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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.



MASSSES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

— MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY —

9:00 AM LOUISE PILONE, Req. by the Malia Family,
GEORGE RIPLEY, Req. by Mary McNerney & Family,
ADOLPHUS QUERPEL, Req. by Lois & John
Donnelly, CONCETTA CALABRESE, Req. by Fortuna
Notino, MICHAEL SENA, Req. by Kathleen DeLillo
6:00 PM NO Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM NO Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

ST. ANTHONY, Abbot

9:00 AM BILL McLEAN, Req. by Wife & Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

The Beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

9:00 AM RICKY RODRIGUEZ, Req. by M/M Manuel Rodriguez

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 AM KATHLEEN DI MEGLIO, Req. by Pat & Nick DeSantis

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

ST. FABIAN, Pope & Martyr and ST. SEBASTIAN, Martyr

9:00 AM MICHAEL & ANNA LUKACS, Req. by Carole & Bob

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

ST. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 AM CONCETTA CALABRESE, Req. by Nick & Pat
DeSantis
12 NOON El Santo Niño
5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM M/M CHARLES LAUTEN, Req. by M/M Michael
Lauten
11:30 AM DEACON JOE & ANNA STANCZAK, Req. by Family

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 15 - 22, 2017

1/15 - Is 49: 3, 5-6/1 Cor 1: 1-3/Jn 1: 29-34
1/16 - Heb 5: 1-10/Mk 2: 18-22
1/17 - Heb 6: 10-20/Mk 2: 23-28
1/18 - Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17/Mk 3: 1-6
1/19 - Heb 7: 25-8:6/Mk 3: 7-12
1/20 - Heb 8: 6-13/Mk 3: 13-19
1/21 - Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14/Mk 3: 20-21
1/22 - Is 8: 23-9: 3/1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17/Mt 4: 12-23



► 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

ANNA PELLEGRINO

Requested by Granddaughter

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

ANTHONY MARINO

Requested by Cousin

SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

GRACE HOLZHEIMER

Requested by Carole & Bob



ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: JAN 21-22

5:00 PM - M. Brignol, G. Delacruz, J. Chavez
9:00 AM - D. Faustini, C. Butrico, O. Markus
11:30 AM - A. Ortega, A. Walker, 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 8, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 9,464.15	\$ 11,687.30
Loose:	\$ 1,249.00	\$ 2,258.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,717.00	\$ 1,883.00
Totals:	\$ 13,430.15	\$ 15,828.30
Christmas <u>to Date</u>	\$ 35,698.00	\$ 38,104.00

► **End-of-Year Giving to Date – \$16,734**

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

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "The scripture readings this weekend remind us that we are all called to follow Christ and are sent out into the world to make Him known. How do we do this? I would say that to walk in His light peaceably and live His love generously each day is a great way to begin." — *Fr. John*

SCRIPTURE: "Honor the LORD with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce." — *Proverbs 3:9*

PARISHIONER COMMENT: "The talks on tithing did cause me to re-evaluate my contributions to my parish. It is difficult, but I am certain that what we give to God, we receive back from Him in blessings." — *A parishioner, Immaculate Conception, Tuckahoe, NY*

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.

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.



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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.



THANK YOU to all who all have used the End-of-Year Gift envelope and have chosen to generously continue supporting your parish. Every contribution is a treasured gift. Every dollar matters! Your generosity, year 'round, is part of the financial fiber that works with the spiritual glue and holds our parish family together. May God bless you abundantly.



MONTHLY ANALYSIS FOR DEC. 2016

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

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 Higher Than Expenses** \$ 6,431.00

THIS 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.

NEXT WEEKEND - we are invited to support the **Foundation for Catholic Education**, a diocesan fund that provides tuition assistance grants for students with financial need in the Catholic elementary and high schools of the Diocese of Metuchen. Without financial assistance, these students might not receive the gift of a Catholic education.

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

► **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 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

**The Parish Center will be closed on
Monday, January 16, in observance of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**



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."

**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

Each new year seems to offer us a blank slate, a challenge to make a positive contribution. A new year can be compared to a new life, each child conceived is God's opinion that the world should go on. As each of us begins this new year, let us pledge ourselves anew to seeing that abortion does not thwart God's plan.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: The U.S. Catholic bishops' annual novena for Life takes place Saturday, January 21 – Sunday, January 29. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS AND PRO-VITA AWARDS

- All are welcome to attend the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass on Sunday, January 22, at 12:00 Noon at the St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen. Bishop Checchio will present the 2017 *Pro-Vita* awards at this time. This year's recipients are **James and Deborah Vokral** who are being recognized for their service to women facing unplanned pregnancies at Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen and **Robert L. Keeling, Jr.** of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Whitehouse Station for his dedication to promoting the sanctity of human life in the parish and beyond. Please plan to attend as a show of support for these pro-life champions! Immediately following the Mass, there will be a small reception in the Community Room downstairs. Please call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543 for more information.

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: 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Timko, Director
908-756-0633 x143



For more information please visit our web page
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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 – January 15**

Who is Jesus to you? What are you presently doing to deepen your relationship with Him? What are you doing by way of prayer, study, generosity and sharing the faith?

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.

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



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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)

This is the final weekend to claim your Christmas ornaments, floral & grave decorations in the mausoleum and cemetery - if you wish to save any items. Weather permitting, we hope to have the January clean-up completed by Monday, January 16.

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.**

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.

THIS IS OUR FAITH

Grace and the Sacraments

This month the parish Whole Community Catechesis (WCC) sessions presented *Grace*, that is, the Life of God in us, and the seven Sacraments.

Asking ourselves the following 2 questions may help us understand why Catholics see the sacraments as an important means for God's Life to be communicated to us.

Q1. So why do we as Catholics believe that God chose to use sacraments?

Q2. Are sacraments necessary for salvation?

To begin, what is a sacrament? St. Augustine (354-430 AD) one of the Fathers of the Church, taught that a sacrament is a visible sign of invisible grace. Through grace "the faithful become partakers of the Divine nature" CCC 1129. Late in the 16th Century, the Council of Trent stated that "a sacrament is an outward sign of inward grace (sharing in God's Life), instituted, by Christ, for our sanctification (that is-being made holy-ultimately united with God-which is the objective of man.)

- ❖ "The principal reason for a sacramental system is found in man. It is the nature of man", writes St. Thomas (Aquinas) (III:61:1), "to be led by things corporeal and sense-perceptible to things spiritual and intelligible; now Divine Providence provides for everything in accordance with its nature ...; therefore it is fitting that Divine Wisdom should provide means of salvation for men in the form of certain corporeal and sensible signs which are called sacraments."
- ❖ "The Incarnation (God becoming man in Jesus Christ) took place because God dealt with men in the manner that was best suited to their nature."
- ❖ "The Church established by the Savior was to be a visible organization, consequently it should have external ceremonies and symbols of things sacred."

— Above quotes from the *New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia*.

In Summary. As noted above, Christians believe, that God revealed His plan for salvation primarily in Jesus Christ. The CCC says in paragraph #774, "In this sense, Christ Himself is the mystery (sacrament) of salvation: "For there is no other mystery of God, except Christ." The saving work of His holy and sanctifying humanity (His Life, Death, and Resurrection) is the sacrament of salvation, which is revealed and active in the Church's sacraments.... **The seven sacraments** are the signs and instruments by which the Holy Spirit spreads the grace of Christ the head throughout the Church which is His Body."

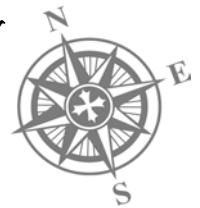


**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
JANUARY 18-25, 2017**



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INFO SESSION FOR THOSE BOOKED

And THOSE STILL CONSIDERING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 3:00PM, PARISH ANNEX

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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.

"Although each chapter will have its own subject and specific approach, it will also take up and re-examine important questions previously dealt with. This is particularly the case with a number of themes which will reappear as the Encyclical unfolds. As examples, I will point to the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet, the conviction that everything in the world is connected, the critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology, the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress, the value proper to each creature, the human meaning of ecology, the need for forthright and honest debate, the serious responsibility of international and local policy, the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle. These questions will not be dealt with once and for all, but reframed and enriched again and again..."
#16, ENCYCLICAL LETTER, *Laudato Si, On Care For Our Common Home*, Pope Francis I, May 24, 2015.

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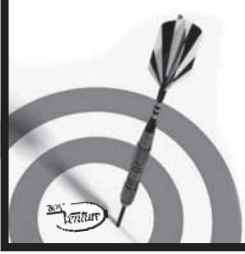
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