643.55
Loose:	\$ 2,028.00	\$ 1,376.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 3,627.00	\$ 2,978.00
Totals:	\$ 18,299.50	\$ 15,997.55

Major Repairs & Renovations to Date — \$102,247

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "St. James in today's second reading bids us to be patient and be prepared. There is much that we are to experience in the presence of one another before we stand in the presence of the Lord. What we share with one another is what we place at the feet of Jesus. Are you ready for that?" — *Fr. John*

SCRIPTURE: "Sell your belongings and give to the poor. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy" — *Luke 12, 33*

PARISHIONER COMMENT: Thought my intentions were always good, I never did begin tithing. There was some excuse every time I thought the time was right. Enclosed is a check for \$500. It certainly does not make up for my not tithing, but it is a start. The Lord has blessed me with so much. Because of that I am able to make a good living. I am aware he deserves more of me. — *A Parishioner-Nativity of Our Lord, Warminster, PA*

How much of your personal finances do you already do online? **SACRED HEART CHURCH OFFERS ONLINE GIVING** for parishioners

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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.



MONTHLY ANALYSIS FOR NOV. 2016

Weekly Collections	\$ 44,346.00
On-Line Giving	11,982.00
Holy Day	441.00
Gifts	48.00
Fundraising	15,307.00
Offerings (Funerals/Weddings)	4,883.00
Religious Education Fees 2015-16	285.00
National/Missionary Diocesan Appeals	1,666.00
Major Renovations & Repairs	1,184.00
Other	500.00
Total Income	\$ 80,642.00

Salaries	\$ 31,005.00
Benefits	5,804.00
Social Security (FICA)-Employer	1,915.00
Utilities	3,949.00
Repairs & Maintenance	4,959.00
Administrative Costs	6,537.00
Religious Education Expenses	1,572.00
Diocesan Assessment	12,000.00
Shared Facility Costs (Holy Savior Acad.)	485.00
Holy Savior Academy Assessment	4,500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 72,726.00

► Income *Higher* Than Expenses \$ 7,916.00

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

The traditional Christmas **OPLATKI** Wafer, Is available for \$2.00 after Mass at the Church and at the Parish Center.



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

on **TWITTER**

& **INSTAGRAM**



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.**

► 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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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.

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click [Offices & Ministries](#),

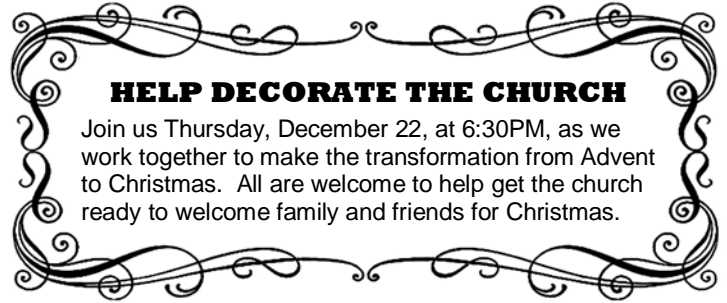
then click [Military and Veteran Families](#) and see

THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Prepare the Way of the Lord

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10:00 AM



HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH

Join us Thursday, December 22, at 6:30PM, as we work together to make the transformation from Advent to Christmas. All are welcome to help get the church ready to welcome family and friends for Christmas.

SAVE THE DATE - Mark your calendars and get ready for a great afternoon of music. The Sacred Heart Music Ministry presents: **"A Little of This and A Little of That"** choral concert on Sunday, January 29, at 3:00PM, here in the church.

PRAYER CIRCLE: The Prayer Circle will gather on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:00PM, in the Parish Center Chapel.

BUS TRIP TO THE RALLY FOR LIFE IN TRENTON

JANUARY 23, 2017 - The Diocese of Metuchen's Respect for Life Office will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, on Monday, January 23, 2017. The bus ride is free of charge, but as space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00AM, and ends at 1:00PM. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center between 2:00-2:30PM. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 x1543 or 1629.

Due to the inauguration, the March for Life in Washington, DC will be held on Friday, January 27. For more information visit: www.marchforlife.org.



Respect for Life

Mary knew the trials and tribulations of an unplanned pregnancy, but she also knew that the baby growing inside her was a gift from God. All pregnancies are gifts from God that should never be returned unopened.

SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

Thank You

The members of the *Sacred Heart Social Concerns Food Pantry* are thankful to **Holy Savior Academy** for their recent food collection. We received over 45 bags of non-perishable items from the generous students and their families. Their donations assist us in helping those in need during the coming Christmas season.

We also want to thank the students of **St. Joseph's High School, Metuchen** under the guidance of Fr. James De Fillippis for their Thanksgiving food drive donation of approximately 75 bags of food items. And, thank you to all those **parishioners** who continue to donate items in the bins located in the entrances of the church.



The Sacred Heart Social Concerns Ministry serves our parishioners and residents of South Plainfield in need of assistance due to unforeseen circumstances (loss of employment, shelter, sickness, etc.) with emergency distribution of food and/or funds for utilities or housing. If you know of families in need for the holidays, please encourage them to call 908-756-0633, x112, Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 9:00AM & 11:00AM.

Email: socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net



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.

THE SIMBANG GABI, a devotional nine-day series of Masses honoring the Blessed Mother in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ, is coming to the Church of the Sacred Heart on Saturday, December 17, 7:30PM. The celebration is coordinated by the Filipino Apostolate of the Diocese of Metuchen. All are welcome.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - Sponsored by the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus located at 334 Hamilton Blvd., next Sunday, December 18, 9:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knights hall. Complimentary pictures with Santa are included in price. Please bring wrapped present if you want Santa to give a present to your child. Cost of the breakfast is \$5/person or \$15/family. Breakfast includes French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, and more. Tickets & details, please call Tom Berry at (908) 531-0428.





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 – December 11**

What are some ways you have learned to find hope in troubled times?

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

At any point during the year, our RCIA program is open to newcomers. Catholics needing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation or non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic. All are welcome! Please contact Louise Timko at 908-756-0633 x143 or ltimko@churchofthesacredheart.net



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BAKE SALE - The Holy Savior Academy Cheer & Athletics will be having a bake sale next weekend December 17-18. Stop by for a Yuletide treat!



FREE CONCERT - Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 6:30PM. **Catholic, Contemporary Christian band, "150CENTRAL"** will be live in concert at St. Joseph Church Parish Hall, 34 Yorktown Rd., Hillsborough. Please join 150Central for this uplifting night of praise and worship! This is a free concert. Doors open at 5:30PM. A free will offering will be taken up to benefit the Parish of St. Joseph's Youth Ministry.

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 on January 11.** 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.

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◆ **CEMETERY HOURS** ◆

8:00AM - 4:30PM (SEPT 16 - APRIL 14)

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

FOR YOUR PLANNING: A Christmas Tree has been placed in the Mausoleum. The tree is there for you to place an ornament in memory of a loved one buried in Holy Redeemer Cemetery/Mausoleum. Please NO glass ornaments, unbreakable only. We ask that you please be respectful of ornaments place on the tree by families and that they not be removed. Thank you.



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.

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.

AED IN CHURCH

An **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm. We have purchased & installed an AED in church to assist in emergency medical situations. The AED is door-mounted next to the St. Joseph statue at the front of the church.

THIS IS OUR FAITH

*"Leave your gift at the altar . . .
and first be reconciled with your brother"*

GAUDETE SUNDAY -- "Let us rejoice!" We are halfway through the preparation time for Christmas. The Church gives us *Gaudete Sunday* as a pause in this waiting period leading to Christmas; a time of prayer, penance and almsgiving for Christmas. The Church knows us only too well as does God. There must always be "a light at the end of the tunnel" to enable us to maintain hope and to keep going.

The readings for this third Sunday of Advent focus on the glory of the coming Kingdom of God. In this kingdom, nature will be freed from all its struggles. *"The desert and dry land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom... feeble hands will be strengthened... weak knees made firm... frightened hearts will be made strong."* In the Gospel, Jesus adds *"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."*

Jesus' name means "God saves"! But God does not save us by Himself, no, He requires our participation — not by our performing magnificent acts of courage, boldness, bravery, endurance, suffering. Not by any of these outstanding acts, but in our repeating His most generous act of forgiveness. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus tells us how to enter the Kingdom, when He says: *"forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."* To be clear and certain, Jesus tells us this same thing numerous times:



Mt 6:14-15 — "If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions."

Mt 18:20-22 — "Then Peter approaching asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

Mk 11:25 — "When you stand to pray, forgive anyone against whom you have a grievance, so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive you your transgressions."

Mt 5: 23 — "Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

So stop what you are doing right now and make a resolution that before you raise your heart and mind to God in prayer again, before you go to Mass again, before you walk up to receive Jesus, your Savior, and offer yourself to Him, that you will forgive your brother or sister, husband or wife, child, coworker, friend or enemy, church member, political leader, anyone for whom you hold anger in your heart. Remember, in today's second reading, St. James says, *"Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates."*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is seeking volunteer mentors to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to young people. Do you have a minimum of 3 hours per week to offer a child? Like having fun? Reside in or near Middlesex County or Franklin Township? Want to make a difference in a child's life? Call 732-738-1323 or jcullen@ccdom.org for information.

END OF YEAR GIVING: Please consider these charities in your tithe *and* end-of-year giving. (5% to the Church + 5% Charities = 10% TITHE).



❖ **The Bishop's**

Annual Appeal reaches out and across our diocese to feed, clothe, shelter, educate and the serve the temporal and spiritual necessities of those in need. It supports the ministries and mission of the Church of Metuchen. Diocese of Metuchen, P.O. Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000

❖ **The Holy Savior Academy Student Assistance**

Fund aids families who have experienced a catastrophic change in their lives (i.e. death of spouse, fire or natural disaster, etc.) that they may maintain stability in their child's Catholic education.

❖ **Sacred Heart Social Concerns** is a parish social outreach ministry that feeds the hungry and provides clothing and shelter to those in need. Non-perishable food items, financial offerings, and volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

❖ **The Sacred Heart Tree of Life** is a permanent memorial to honor your loved ones, living and deceased. *The Tree of Life* sculpture is prominently placed in our church's main foyer. The brass leaves are available to be inscribed with your personal memorial.

❖ **Other Specific Memorial Gifts**

Please call the Parish Center for further information or specific requests: 908-756-0633x 114.

Please remember Sacred Heart Parish in your Will, Estate Planning, Investment Annuities & Stocks.

▶ **Put your money to work and double your gift with Employer Matching Grants.** Your gift to the Church enables us to reach out in service to others increasing your generosity many times over.

OTHER CHARITABLE OPTIONS

❖ **CATHOLIC CHARITIES SOLIDARITY TEAM**

of the Diocese of Metuchen <https://ccsolidarity.org>
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❖ **FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC.** 800-427-9104

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www.crosscatholic.org
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❖ **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES** 877-435-7277 www.crs.org

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❖ **UNBOUND** 800-875-6564 www.unbound.org

P.O. Box 219114, Kansas City, MO 64121-9114

HISTORY OF OUR DIOCESE'S BEGINNINGS

On November 19, the Diocese of Metuchen celebrated the 35th Anniversary of its founding by Pope St. John Paul II. Msgr. John Szymanski, who served then-Bishop McCarrick as chancellor and, later, as vicar general in the early years of the Diocese, has written a history of how the Diocese came to be established and a chronicle of its first five years. Entitled, *The Lighting of the Watch Fires*, it is available for purchase for \$25. Send your check to: Rev. Msgr. John B. Szymanski, The Maria Regina Residence, 5 Dellwood Lane, Somerset 08873.



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