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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

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.



#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

5:00 PM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCGILL & POPOVICH FAMILIES, Req. by Family

#### **SUNDAY. FEBRUARY 5**

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 11:30 AM KATHY TRACY, Req. by Jay & James Tracy

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

#### ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS, Martyrs

- 6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
- 6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
- 7:00 PM RIT SANTAGUIDA, Reg. by Rose Vail & Family, MARY PFEIFER, Req. by Lou & Maryann Ronzo, GEORGE RIPLEY, Req. by the Timko Family, CONCETTA CALABRESE, Req. by the Guidi Family, JOANN CARRADO, Req. by Jennie & John Nocera

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

9:00 AM CELSO VICENCIO, Req. by Leo Vicencio

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 **ST. JEROME EMILIANI** ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, Virgin

9:00 AM FREDERICK SONNENFELD, Reg. by the Tracy Family

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

9:00 AM EILEEN GURSKEY, Req. by the Farrell Family

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

#### ST. SCHOLASTICA, Virgin

9:00 AM MARGARET McCARTHY, Reg. by the Batista Family

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES** 

World Day of the Sick

- REMEMBRANCE GUILD 9:00 AM
- 5:00 PM DIANNE SEESSELBERG, Req. by Mom & Family6

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12** SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 9:00 AM THERESA & JOSEPH DI SESSO. Reg. by Patty & Frank Harris 11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

#### ALTAR FLOWERS for this week are in memory of



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE February 5 - 12, 2017

2/5 - Is 58: 7-10/1 Cor 2: 1-5/Mt 5: 13-16 2/6 - Gn 1: 1-19/Mk 6: 53-56 2/7 - Gn 1: 20-2: 4a/Mk 7: 1-13 2/8 - Gn 2: 4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7: 14-23 2/9 - Gn 2: 18-25/Mk 7: 24-30 2/10 - Gn 3: 1-8/Mk 7: 31-37 2/11 - Gn 3: 9-24/Mk 8: 1-10 2/12 - Sir 15: 15-201/Cor 2: 6-10/Mt 5: 17-37



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, 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.

#### 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: Fernando Sanabria and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish and their families who mourn their loss.

# VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

#### **KATHY TRACY**

Requested by Nancy Stillman-Pender

#### SACRED HEART CANDLE burns in memory of

ANTHONY JEAVETTOREA

Requested by Daughter Rosemarie

#### SANCTUARY CANDLE burns in memory of

#### **ANNA MARIE GLADYSZ**

Requested by Anita Keller

#### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: FEB 11-12

5:00 PM - J. Makoski, T. Figueiredo, J. Gaffney 9:00 AM - L. Flannery, F. Flannery, J. Chavez 11:30 AM - S. Sequeira, G. Delacruz, G. Ruzicka



Requested by Jay & James Tracy

**KATHY 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	January	29,	2017
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	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 10,524.80	\$ 15,043.00
Loose:	\$ 1,573.00	\$ 2,379.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,592.00	\$ 2,025.00
Totals:	\$ 14,689.80	\$ 19,447.00

► End-of-Year Giving to Date - \$18,239

► Major Repairs & Renovations <u>to Date</u> - \$108,137

**PASTOR'S COMMENT:** "Jesus calls us to shine forth His light and love through *our* good deeds. Let them be seen ... let Christ shine through you and me." — *Fr. John* 

**SCRIPTURE:** "You know well that these very hands have served my needs and my companions. In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive." — *Acts 20:34-35* 

**PARISHIONER COMMENT:** "It was not a directive from the Church hierarchy – not an exhortation to give more. These people were husbands and fathers, just like me, and they were juggling budgets and problems. And there they were telling us how good it felt to acknowledge one's dependence on God." — A parishioner, Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes, NJ

#### 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: <u>http://</u>

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.

#### **DO YOU USE THE PARISH WEBSITE?**

See http://www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net

## VISIT THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE AT

www.diometuchen.org

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

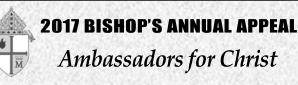
The Church of the Sacred Heart, and to "follow" us on TWITTER

& INSTAGRAM



**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:** Next 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.



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. 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.

Visit our diocesan website at diometuchen.org, click <u>Offices & Ministries</u>, then click Military and Veteran Families and see

THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES

# SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

In this ministry we are here to serve and offer assistance to anyone who may be in need, or is having difficulty with obtaining available resources. We help those in need with information about other sources, (Catholic Charities, South Plainfield Social Services, FISH, United Way (211), Puerto Rican Action Board, Middlesex County Board of Social Services, other organizations, and agencies)

Are you experiencing difficulty with heating bills during this period of extreme cold weather? PSE&G has the **Low** 



Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) which helps lowincome, eligible, residential customers pay their winter heating and cooling bills. To see if your household meets the state income guidelines and where to apply, call 1-800-510-3102 or visit <u>www.pseg.com/help</u>, Applications are available at PSE&G's 16

walk-in Customer Service Centers listed on your bill. Applications must be submitted by April 30, 2017.

PLEASE NOTE: We need your help that we may better serve the members of our parish family. Let us know who may be in need; that we may be a resource to assist 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.

Email: socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net ARCHIVE FINDING AID: The parish archives

can be accessed via the parish website. Instructions for using the Finding Aid are included.

# WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE -

will be celebrated in the Church on February 2, 2017 and in parishes on the weekend of February 4-5. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in consecrated life and thank them on their special day. The consecrated life is one way that women and men live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Some become members of a religious congregation or a secular institute. Others remain single and make a profession to God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

# Welcome Newly Baptized

LEONEL JAVIER BEADES SIENNA ROSE MANCINO CAIDEN AGUSTUS MELANSON CHARLOTTE RAE MELANSON JACE EDWARD UHRIN





# Respect for Life

"For a Christian to speak or act publicly in a pro-choice manner is a scandal to the Gospel and Name of Jesus Christ." — Fr. Frank Pavone, Director, Priests for Life

2 NEW WEBSITES - ONE LIFE SAVING MISSION

Life Choices Resource Center launches two new websites: www.ChoicesOptionsforWomen.com & www.LifeChoicesRC.com

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 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*

**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.



**BAKE SALE -** The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society will be having a bake sale next weekend, February 11-12. Stop by for a sweet Valentine's Day treat!

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Louise Timko, Director 908-756-0633 x143

For more information please visit our web page

ww.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 – February 5

How do you make Christ present to those you encounter in daily life? What example do you set? What kind of witness are you?

## **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.

**PRAYER CIRCLE:** The Prayer Circle will gather on Tuesday, February 14, at 7PM, in the Parish Center Chapel.



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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 <u>www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance</u>

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

<u>sacredheartigi@gmail.com</u>. 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

# What 9s the Church Saying?

"When did we see you a stranger and welcome you?"

- Matthew 25:38 -

WASHINGTON (January 30, 2017) Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, vice president of the USCCB, has issued the following joint statement regarding the recent executive order on the new refugee policy announced by President Trump this past Friday. President Trump's executive order suspends the entry of refugees into the United States for 120 days. The order also indefinitely stops the admission of Syrian refugees and for 90 days bars individuals from seven predominantly Muslim countries.

#### Full joint statement as follows:

Over the past several days, many brother bishops have spoken out in defense of God's people. We are grateful for their witness. Now, we call upon all the Catholic faithful to join us as we unite our voices with all who speak in defense of human dignity.

The bond between Christians and Muslims is founded on the unbreakable strength of charity and justice. The Second Vatican Council in *Nostra Aetate* urged us to sincerely work toward a mutual understanding that would "promote together for the benefit of all mankind social justice and moral welfare, as well as peace and freedom." The Church will not waver in her defense of our sisters and brothers of all faiths who suffer at the hands of merciless persecutors.

The refugees fleeing from ISIS and other extremists are sacrificing all they have in the name of peace and freedom. Often, they could be spared if only they surrendered to the violent vision of their tormentors. They stand firm in their faith. Many are families, no different from yours or mine, seeking safety and security for their children. Our nation should welcome them as allies in a common fight against evil. We must screen vigilantly for infiltrators who would do us harm, but we must always be equally vigilant in our welcome of friends.

The Lord Jesus fled the tyranny of Herod, was falsely accused and then deserted by his friends. He had no where to lay His head (Lk. 9:58). Welcoming the stranger and those in flight is not one option among many in the Christian life. It is the very form of Christianity itself. Our actions must remind people of Jesus. The actions of government must remind people of basic humanity. Where our brothers and sisters suffer rejection and abandonment we will lift our voice on their behalf. We will welcome them and receive them. They are Jesus and the Church will not turn away from Him.

Our desire is not to enter the political arena, but rather to proclaim Christ alive in the world today. In the very moment a family abandons their home under threat of death, Jesus is present. And He says to each of us, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (MT 25:40).



# WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS February Sessions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 3-6PM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 6-9PM

This Month's Theme — "The 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.

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#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST - Students ages 8



through 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 available from the Religious Education office or from Tom Walsh, Family Director, of Columbus at toioural@gmail.com. Pactors are due po

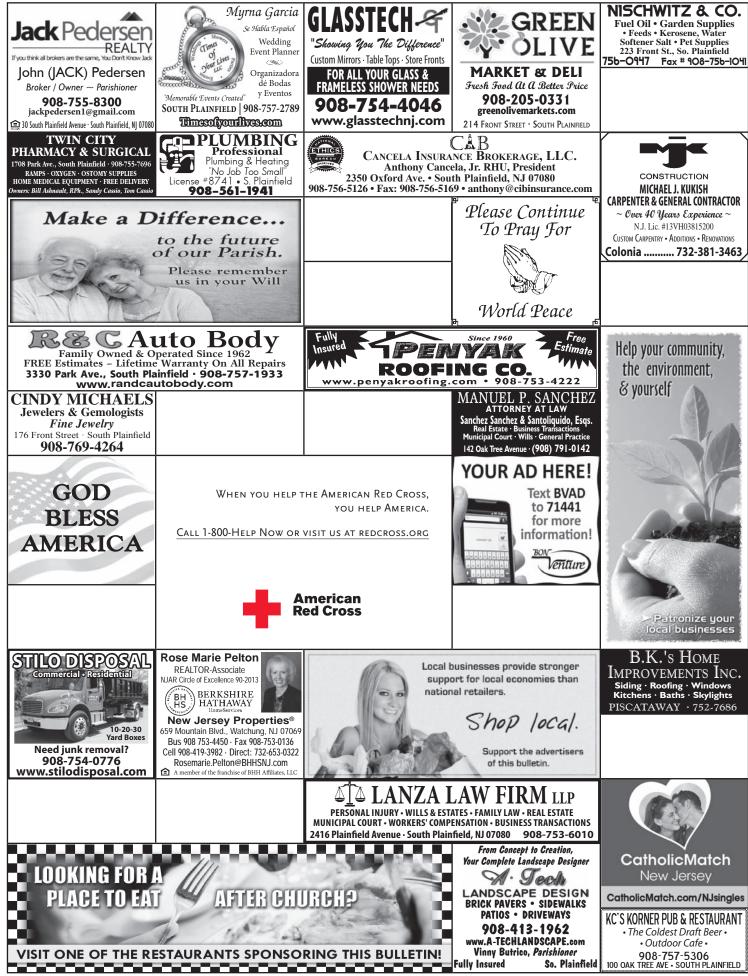
Knights of Columbus at tojawal@gmail.com. Posters are due no later than Wednesday, February 23, 2017 with the entry form.

# 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.

"Account must also be taken of the pollution produced by residue, including dangerous waste present in different areas. Each year hundreds of millions of tons of waste are generated, much of it non-biodegradable, highly toxic and radioactive, from homes and businesses, from construction and demolition sites, from clinical, electronic and industrial sources. The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth.... Industrial waste and chemical products utilized in cities and agricultural areas can lead to bioaccumulation in the organisms of the local population,.... Frequently no measures are taken until after people's health has been irreversibly affected." #21, ENCYCLICAL LETTER, *Laudato Si, On Care For Our Common Home*, Pope Francis I, May 24, 2015.





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