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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

■ **EUCCHARISTIC 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 3

5:00 PM ANNIV. JOSEPH DOLINSKI, Req. by Wife & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 AM JOSEPH DI SESSO, Req. by Patty & Frank Harris
11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
7:00 PM JAMES PELTON, Req. by Mary Mc Nerney & Family,
MARY CORTESE, Req. by Geraldine Chalkley,
CAROL GENSHEIMER, Req. by Eleanore Disch,
LIDIA NAZAROW, Req. by SH Rosary Altar Society,
NORMAN SNODEN, Req. by the Ripley Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

ST. NICHOLAS, Bishop

9:00 AM EUGENE CYWAR JR., Req. by M/M Richard Rogers

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

ST. AMBROSE, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM SAMUEL ALSBACK, Req. by the McCoid Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

6:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9:00 AM ANNA & DANIEL DEMICO, Req. by Family
7:00 PM QUIRINO IOLAND ORLANDI, Req. by the Butrico
Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATZIN

9:00 AM KATHLEEN QUAIL, Req. by the Yorkanis Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 AM KATHLEEN KUNISH and JOHN HENNERTY, Req. by
Ron & Sue Sassi, BRIAN CAPPARELLI, Req. by
Carol Spisso-Yurinko, GEORGE RIPLEY, Req. by
Sandy Romasz & Val Genova, THOMAS GORMANLY
Req. by the Cupo and Parada Families
12NOON GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE
5:00 PM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE TOWEY FAMILY,
Req. by Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

December 4 - 11

12/4 - Is 11: 1-10/Rom 15: 4-9/Mt 3: 1-12
12/5 - Is 35: 1-10/Lk 5: 17-26
12/6 - Is 40: 1-11/Mt 18: 12-14
12/7 - Is 40: 25-31/Mt 11: 28-30
12/8 - Gn 3: 9-15, 20/Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12/Lk 1: 26-38
12/9 - Is 48: 17-19/Mt 11: 16-19
12/10 - Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11/Mt 17: 9a, 10-13
12/11 - Is 35: 1-6a, 10/Jas 5: 7-10/Mt 11: 2-11



► 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.

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: Concetta Calabrese, Stacy Kregeloh and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish and their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

PATRICK & KITTY KELLY

Requested by Family

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

LOUISE JEAVENTOREA

Requested by Daughter Rosemarie

SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

WALTER THOMPSON SR.

Requested by Family



ALTAR FLOWERS

for this week are in memory of

KATHY TRACY

Requested by Jay Tracy



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 November 20, 2016

	2016	2015
Envelopes:	\$ 10,547.00	\$ 8,663.00
Loose:	\$ 1,338.00	\$ 1,422.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,355.00	\$ 2,468.00
Totals:	\$ 14,240.00	\$ 12,553.00

Week Ending November 27, 2016

	2016	2015
Envelopes:	\$ 8,627.00	\$ 9,727.00
Loose:	\$ 1,584.00	\$ 1,339.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,172.00	\$ 2,448.00
Totals:	\$ 12,383.00	\$ 13,514.00

Major Repairs & Renovations to Date — \$98,908.00

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "Advent is a time of hope and waiting. There is an urgency however ... if you have something to say, say it now; if you have something to do, do it now; if you have something to give, give it now ... the opportunity may never come again." — Fr. John

SCRIPTURE: "Jesus said to the rich young 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

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

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.

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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.



PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Prepare the Way of the Lord

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10:00 AM

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: DEC. 10-11

5:00 PM - M. Brignol, H. Brignol, E. Dodge
 9:00 AM - C. Butrico, O. Markus, N. Carannante
 11:30 AM - A. Walker, Z. Policarpio, T. Figueiredo



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

"As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of this fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax deductible donation to the RFR supports the day-to-

day care of thousands of elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

THIS WEEKEND December 3 & 4, envelopes will be available at the doors of the church if you are able to make a donation to this appeal. Please visit us online at www.retiredreligious.org.



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

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*

VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE!

See <http://www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net>

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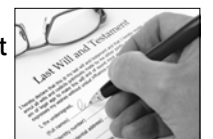
► And don't forget to "like" us on **FACEBOOK** The Church of the Sacred Heart, and to "follow" us on **TWITTER & INSTAGRAM**



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.



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
Spc. 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.

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

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SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Advent Giving Tree

As in the past, the parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish have been most generous, especially during difficult economic times. We ask for your continued support to help those in need from our community. During Advent, many people despair over the commercialism of Christmas. But, long before television began blasting news of pre-Christmas sales, people have given gifts to each other at Christmas time. We love to give gifts. We love to be surprised, and to surprise. Perhaps, gift giving at Christmas persists not because of commercialism but in spite of it. Gift-giving can be a joy-filled experience that reflects Christianity, not commodity.

Our **Advent Giving Tree** gives you the opportunity to experience that feeling of "joyful giving" by taking an ornament to help the poorest members of God's family. Monetary Gift Cards are needed from local stores (Shop-Rite, Acme, Aldi's, Stop & Shop, Target, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, etc.) in denominations of \$10, \$15, \$25. Gift Cards can be returned to the Poor Boxes located at the entrances of the Church or to the Parish Center.

Special thanks to the SP Girl Scouts for crafting the ornaments & decorating the two Advent Giving Trees in the front church foyer and up-front at St. Joseph's statue. Also, a **special thanks to the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts** of South Plainfield for another tremendous food drive the past two weekends. The residents of South Plainfield donated nearly 600 bags of food for the Sacred Heart Social Concerns Food Pantry.

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 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated in the Catholic Church and related Christian Churches. The immaculate conception of Mary expresses the conviction that the Virgin Mary was free from original sin and filled with sanctifying grace from the moment of her conception in her mother's womb. Under this title, our blessed Lady is the patroness of our Nation.



Here at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Masses for the celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary are scheduled for 6:30AM, 9:00AM and 7:00PM, this Thursday, December 8.



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.

GIANNA CENTER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH &

FERTILITY - Many couples struggle with the pain and feelings of emptiness from infertility and don't know that there are alternatives to in vitro fertilization. At the National Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility, 222 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick, we offer two options in women's health care - The Creighton Model Fertility Care System and NaProTechnology. Both options allow our physicians to offer women natural, restorative approaches to monitoring their health and managing their fertility. Through these techniques, our physicians diagnose and treat the underlying causes of infertility to help couples conceive naturally. To learn more about the center visit www.saintpetershcs.com/giannacenter.



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.

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. More details to follow.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

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



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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Timko, Director
908-756-0633 x143

For more information please visit our web page

www.churchofthesacredheart.net

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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 4

How do you define personal happiness? To what extent is the happiness of others a part of your own happiness?

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

PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN who have

celebrated, for the first time, the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend. They are the new lambs of the flock whom Jesus welcomes. May their innocent witness renew the faith of the sheep of the flock, calling our adults to a deeper awareness of God's love and mercy. May they remind each of us of God's healing grace available to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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MRS. CAROL WOODBURN, PRINCIPAL

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 Christmas gathering will be on December 14.** 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

Advent: Jesus in Glory and Majesty

Matthew Kelly of *Dynamic Catholic* in his opening to this year's **Best Advent Ever** asks, "Have you ever had a Christmas where you felt like you were really prepared? Have you ever had a Christmas where you walked into Christmas Mass and you felt focused and peaceful and ready?"

Kelly continues "We prepare for everything we consider important in life, and Advent is the time we prepare for Christmas. For many people, preparing for Christmas includes shopping, baking cookies, wrapping presents, hanging decorations, and much, much more. Often these activities are stressful and chaotic, and they easily become a distraction from what Christmas is really all about."

Last week we discussed that in the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation extending over four Sundays before Christmas. During these first two Advent Sunday liturgies we focus on the Second Coming of Jesus, in glory and majesty, as Final Judge. In the last two Sundays of Advent we focus on the coming of the infant Messiah, born in time and in our hearts.

It is important to focus on the final judgement so that we are prepared for it. This is especially important in our current time when we seem to have lost a sense of sin, and how it separates us from God and neighbor. Because of this spiritual and social blindness, our sin fades into the background, just as the true reason for the season, Jesus, fades into the background, even as we prepare for all the other aspects of Christmas: food, baking, parties, gifts, etc.

In last week's and this week's Gospel passages, Jesus calls on us to be prepared for our Final Judgement, since it is our decisions today that determine our place for all eternity. Jesus does not want us to come-up short on the Last Day! In last week's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our Final Judgement when He says: "**So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.**" And, in this week's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the Final Judgement by saying, "**Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.**"

It is important that we hear and listen to Jesus and be prepared. In doing this we cannot let our hearts be troubled nor get discouraged. We need to remember the lessons from the recent Year of Mercy. Remember, God is merciful and grants us His forgiveness, as long as we repent of our errors and transgressions and show mercy to our neighbors on our journey together.

Advent is about our letting God come to us. The mystery of our faith is that God is not reluctant to enter into an unusual relationship (as with Mary and Joseph) or to be born in the poverty of a makeshift stable. We may be tempted to prepare for Advent by cleaning-up everything first – in effect, saving ourselves first. Our Advent awakening is to accept that we need saving, and having been saved, to accept the love and mercy of our God.

The above reflections are drawn from *The Best Advent Ever* and from *The Creighton University Online Ministries*.

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.



THE JESSE TREE

Are you tired of the consumerism of the Christmas season? Try decorating with a Jesse Tree.

The Jesse Tree is essentially a Christmas tree decorated with images representing key persons and events in the Old Testament. These symbols retell the story of salvation history – the story of God in the Bible, leading up to the birth of Jesus. Make the symbols listed below and during each day of Advent add to the tree. Read the Scripture passage and then place the ornament on the tree.

Don't have time to create symbols? Use this link from the Catholic Diocese of Erie, PA to download, print, and trim the symbols you want to use on your Jesse Tree:

<http://www.eriecnd.org/jessetree.htm>

There are many stories in the Old Testament that reveal God's love and faithfulness for his people so there could be dozens of images to create, but here is a standard version.

Adam and Eve: Apple (Genesis 3:6-7)

Noah: Ark (Genesis 8:15-17)

Abraham: Stars (Genesis 15:5-6)

Isaac: Ram (Genesis 22:11-12)

Jacob: Ladder (Genesis 28:12-15)

Joseph: Sack of Grain (Genesis 41:47-49)

Moses: Burning Bush (Exodus 3:2-10), Lamb (Exodus 12:11), Tablets (Exodus 20:22-23)

Joshua: Trumpet (Joshua 6:20)

Gideon: Pitcher (Judges 7:20-21)

Samuel: Crown (1 Samuel 3:19)

David: Shepherd's staff (1 Samuel 16:11-13)

Elijah: Altar (1 Kings 18:36-39)

Hezekiah: Tent (2 Kings 19:34-35)

Isaiah: Burning Coal (Isaiah 6:1-8)

Jeremiah: Tears (Jeremiah 8:23)

Habakkuk: Watchtower (Habakkuk 2:1)

Nehemiah: Wall (Nehemiah 1:8-9)

John the Baptist: Scallop shell (Luke 3:16)

Mary: Lily (Luke 1:30-33)

Elizabeth: Motherhood (Luke 1:39-56)

Zechariah: Tablet and stylus (Luke 1:57-80)

Joseph: Carpenter's hammer (Matthew 1:19-25)

Three Magi Visiting Christ: Lit candle (Matthew 2:1-12)

Birth of Jesus: Manger (Luke 2:1-15)

Christ: Chi-Ro (combination of the first two letters for the Greek title, Christos (Christ)) (John 1:34)



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - Sponsored by the South

Plainfield Knights of Columbus located at 334 Hamilton Blvd., 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.



BLOOD DRIVE - Union Catholic High School will hold its annual Christmas Blood Drive at the school, 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, on Thursday, December 15 from 7:45AM to 1:45PM.

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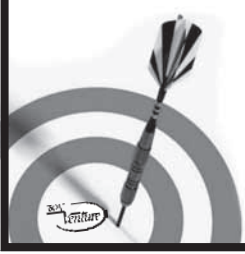
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