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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, JANUARY 7
5:00 PM KATHY TRACY, Reg. by Marie Dolinski

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30 AM ANGEL S. ACAB, Req. by the Sacred Heart
Adult Choir

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- The Christmas Season Ends Today -

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
7:00 PM DOROTHY APPROVATO, Req. by Family,
PAULINE JAZIKOFF, Req. by Family,
GEORGE RIPLEY, Req. by Marie Dolinski,
MARY PFEIFER, Req. by Neil & Helen Towey,
SUE CRINO, Req. by Children

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 AM ANNIV. STAATS FAMILY, Req. by Niece Dotty

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 AM BRIAN CAPPARELLI, Req. by the McNerney Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 AM AGNES MICHALAK, Req. by Adele Michalak

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

ST. HILARY, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM JOHN MOCHARSKI, Req. by Pat & Tony Sacco

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 AM REMEMBRANCE GUILD 5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE COLUMBIETTES 11:30 AM HUGH & FRANK STILLMAN, Req. by Sister 3:00 PM DIVINE MERCY HEALING MASS

CONSIDER A CANDLE OR FLORAL MEMORIAL - The

2017 Mass book is closed, but candles in front of the Blessed Mother, Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Sanctuary Lamp, as well as flowers for the altar (basket or vase) are still available to remember a loved one, living or deceased. Please contact Lisa in the Parish Center 908-756-0633 x110 about the options. Have your loved one's name printed in the bulletin and remembered in the prayer.



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE January 8 - 15, 2017

1/8 - Is 60: 1-6/Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2: 1-12

1/9 - Is 42: 1-4, 6-7/Mt 3: 13-17

1/10 - Heb 2: 51-2/Mk 1: 21-28 1/11 - Heb 2: 14-18/Mk 1: 29-39

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1/12 - Heb 3: 7-14/Mk 1: 40-45

1/13 - Heb 4: 1-5, 11/Mk 2: 1-12

1/14 - Heb 4: 12-16/Mk 2: 13-17

1/15 - Is 49: 3, 5-6/1 Cor 1: 1-3/Jn 1: 29-34

► 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, Arthur Tinana, Ann Marie Lauten, Elizabeth Vargo, Edward Owsik, Barbara Calderoney, Roland Parker.

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

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

ELEANOR STRANO

Requested by Niece Lynda

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

CHARLES JANKOSKI

Requested by Niece

SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

LOUISE JEAVETTOREA

Requested by Daughter Rosemarie

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: JAN 14-15

5:00 PM - J. Makoski, H. Brignol, J. Chavez

9:00 AM - J. Gaffney, T. Figueiredo, N. Carannante

11:30 AM - A. Walker, S. Sequeira, 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 January 1, 2017

2017	2016
12,819.00	\$ 11,184.55
2,516.00	\$ 1,193.00
2,642.00	\$ 3,273.00
17,977.00	\$ 15,650.55
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► End-of-Year Giving to Date - \$12,999

Christmas *to Date* \$ 32,408.00

► Major Repairs & Renovations to Date - \$107,733

\$ 36,451.00

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "The Magi followed the star and found the Light of the World. They came bearing gifts and received the greatest treasure of all. We are invited to receive the same Christ today." — *Fr. John*

SCRIPTURE: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven." — *Matthew 6:19-20*

PARISHIONER COMMENT: "The parish gives to me, my husband and children, and my community. The parish offers me a community of worship and prayer, and financially I want to help it continue to operate. Also, my parish gives to the sick, poor and others, and I want to be a part of that." -- A parishioner, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Brookfield, CT

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THANK YOU to all who all have used this envelope and have chosen to generously continue supporting your parish. Any amount is a treasured gift. Every dollar matters! If you have not yet given, it's not too late to be a part of the financial fiber that works with the spiritual glue which holds our parish family together. May God bless you abundantly.

MONTHLY ANALYSIS FOR DEC. 2016

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Weekly Collections	\$ 51,440.00
On-Line Giving	11,060.00
Holy Day	430.00
Gifts	2,456.00
Christmas	32,768.00
Offerings (Funerals/Weddings)	9,609.00
Religious Education Fees 2015-16	325.00
National/Missionary Diocesan Appeals	2,941.00
Major Renovations & Repairs	6,026.00
Bequests	1,325.00
Other	13,261.00
Total Income	\$131,641.00
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Salaries	\$ 37,238.00
Benefits	5,593.00
Social Security (FICA)-Employer	2,487.00
Utilities	5,383.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,709.00
Administrative Costs	6,305.00
Religious Education Expenses	443.00
Diocesan Assessment	12,000.00
Shared Facility Costs (Holy Savior Acad.)	1,611.00
National/Missionary Dicesan Appeals	2,941.00
Holy Savior Academy Assessment	4,500.00
Reserve for Property/Casualty/Auto Ins.	30,000.00
Reserve for Lay Pension Plan	15,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 125,210.00
► Income <i>Higher</i> Than Expenses	\$ 6,431.00

NEXT WEEKEND - we are invited to support the **Together in Charity Collection**. The proceeds help to fund "Catholic Charities" Parish Emergency Assistance Program which provides 24 hour/seven days a week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs.

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



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then click Military and Veteran Families and see

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SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS 2016 REPORT

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

With your generosity we were able to help, on a monthly basis, over 34 families with food and financial assistance. During the past year our food pantry has been well stocked with continuous donations of food by parishioners and other residents, in particular the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of South Plainfield, Holy Savior Academy, Saint Joseph High School, South Plainfield Social Services, and the South Plainfield Post Office. We distributed 2,040 bags of food to needy families. We also assisted families financially with over \$19,599 plus \$7,600.00 in gift cards for perishable food, clothing, and other personal needs.

For the first time we planted a vegetable garden behind the Parish Center. The garden was a great success allowing us to provide fresh vegetables to families through the Summer into the Fall. We look forward to this first Spring planting.

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 provide information about other help resources, (Catholic Charities, South Plainfield Social Services, FISH, United Way (211), Puerto Rican Action Board, Middlesex County Board of Social Services, other organizations and agencies)

If you know of families in need, please encourage them call 908-756-0633, x112, Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 9:00AM & 11:00AM.

The primary source of funding is from the Poor Boxes located at all the Church doors. Also, at all doors, bins are provided for your donations of non-perishable food items.

Email: socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net



20 + C + M + B + 17

THE TRADITIONAL EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

is a prayer that every Catholic can share. It can be a fun, family, faith activity! Blessed chalk is available at Church. Use it to write the above inscription over the main (inside) entrance of your house. The numbers of the new year 20 and 17 are the beginning and end. The initials of the Magi are included C, M, B — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They may also represent the Latin words "Christus"

mansionem benedicat," "May Christ bless the house." Four + crosses separate the letters and numerals. Gather the family and



pray the above words with the Sign of the Cross, and the Lord's Prayer as you write the inscription with the blessed chalk. You may choose to light a candle and read aloud a scripture passage from the Bible. Invite those present to share something of what they heard in scripture. Include your own special prayer of petition for family members and their needs. May all who enter your home may receive and share the blessing of Christ.

THE SACRED HEART ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society will have their first meeting of the New Year on Monday, January 9th, 2017 following the 7 p.m. Mass in the Annex building. All members are encouraged to attend as upcoming events will be planned.



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, and icon of Jesus Christ." — St. John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*

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 & A Little of That"

A Choral Concert at Sacred Heart Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, AT 3:00PM

Join the vocal choirs and bell choir as we present a selection of our favorite sacred and secular music. Free Will offering at the door. For more information call 908-756-0633 ext 139.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Timko, Director 908-756-0633 x143



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Everyone hears the Sunday Scripture readings proclaimed, but do we take time to think about their meaning in our lives?

▶ QUESTION OF THE WEEK – January 8

Do you want God's intervention in your life? Or would you rather not because it might come with demands and challenges?

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

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SACRED HEART CHURCH ◆ The Adult Choir

welcomes those of high school age and older. We rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings at 8:00PM. The Choir will sing three times each month at either the 9:00AM or 11:30AM Mass. The Choir also sings on Holy Days throughout the season. New members are needed and welcome. There are no auditions and the ability to read music is not necessary. For more information, call Dan Mahoney 908-756-0633 x139, see him after Mass, or *via* email: Dan410@aol.com. Remember, "those who sing, pray twice."



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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:

<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.

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Christmas ornaments, Christmas floral and grave decorations in the mausoleum and cemetery should be reclaimed before January 15, if you wish to save any items. Weather permitting, we hope to have the January clean up completed by Monday, January 16.

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.

PRAYER CIRCLE: The Prayer Circle will gather on Tuesday, January 10, at 7PM, in the Parish Center Chapel.

THIS IS OUR FAITH

"THE TRIPLE REACTIONS: The Epiphany can be looked on as a symbol for our pilgrimage through life to Christ. The feast invites us to see ourselves as images of the Magi, a people on a journey to Christ. Today's Gospel also tells us the story of the Magi's encounter with the evil King Herod. This encounter symbolizes three reactions to Jesus' birth: hatred, indifference. and adoration.

- A group of people headed by Herod planned to destroy Jesus.
- Another group composed of priests and scribes ignored
- The members of a third group -- shepherds and the Magi -- adored Jesus and offered themselves to Him."

As we journey through life we may find ourselves belonging to and reflecting the values of each of these three groups. May we strive to belong to this third group: The group that adored Jesus and offered Him gifts: This group was composed of the shepherds and the Magi. The shepherds offered the only gifts they had: love, tears of joy, and probably woolen clothes and milk from their sheep. The Magi offered gold, in recognition of Jesus as the King of the Jews; frankincense, in acknowledgment that He was God, and myrrh as a symbol of His human nature."

LIFE MESSAGES:

"1) Let us make sure that we belong to the third group: Let us worship Jesus at Mass, every day if we can. Let us offer God our very selves, promising Him that we will use His blessings to do good for our fellow men. Let us plot a better path for our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud and impure thoughts, evil habits and selfish behavior. Let us become the Star, leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Him. We can remove or lessen the darkness of the evil around us by being, if not like stars, at least like candles, radiating Jesus' love by selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care.

2) Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany: The first gift might be friendship with God, God wants our friendship in the form of wholehearted love and devotion. A second gift might be friendship with others. This kind of friendship can be costly. The price it exacts is vulnerability and openness to others. The good news, however, is that, in offering friendship to others, we will receive back many blessings. A third gift might be the gift of reconciliation. This gift repairs damaged relationships. It requires honesty, humility, understanding, forgiveness and patience. The fourth gift of this season is the gift of peace: seeking God's peace in our own lives through prayer, the Sacramental life and daily meditation on the Word of God. It is out of humble gratitude that we give Him from the heart our gifts of worship, prayer, singing, possessions, and time.

As we give our insignificant, gifts to God, the good news is that God accepts them! Like the Shepherds and the Magi, we offer what we have, from the heart, in response to what that Child has given to us — Himself."

(Source: Homilies of Fr. Anthony Kadavil)



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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.

"It is my hope that this Encyclical Letter, which is now added to the body of the Church's social teaching, can help us to acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face. I will begin by briefly reviewing several aspects of the present ecological crisis, with the aim of drawing on the results of the best scientific research available today, letting them touch us deeply and provide a concrete foundation for the ethical and spiritual itinerary that follows. I will then consider some principles drawn from the Judeo-Christian tradition which can render our commitment to the environment more coherent. I will then attempt to get to the roots of the present situation, so as to consider not only its symptoms but also its deepest causes. This will help to provide an approach to ecology which respects our unique place as human beings in this world and our relationship to our surroundings. In light of this reflection, I will advance some broader proposals for dialogue and action which would involve each of us as individuals, and also affect international policy. Finally, convinced as I am that change is impossible without motivation and a process of education, I will offer some inspired guidelines for human development to be found in the treasure of Christian spiritual experience." #15, ENCYCLICAL LETTER, Laudato Si, On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis I, May 24, 2015.

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