



Church of the

# SACRED HEART

A Faith Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition Since 1905

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*The Parish Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8AM - 4PM, Friday from 8AM - 2PM. Please schedule other times by appointment.*

**SACRED HEART CHURCH IS LOCATED AT 149 SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE**

## PARISH STAFF

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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 17

### *O Wisdom*

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

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

### *O Adonai*

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

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

### *O Root of Jesse*

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary  
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction  
7:00 PM PATTY YANICK, Req. by the Diefenbach Family,  
PAUL SIKANOWICZ, MARY PFEIFER, Req. by Carol Taylor, BRIAN CAPPARELLI, Req. by Lorraine Beyer & Family

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

### *O Key of David*

9:00 AM WALTER L. BEYER, Req. by Wife & Family

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

### *O Morning Star*

#### ST. PETER CANISIUS, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM WILLIAM C. POWDERLY, Req. by M/M Richard Rogers

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

### *O King of the Nations*

9:00 AM VINCENT & MARK CONSELINA, Req. by Wife & Mom Fran

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

### *O Emmanuel*

#### ST. JOHN OF KANTY, Priest

9:00 AM ANNIV. ANGELO VASTANO, Req. by Wife Mary

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 AM REMEMBRANCE GUILD

### VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

4:45 PM *Christmas Choral Prelude*  
5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
11:45PM *Christmas Choral Prelude*  
12:00AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

### December 18 - 25

12/18 - Is 7: 10-14/Rom 1: 1-7/Mt 1: 18-24  
12/19 - Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1: 5-25  
12/20 - Is 7: 10-14/Lk 1: 26-38  
12/21 - Sg 2: 8-14/Lk 1: 39-45  
12/22 - 1 Sm 1: 24-28/Lk 1: 46-56  
12/23 - Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24/Lk 1: 57-66  
12/24 - 2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1: 67-79  
Is 62: 1-5/Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25/Mt 1: 1-25  
12/25 - Is 9: 1-6/Ti 2: 11-14/Lk 2: 1-14/Is 52: 7-10/Heb 1: 1-6/Jn 1: 1-18



► 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, Mary Partika

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Josephine Alparone, Helen Gandocs, and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish and their families who mourn their loss.

## VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

### MILDRED ABRUZZESE

Requested by Daughter Denise & Son-in-law Jose

## SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

### GUIDO ABRUZZESE JR.

Requested by Father, Guido

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

### PETER DEL NEGRO

Requested by Donna & Anthony



## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: DEC. 24-25

5:00 PM - C. Butrico, M. Brignol, A. Ortega  
12:00 AM - O. Markus, Z. Policarpio, J. Makoski  
9:00 AM - E. Dodge, D. Faustini, N. Carannante  
11:30 AM - J. Chavez, A. Ortega, G. Delacruz



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 11, 2016

	2016	2015
Envelopes:	\$ 11,052.00	\$ 10,530.00
Loose:	\$ 1,179.00	\$ 1,522.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 3,357.00	\$ 2,158.00
Totals:	\$ 15,588.00	\$ 14,210.00

#### Major Repairs & Renovations to Date — \$56,246.00

**PASTOR'S COMMENT:** "This last Sunday of Advent we glimpse the Christmas to come as we look back and remember the vision through St. Joseph's dream. This is a time of hope, dreams and remembrances. As we have been blessed, so may we share." — Fr. John

**SCRIPTURE:** "Tell the rich in the present age not to be proud and not to rely on so uncertain a thing as wealth but rather on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life." — 1 Timothy 6:17-19

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

❖ Please note that next weekend there are 2 collections: the Sunday offering and the Christmas collection. Thank you.

### 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.



## 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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 80,642.00</b>

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
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 72,726.00</b>

► 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](http://www.diometuchen.org)

► And don't forget to "like" us on **FACEBOOK**

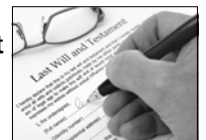
**The Church of the Sacred Heart**, and to "follow" us on **TWITTER** & **INSTAGRAM**



**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.



TO ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN, PLEASE CONTACT BON VENTURE SERVICES, 1-800-883-4343.

## WE PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY

*Especially for our parishioners*



**Army Captain Cheryl Hoh, Pharm D**  
**Sp. 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.**  
**Sp. Bryan Gutschall - US Army/ Afghanistan**  
**Sp. 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](http://diometuchen.org),  
click [Offices & Ministries](#),

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

**THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES**

## Welcome Newly Baptized

**LILY ROSE BULLA**  
**MATHEW KURILEW JR.**  
**JACKSON DANIEL TEMPE**



## EPIPHANY PROCESSION OF STARS

**Sunday, January 8**

Our children are invited to join the Three Kings in the Entrance Procession of Stars, at the 9:00AM Sunday Mass, January 8, the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Parents are invited to work with your children and fashion a star that will be no larger than a 12 inch square. Attach it to a dowel or similar stick, decorate it as simply or ornate as you wish. Meet in the church foyer at 8:45AM, ready to celebrate the Epiphany!



**WANTED: 3 KINGS NEEDED** - The weekend of January 7-8, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. We are looking for 3 people for each weekend Mass, Saturday, 5:00PM and Sunday, 9:00AM & 11:30AM, to represent the 3 Magi in the Entrance and Offertory Processions. This is open to men, women and teens. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Sr. Nadine at ext. 118.



## Respect for Life

"In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ."

— Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*

## 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 **Saint Joseph's High School, Metuchen** under the guidance of Father James De Fillipps 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](mailto:socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net)**

## HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH

Join us **Thursday, December 22, at 6:30PM**, as we work together to make the transformation to Christmas. All are welcome to help get the church ready to greet 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.



**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.**

## 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](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1990 xt. 1543 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](http://www.marchforlife.org).**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Timko, Director  
908-756-0633 x143

For more information please visit our web page  
[www.churchofthesacredheart.net](http://www.churchofthesacredheart.net)  
or send us an email:

[religiouseducation@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto: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 18**

How does the human life of Jesus speak to the sacredness of life in all its forms?

## **RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Would you or someone you know like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation? We attend 9:00AM Sunday Mass and meet for a session afterward. Please contact Louise Timko 908-756-0633 ext. 143 or via email: [ltimko@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto:ltimko@churchofthesacredheart.net).

► **Sessions begin on Sunday, January 22.**



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MRS. CAROL WOODBURN, PRINCIPAL

### **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 Road, 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](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).

# HOLY REDEEMER CEMETERY



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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)

### **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*

**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

## Why Are We Here?

It is important to answer this question. Without answering the question we can become confused in our thinking and our actions. For example, if my purpose is to take care of myself alone, then I am justified being concerned solely with my own well-being. If my purpose is to take care of my family only, then I can do whatever it takes to secure them and meet their needs. If my sole purpose is to serve my country, then I must do whatever it takes to provide for national security and needs, regardless of whatever else is going on in the world.

Being a Catholic Christian helps me answer this question and should guide my life. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that the "Life of man is to Know and Love God." It continues that "God draws close to man. He calls man to seek Him, to know Him, to love Him with all his strength."

As Catholics, we believe that Jesus came as an infant babe to share our human journey and redeem us from our sin and separation from God. The Catechism states, "To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Savior" ... "So that this call should resound throughout the world, Christ sent forth the apostles He had chosen, commissioning them to proclaim the gospel: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." ... All Christ's faithful are called to hand-on the mission from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer."

So we have a purpose! Is it the one you are fulfilling? How well are you living your life in light of this charge given you by your



God and Savior? Scripture tells us how the first Christians lived; those closest in proximity to Christ and

living directly under the guidance of the apostles. This might be one yardstick against which we can measure our faithfulness. In *The Acts of the Apostles*, it is written "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Acts 2:42-47. Let us ask ourselves, would these first Christians recognize me as one of them, does my life resemble theirs?

**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](mailto: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>  
56 Throop Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

❖ **FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC.** 800-427-9104  
[www.foodforthe poor.org](http://www.foodforthe poor.org)  
6401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33073

❖ **CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH** 800-914-2420  
[www.crosscatholic.org](http://www.crosscatholic.org)  
P.O. Box 273908, Boca Raton, Florida 33427-3908

❖ **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES** 877-435-7277 [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)  
P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303

❖ **UNBOUND** 800-875-6564 [www.unbound.org](http://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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