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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.

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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, FEBRUARY 11

5:00 PM DIANNE SEESSELBERG, Req. by Mom & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

World Marriage Sunday

9:00 AM THERESA & JOSEPH DI SESSO. Req. by Patty & Frank Harris

11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
7:00 PM MARY PFEIFER, Req. by Mary & Luca Rispoli,
HILDA STEWART, Req. by Debbie Green,
ALBERT MORGAN, Req. Daughter, Marion Catalfamo,
CONCETTA CALABRESE, Req. by Connie Besser,
MARY TIMKO, Req. by M/M Venitelli

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

ST. CYRIL, Monk

ST. METHIDIUS, Bishop

9:00 AM HELEN IANNACONE, Req. by Mary McNerney & Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00 AM EILEEN GURSKY, Req. by Ed & Janice Amato

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 AM STEVEN SHELESKY, Req. by MaryAnn & Robert Larsen

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

9:00 AM FRED SONNENFELD, Req. by Susan Zacek

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 AM STEPHEN PROCACCI, Req. by McGonigle Family,
MIGUEL ANGEL DELATORRE, Req. by Family,
RENE HEALY, Req. by Family

5:00 PM GEORGE & PAULINE WINKELHOLZ, Req. by Daughter & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM ROBERT HILL, Req. by The Sacred Heart Adult Choir
11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

ALTAR FLOWERS

for this week are in memory of

MICHAEL LEIKAUSKAS

Requested by His Loving Wife Joyce



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

February 12 - 19, 2017

2/12 - Sir 15: 15-201/Cor 2: 6-10/Mt 5: 17-37

2/13 - Gn 4: 1-15, 25/Mk 8: 11-13

2/14 - Gn 6: 5-8, 7: 1-5, 10/Mk 8: 14-21

2/15 - Gn 8: 6-13, 20-22/Mk 8: 22-26

2/16 - Gn 9: 1-13/Mk 8: 27-33

2/17 - Gn 11: 1-9/Mk 8: 34-9:1

2/18 - Heb 11:1-17/Mk 9: 2-13

2/19 - Lv 19: 1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3: 16-23/Mt 5: 38-48



► 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, Margaret Nichuck, 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, Viola Pratt, Celeste Ginder, Neil Towey, George Castagno.

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Thomas Burnett, Dorothea Cooney, J. Henry Toro, Miriam Bowman and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish and their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

BRIAN CAPPARELLI

Requested by the Partika Family

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

RICHARD POTTS

Requested by Sister, Audrey Ginda

SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

WALTER L. BEYER

Requested by Wife Lorraine



ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: FEB 18-19

5:00 PM - A. Walker, H. Brignol, M. Brignol

9:00 AM - J. Makoski, D. Faustini, N. Carannante

11:30 AM - A. Ortega, G. Delacruz, Z. Policarpio



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 February 5, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 10,748.00	\$ 12,761.55
Loose:	\$ 2,184.00	\$ 1,313.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 3,097.00	\$ 2,875.00
Totals:	\$ 16,029.00	\$ 16,949.55

► **End-of-Year Giving to Date – \$18,389**

► **Major Repairs & Renovations to Date – \$111,687**

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "From today's scripture selection, the words from the Book of Sirach are direct and challenging ... 'If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you ...' Everything in this life is a choice which affects us personally and those around us. Choose well, your life depends on it."- *Fr. John*

SCRIPTURE: "Through him [then] let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind. — *Hebrews 13:15-16*

PARISHIONER COMMENT: "For your good judgement and courage in your attempt to get and keep our parish in good financial shape, I heartily commend you. A commonsense tithing program is working very, very well and consistently elsewhere. It will do as much and more for us." — *A parishioner, St. Brigid's, Westbury, 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.

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DO YOU USE THE PARISH WEBSITE?

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

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www.diometuchen.org

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on **TWITTER**

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CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available for the 2016 TAX RETURN. If you would like your document mailed or sent to you via email, please contact our parish finance officer, James Bufis, at jbufis1@comcast.net or call 908-756-0633 x114.

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS: *This weekend we are invited* to support **THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEOPLES**, a collection that benefits **The Campaign for Human Development, The Catholic Home Mission, the Church in Latin America and The Church in Eastern Europe.** The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. Envelopes are available in the entrances of the church.



2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Ambassadors for Christ

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. You will be interested to know that Bishop Checchio, after a number of meetings and in consultation with many of the pastors and staff, has made some changes to the Appeal. The first, as you probably already noticed, the Appeal has been moved from the Fall to a Lenten campaign. The active phase has been condensed and the number of solicitation mailings has been reduced. Another significant change is the reintroduction of Parish Rebates. To allow parishes to share in the success of the Appeal, Bishop Checchio is offering parishes a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports our priority ministries of evangelization, promotion and support of religious vocations and enhances the work of forming our youth. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

► 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.



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.
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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

Thank You

EXTRAORDINARY!

St. Joseph's High School students, under the direction of Fr. James De Fillippo conducted a food drive at the high school, and literally, filled a bus with food. They



delivered 33 bins (230 bags) of food earlier this month. Also, Holy Savior Academy students had a canned soup food drive collecting over 200 cans of soup.

To all those involved in providing these donations, we Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

PLEASE NOTE: We ask for help in further outreach from members of our parish family to let us know who may be in need of assistance; that we may be a resource to support them. Those in need of assistance should call the Sacred Heart Parish Center anytime at 908-756-0633 x112. 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.

Thank you again and may God bless you for your continued support to those in need in our parish.

**Call: 908-756-0633 x112 or Email:
socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net**



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

9:00AM to 1:00PM

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**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.**



Respect for Life

"A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability or risk." — Pope Francis, Address to the Joint Session of the U.S. Congress, September 24, 2015

Back by popular demand!

ANNUAL LENTEN FRIDAY

FISH DINNER

Holy Savior Academy Cafeteria

5:00-7:00 PM



The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 is sponsoring our famous Sacred Heart Lenten Friday Fish Dinners on **March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, & April 7**, in the HSA cafeteria from 5:00 -7:00 PM followed by *The Stations of the Cross* at 7:00 PM in the Church.

THE MENU features: Fillet of fish (fried, broiled, parmigiana), a pasta dish or pizza, garden salad, rice pilaf, French fries, mac & cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea, or a cold drink, plus dessert! **TAKE OUT ORDERS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE!** Admission \$10/adults, \$9/Seniors, \$5/children, pay at the door.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUBSTANCE ABUSE

AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST - Students ages 8-14 are encouraged to develop an original poster and slogan idea designed to discourage their peers from experimenting with drugs and/or alcohol. Details are on the parish website or from the Religious Education Office or from Tom Walsh, Family Director, Knights of Columbus at tojawal@gmail.com. Posters are due no later than Wednesday, February 23, 2017 with the entry form.

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.**

*Keep Jesus Christ in your hearts & you will recognize
His face in every human being. — St. John Paul II*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Timko, Director
908-756-0633 x143



For more information please visit our web page
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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 – February 12

What are some things that you do on a regular basis that are good for you? (Exercise, healthy eating, etc.) Are these things burdens for you? Do you consider worshipping God to be one of these things that are good for you or a burden? Why?

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE RETREAT - A mandatory retreat for Confirmation candidates is Saturday, February 18, 9:00AM to 1:30PM, Holy Savior Academy. This retreat is students only.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - SAVE THE DATES

Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop James F. Checchio on Thursday, **March 9**, 7:00 PM. All candidates & sponsors arrive at the school no later than 6:30PM that day.

All Confirmation Candidates and their Families are invited to the 11:30AM Sunday Mass on **February 12** to receive a special commitment blessing as they enter this final month before their Confirmation.

Summer Session 2017 will be held **July 10-21**, Monday thru Friday, 8:30AM to Noon. Registration for Summer Session begins on Monday, March 6, at 8:00AM. Details and the registration form are on the parish website.



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2017-2018 TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so beginning **January 30, 2017**. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than **Friday, March 31, 2017**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may register for one of the five Application Workshops, which will be held in four locations within the Diocese in February and March by going to the Workshops Link at www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance

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◆ 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 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.

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 March 8.** For information call 908-822-5895, OR contact Fr. John at 908-756-0633 x125 OR email: sacredheartiqi@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

The Mass

Do you ever wonder why the Church asks that we go to Mass? Well, the simple reason is, Jesus directly told us to do so in order to share His love and His life with us. But before we get to the simple, direct command of Jesus, let's review what led up to it.

Imagine you are planning the festivities for a major holiday for your family and friends, all those you love. You want everything to be just right, all the special things that you usually do at this holiday. But you know one additional thing this year, you know—this is the last time you will see all these people, you have learned that you are going to die and this is your last gathering with those you love.

This is exactly the situation in which Jesus found Himself when He was at His last Passover Seder with the Apostles, his “Last Supper”. The Apostles were the men whom He had trained, formed and spent every waking moment with for the last three years, the men on whom he was depending to carry His message to the “ends of the earth” Because of this Jesus wants to make this a very memorable Seder. Jesus wants to say something special to the Apostles and to give them something special, His very self.



“The origins of the Eucharist (The Mass) are found in the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His Apostles. “In order to leave them a pledge of this (His love), in order never to depart from His own and to make them sharers in his Passover (his sacrifice), He instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of His death and Resurrection and commanded His Apostles to celebrate it until His return....”

Also in 1 Corinthians. St. Paul says that he too received these commands directly from Jesus:

“For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you that the Lord Jesus, on the night He was handed over, took bread, and, after He had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1 Cor. 11:23-26”)

— *U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults - Chap 17*

This is why the Church asks and requires us to attend Mass at least weekly on Sunday, which is the commemoration of the day that Jesus rose from the dead - because Jesus commanded us to do this in remembrance of Him!

TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

*Most Rev. James Checchio will be visiting
our parish Sunday, February 26.*

*Bishop James will be celebrating the
9:00AM Sunday Mass.*

THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT - The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Spirit*, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of *The Catholic Spirit* and will be greatly appreciated. Please remember to take home a copy of the paper. It has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

February Sessions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 3-6PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 6-9PM

This Month's Theme — “The Mass”

THE SACRED HEART TRAVELERS —

Venture into the Heart and Spirit of America's Great West -- Journey with Rev. John P. Alvarado to 
CANYON COUNTRY featuring Arizona & Utah, October 19-27, 2017. Experience the majestic beauty of God's Creation, the tribal lands, national parks, early Catholic missions, cities and towns of the old & new West ... history, culture, nature, church, and food that all make for a great trip that concludes with a 2-day stay in Las Vegas. There are no international flights necessary for this trip. Book now and save. For full details, itinerary, pricing and registration, visit our parish website: ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net and click on the Travel Link.

VALENTINE'S DAY IS EVERY DAY - No reason why Valentine's Day should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day? A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next weekend will be held April 28-30. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. For registration and information visit: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org or call 732-904-9636. 

PAPAL QUOTE AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

THEME 6: Care for God's Creation: We show our respect for the Creator by our *stewardship of creation*. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

“These problems are closely linked to a throwaway culture which affects the excluded just as it quickly reduces things to rubbish. To cite one example, most of the paper we produce is thrown away and not recycled. It is hard for us to accept that the way natural ecosystems work is exemplary: plants synthesize nutrients which feed herbivores; these in turn become food for carnivores, which produce significant quantities of organic waste which give rise to new generations of plants. But our industrial system, at the end of its cycle of production and consumption, has not developed the capacity to absorb and reuse waste and by-products. We have not yet managed to adopt a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations, while limiting as much as possible the use of non-renewable resources, moderating their consumption, maximizing their efficient use, reusing and recycling them. A serious consideration of this issue would be one way of counteracting the throwaway culture which affects the entire planet, but it must be said that only limited progress has been made in this regard...”
#22, ENCYCLICAL LETTER, *Laudato Si, On Care For Our Common Home*, Pope Francis I, May 24, 2015.

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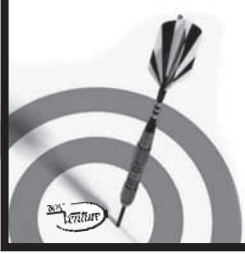
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