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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, DECEMBER 31

5:00 PM PAUL JOHN PANZARELLA SR., Req. by Wife & Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 AM GEORGE NEWCOTT, Req. by Wife & Family
11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

STS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
7:00 PM MARY PFEIFER, Req. by Anne Marie Gawlick,
BRIAN CAPPARELLI, Req. by Bill & Pat Butrico,
CONCETTA CALABRESE, Re.q by Mary Timko,
THOMAS GORMANLY, Req. by Jim & Tree Olano,
JUSTIN COOPER, Req. by M/M Michael Arki

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

9:00 AM ANTHONY CIAMPA, Req. by Wife & Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, Religious

9:00 AM ADAMO BASSO, Req. by Daughter & Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

ST. JOHN NEUMANN, Bishop

9:00 AM NORMAN SNODEN, Req. by Larry Scarola

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE, Religious

9:00 AM NORMAN SNODEN, Req. by Leigh Ann & Warren Wisinewski

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

ST. RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, Priest

9:00 AM AUDREY THERESE McCAFFREY & MIGUEL ANGEL CASTILLO ALCARAZ, Req. by *In God's Image*, GEORGE RIPLEY, Req. by Don & Ann Venitelli, THE INTENTIONS OF JAKE
5:00 PM KATHY TRACY, Req. 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



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

January 1 - 8

1/1 - Nm 6: 22-27/Gal 4: 4-7/Lk 2: 16-21
1/2 - 1 Jn 2: 22-28/Jn 1: 19-28
1/3 - 1 Jn 2: 29-3:6/Jn 1: 29-34
1/4 - 1 Jn 3: 7-10/Jn 1: 35-42
1/5 - 1 Jn 3: 11-21/Jn 1: 43-51
1/6 - 1 Jn 5: 5-13/Mk 1: 7-11
1/7 - 1 Jn 5: 14-21/Jn 2: 1-11
1/8 - Is 60: 1-6/Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2: 1-12



► 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: Walter Kula, Annamarie Gladysz, and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish and their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

ZENON JAREMA

Requested by Maria McDermott

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED OF THE PARISH

SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

MARY PFEIFER

Requested by Fran Conselina



ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: DEC 31 - JAN 1

5:00 PM - J. Makoski, H. Brignol, M. Brignol
9:00 AM - L. Flannery, F. Flannery, S. Sequeira
11:30 AM - A. Walker, Z. Policarpio, J. Chavez



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 December 25, 2016

	2016	2015
Envelopes:	\$ 10,810.00	\$ 10,188.00
Loose:	\$ 3,630.00	\$ 1,233.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,327.00	\$ 4,169.00
Totals:	\$ 16,767.00	\$ 15,590.00

Christmas *to Date* \$ 32,068.00 \$ 36,226.00

► *End-of-Year Giving to Date* – \$11,799

► *Major Repairs & Renovations to Date* – \$104,624

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "The selfless sacrifice and love of a parent never stops giving." — Fr. John

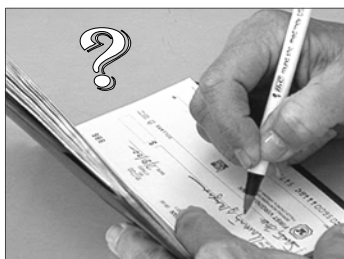
SCRIPTURE: "Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water." — Proverbs 11:24-25

PARISHIONER COMMENT: "Once we wrote God into our budget we can no longer withhold payment from Him any more than we can withhold payment from Central Hudson (Power Company). And it's far more important to us that God's Light does not go out! As we pay God's bill first, there seems to be more money for all the other bills! Alleluia." — A parishioner, Good Shepherd and St. Joseph, Rhinebeck, 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.

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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.

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**



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.*

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

PARISH UPDATES: If you are now solely using a cell phone, have changed your phone number or address, please call Lisa at 908-756-0633 x110, so we can update your records. We would also like to update our parish data base with e-mail addresses. Email us at admin@churchofthesacredheart.net to have your email address included or to update an email address. Thank you!

► If you are moving, please notify Lisa at the Parish Office so we can keep our parishioner records current. *Thank you!*

AED IN CHURCH - An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm. We have purchased & installed an AED in church to assist in emergency medical situations. The AED is door-mounted next to the St. Joseph statue at the front of the church.



► **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.

Visit our diocesan website at diometuchen.org,
click [Offices & Ministries](#),

then click [Military and Veteran Families](#) and see

THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES



Respect for Life

How like King Herod today's abortion providers are. First, he pretends he wants to worship the new born Baby Jesus, but hidden behind his deceitful words is a heart set on the destruction of the Child. The Magi, wise men that they were, saw in a dream Herod's true intentions and did not report the child's location to the destruction-minded king. Today's Herods tell women that they have their best interests at heart, meanwhile planning the destruction of their unborn children.

2 NEW WEBSITES - ONE LIFE SAVING MISSION

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

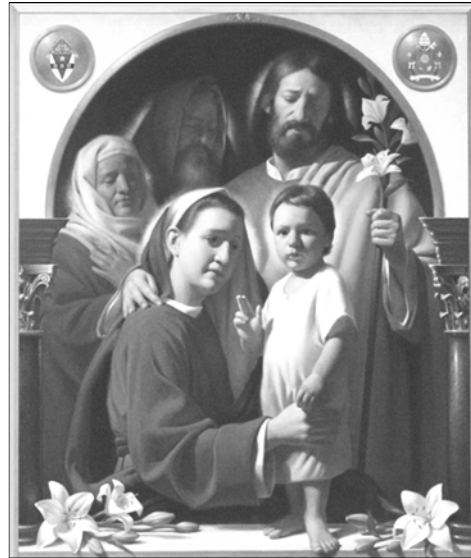
SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

A Christmas Thanksgiving

On behalf of the Sacred Heart Social Concerns Ministry, we thank all those whose generosity has enabled us to serve the less fortunate of our community. We wish you heartfelt blessings and best wishes this Christmas season.

*Teach me, Lord Jesus,
to be generous:*

*to serve You as You deserve;
to give, not counting the cost;
to fight, not heeding the wounds;
to toil, not asking for rest;
to labor, not seeking any reward,
save that of knowing that we do Your will.
Amen.*



As our God holds us in love,
THE WORD was made flesh that we might know God's name.

JESUS was born so that we could hold our God, Who seeks to be born again in each of us.

A blessed peace-filled Christmas Season & New Year to all ... from Fr. John and the Sacred Heart Staff

THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 2.

EPIPHANY PROCESSION OF STARS

Sunday, January 8

Our children are invited to join the Three Kings in the Entrance Procession of Stars, at the 9:00AM Sunday Mass, January 8, the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Parents are invited to work with your children and fashion a star that will be no larger than a 12 inch square. Attach it to a dowel or similar stick, decorate it as simply or ornately as you wish. Meet in the church foyer at 8:45AM, ready to celebrate the Epiphany!



WANTED: 3 KINGS - The weekend of January 7-8, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. We are looking for 3 people for each weekend Mass, Saturday, 5:00PM and Sunday, 9:00AM & 11:30AM, to represent the 3 Magi during the Entrance and Offertory Processions. This is open to men, women and teens. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Sr. Nadine at ext. 118.



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



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Timko, Director
908-756-0633 x143



For more information please visit our web page

www.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 – January 1

How or where have you seen God's amazing grace in your life?

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 or via email: ltimko@churchofthesacredheart.net.

► Sessions begin on Sunday, January 22.



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MRS. CAROL WOODBURN, PRINCIPAL

FREE CONCERT - Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 6:30PM. The **Catholic, Contemporary Christian band, 150CENTRAL** will be live in concert at St. Joseph Church Parish Hall, 34 Yorktown Road, Hillsborough. Please join 150Central for this uplifting night of praise and worship! This is a free concert. Doors open at 5:30PM. A free will offering will be taken up to benefit the Parish of St. Joseph's Youth Ministry.



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: sacredheartigi@gmail.com. And look for the IGI icon on the parish website. All are invited to view and share the video presentation at OwningOurFaith.com.

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◆ CEMETERY HOURS ◆

8:00AM - 4:30PM (SEPT 16 - APRIL 14)

8:00AM - 7:00PM (APRIL 15 - SEPT 15)

CONSIDER A CANDLE OR FLORAL MEMORIAL - The 2017 Mass book may be 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.



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.

THIS IS OUR FAITH

The Family: Our Path to Holiness

On Friday, December 30 we celebrated The Feast of the Holy Family. Devotion to the Holy Family is a recent development, but one that naturally grows out of a love for Jesus and His family. Devotion to the Holy Family grew in popularity in the 17th century, and was celebrated regionally, principally in Canada. On October 26, 1921 Pope Benedict XV inserted the Feast of the Holy Family into the Latin Rite general calendar. Popes before and including Benedict XV (especially Leo XIII) promoted the feast as a way to counter the breakdown of the family unit.

"We can learn the meaning and mystery of this beautiful Feast and apply it to our own family life. The path to our own holiness is found in living our ordinary family life with the Lord Jesus at the center of it all. The Christian family is the first cell of the whole Christian Church. It is the place where we begin the journey toward holiness, and learn to become more fully human."



The Christian family is the smallest cell of that Body of Christ. ...This understanding is more than piety - it is sound ecclesiology and solid anthropology. It is reality. **Family life is where the rubber hits the road for most Christians. It is here where the universal call to holiness, in all its real, earthy, humanness and**

ordinariness, is first issued. It is here where we learn the way of discipleship.

"When the right choices are made" in our family life, ... when we like Christ empty ourselves (Philippians 2:7), we change. We are converted. We cooperate with the Lord's invitation to follow Him by exercising our human freedom; we choose to give ourselves away in love to the other, and find ourselves made new."



"In this life of responding to the Lord's invitations we are gradually transformed into an image, a living icon, of Jesus Christ. (as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminded the faithful) This way of holiness is not easy, as anyone who has lived the vocation can attest, but make no mistake; it is a very real path to holiness. It is also a wonderful one."

St. Paul wrote to the early Christians:

"Brothers and sisters, put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." (Col. 3)

The first school of prayer and practice, the place where we learn this new way of life, is the first cell of the Church, the domestic church of the Christian family. Happy Feast of the Holy Family.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - is seeking volunteer mentors to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to young people. Do you have a minimum of 3 hours per week to offer a child? Like having fun? Reside in or near Middlesex County or Franklin Township? Want to make a difference in a child's life? Call 732-738-1323 or jcullen@ccdom.org for information.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION

Thank you

to all who have given generously toward our

Annual Christmas Flower Fund.

The Church has been fittingly adorned for the season and beautifully decorated. The beautiful poinsettias are also an important reminder of those whose memory we hold near and dear. Even as these plants are arranged around the Altar, we remember and pray for our deceased loved ones, memorialized in red and white blossoms. Thank you for your gift and your prayer.



Journeys for the Heart & Soul

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BUS TRIP TO THE RALLY FOR LIFE IN TRENTON

JANUARY 23, 2017 - The Diocese of Metuchen's Respect for Life Office will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, on Monday, January 23. The bus ride is free of charge, but as space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00AM, and ends at 1:00PM. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center at 2:00-2:30PM. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 x1543 / 1629.



Due to the inauguration, the March for Life in Washington, DC will be held on Friday, January 27. For more information visit: www.marchforlife.org.

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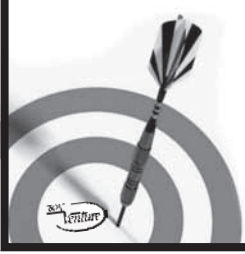
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