



Church of the

SACRED HEART

A Faith Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition Since 1905

PARISH CENTER & MAILING ADDRESS

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ONLINE: <http://www.churchofthesacredheart.net>

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

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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, JULY 15

5:00 PM MICHAEL "MISCH" BUMBACK, Req. by Family

SUNDAY, JULY 16

9:00 AM DANNY VENTRIGLIA, Req. by Wayne & Joanne Otlowski
11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, JULY 17

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
7:00 PM FELOMENA RUNDELLA, Req. by the Cocco Family,
FRANCIS W. NIEDERLE, Req. by the Kania Family,
MARY PERDIE, Req. by Bill & Pat Butrico,
DANIEL PATAG, Req. by the Sidun Family,
CHUCK PENDER, Req. Sandy Romasz & Val Genova

TUESDAY, JULY 18

ST. CAMILLUS de LELLIS, Priest

9:00 AM FRANK FLANNERY, Req. by Barbara Boyer

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

9:00 AM PATTY YANICK, Req. by Dan Mahoney

THURSDAY, JULY 20

ST. APOLLINARIS, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 AM JOHN WYLAM, Req. by Richard & Robert Rogers

FRIDAY, JULY 21

ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM LUCY & PETER GORALCZYK, Req. by Nina Ripley

SATURDAY, JULY 22

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

9:00 AM CHARLES PENDER, Req. by Ellen Tierney,
JOSEPH & MARY PADULLA, Req. by the Cesare Family,
STELLA SCROCCA, Req. by Nina Ripley
5:00 PM LORRAINE SCAROLA, Req. by Husband & Warren & Leighann

SUNDAY, JULY 23

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM MAUREEN RYDAROWSKI, Req. by Family
11:30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



Wedding Banns

Third Time: Michael Ridge & Danielle Heilmann



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

July 16 - 23

7/16 - Is 55: 10-11/Rom 8: 18-23/Mt 13: 1-23
7/17 - Ex 1: 8-14, 22/Mt 10: 34-11: 1
7/18 - Ex 2: 1-15a/Mt 11: 20-24
7/19 - Ex 3: 1-6, 9-12/Mt 11: 25-27
7/20 - Ex 3: 13-20/Mt 11: 28-30
7/21 - Ex 11: 10-12: 14/Mt 12: 1-8
7/22 - Ex 12: 37-42/Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18
7/23 - Wis 12: 13, 16-19/Rom 8: 26-27/Mt 13: 24-43



► 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, Celeste Ginder, George Castagno, Rev. Charles Mingle, Garrett Barone, Barbara Nuber, Judy DiLeo.

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Esther Sivilich, Michael Pancza, and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH



SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

VENETO & ROSE DE SEPIO

Requested by Daughter Frances Conselina & Granchildren

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: JULY 22-23

5:00 PM - J. Makoski, J. Chavez
9:00 AM - T. Figueiredo, D. Faustini
11:30 AM - A. Walker, G. Delacruz



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 July 9, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 9,735.00	\$ 9,284.00
Loose:	\$ 4,277.00	\$ 2,234.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,552.00	\$ 1,960.00
Totals:	\$ 16,564.00	\$ 13,478.00

► **Major Repairs & Renovations to Date** – \$131,170

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT: "He who did not spare his own Son but handed Him over for us all, how will He not also give us everything else along with Him?" — *Romans 8:32*

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: "In true stewardship, each person begins each day by simply praying, "Lord, what do You want me to do today with all the gifts You have given me?" Then be sure to listen for His response throughout each day." — *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Bulletin, Norristown, PA*



SUMMER ENVELOPES - As many of you understand, our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally be here at Mass. We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish office while you are out-of-town on vacation this Summer. And don't forget that **Online Giving** is available for parishioners who prefer to donate through automatic draft.

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

THE PARISH CENSUS IS COMING!

BE COUNTED BECAUSE YOU COUNT. It has been 13 years since our last parish census and we need to update our parishioner records. Look for information in the upcoming bulletins and on our parish website.



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.**

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: <http://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.



2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Ambassadors for Christ



It's not too late to participate in the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. In addition to our parish goal, we are looking to achieve our non-monetary goal of 100% participation. A gift from every household, no matter the size, will make a powerful statement about our commitment to our faith. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

Thank you for joining us as Ambassadors for Christ with your gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

MAIL YOUR GIFT TO:

Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal P.O. Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000
or **give online** at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

PLEGGED TO DATE: \$105,008 - GOAL: \$89,000

Thank you to the 464 parishioners who have pledged **BEYOND** our BAA goal. \$105,008 Pledged. \$95,020 Paid. Based on pledges, our estimated rebate will be \$7,969. The actual rebate earned to date is \$1,998. There is still time to make a difference; give today. **THANK YOU.**

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL DIOCESAN TOTALS TO DATE:

Goal: \$7,000,000 Pledges: \$7,969,543

Paid: \$7,319,648 Donors: 26,924

% Pledged to Goal: 113.85%

Thank you for joining us as Ambassadors for Christ with your gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

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
Cpl. 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

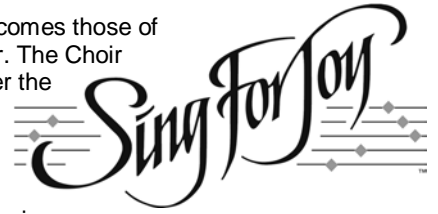
May we work for Justice as we pray for Peace.

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

THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

◆ **The Adult Choir** welcomes those of high school age and older. The Choir sings on Sundays at either the 9:00 AM or 11:30 AM Mass and on Holy Days. Ability to read music is not necessary.



Rehearsals: Thursday evenings from 8:00-9:30PM., beginning **September 7.**

◆ **The Youth Choir** welcomes students in grades 1-8. The Choir sings on the first Sunday of each month at the 9:00AM Mass. Rehearsals: Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:00PM., beginning **September 21.**

◆ **The Handbell Choir** welcomes students in grades 7-8. The Choir rings once a month at the Sunday, 11:30AM Mass. Rehearsals: Thursday afternoons from 3:15-4:15PM., beginning **September 21.**

◆ **Intergenerational Handbell Choir** welcomes those high school age and older. The Choir rings once a month at a weekend Mass. You do not need to be able to read music but it is helpful if you are familiar with time signatures and basic notation. Instructions are gladly offered to new members. Rehearsals: Thursday evenings from 7:00-7:50PM., beginning **September 21.**



Respect for Life

2 NEW WEBSITES - ONE LIFE SAVING MISSION

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

Volunteers Needed to staff the Middlesex County Right to Life Booth at the Middlesex County Fair 2017. Serve for a two hour block the week of August 7-13 involved in interacting with the fair goers who visit the Right to Life booth. You would be paired with an experienced staffer. If anyone is interested in staffing a two hour block at the Middlesex County Fair for the Middlesex County chapter of NJ Right to Life, please contact fair volunteer coordinator Gerry Blinstrub: 732-251-5879

SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

Thank you to all who answered our request for certain items needed in the pantry and for your monetary donations. Now, with vacation time here, please don't forget those in need during these Summer months. Our food pantry is in need of the following items: **canned fruit, boxed potatoes, rice, and bar soap.**

Since our vegetable garden was such a success last year it is back again this season. Plants are already growing at a good pace, especially with all the rain.

If you know of families in need, please have 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 doors of the Church. Also, at all doors, bins are provided for you donations of non-perishable food items.



socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net

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.



SAVE THE DATE & SHARE THE NEWS – 8th Annual Sacred Heart Golf Outing

September 26 at the Metuchen Golf & Country Club. Visit us at churchofthesacredheart.net for updates and registration.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - The Church of the Sacred Heart Annual Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 10, at the school back yard & cafeteria. **FAMILY-FOOD-FUN** for every age and everyone! Watch for details!!



THE HOT DAYS OF SUMMER ARE HERE!

Please dress in an appropriate manner for Mass. The church temperature is regulated for your comfort and modest attire. Consider how you would dress for a special dinner out with family and honored guests.

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**



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 – July 16

Since you were younger, how have you changed in your outlook about your spirituality? Understanding what it means to live a moral life? Participating in your parish? What do you think your spiritual life should be by now? What steps can you take to get it there?

GIFT- Registration for our monthly religious education program: **GIFT: Growing in Faith Together** has begun. The registration form can be downloaded from the parish website: www.churchofthesacredheart.net

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 FIRST 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.

SACRED HEART FREE SUMMER MUSIC CAMP - A music camp with special emphasis on ringing handbells is set for July 18, 19 and 20, from 12:30-2:00PM in the church. No previous ringing experience needed. For information or to register, contact Dan Mahoney via email Dan410@aol.com or call 908-756-0633 x139. Class is limited to 15 participants.



Holy Savior Academy

THE MIDDLEBROOK DEANERY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080

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MRS. CAROL WOODBURN, PRINCIPAL

Holy Savior Academy is still accepting enrollment applications enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year.

HOLY REDEEMER CEMETERY



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Email: shcemetery@comcast.net

Graves, Mausoleum Crypts & Cremation Niches

Inquire about brass military insignia and photoceramic features.

LYNDA YELENOVSKY, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

◆ CEMETERY HOURS ◆

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

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

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.



RETROUVAILLE - is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussion) with six follow-up sessions. The cost is \$450.00, which includes meals and resource materials. The next weekend is September 15-17, at the Somerset Hotel. For more information, please call: Office of Family life at (732) 562-1990 ext. 4573 To register call Tom & Pat McTague at (732) 583-4468 (evenings); or Rich & Annette Colasuonno at (732) 236-0671

"I really only love God as much as the person I love the least." — Dorothy Day

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 Sept. 13.** 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 at the parish website. All are invited to view and share the video presentation at OwningOurFaith.com.

THIS IS OUR FAITH

20 Significant Events in Church History

This month the Whole Community Catechesis group has covered –Time Travel: the Catholic Story. To help understand the Catholic Story here are 20 significant events in Church History.



c.2100 BC	Calling of Abraham - the Father of the Jewish nation.
c.4 BC	Birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem.
c.30 AD	Death of Jesus Christ.
c.33	Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2) - known as the Birthday of the Church.
c.48	Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15). Gentile Christians accepted alongside those in the Jewish tradition.
c.60	First Gospel published (often thought to be that written by Mark).
161-80	Widespread persecution of Christians under Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius. (Severe persecutions also occurred under the emperors Decius (249-251) and Diocletian (284-305)).
313	Edict of Milan issued by Constantine - Christianity becomes a legal religion within the Roman empire.
325	Constantine calls the first ecumenical council at Nicea. Arian heresy which declared Christ was a created being is refuted. Nicene Creed is drawn up, declaring Christ to be "...Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father..."
1054	Great Schism - Eastern Orthodox and Western Catholic Churches separate.
1095	Pope Urban II authorizes the first Crusade to recover the Holy Land from Muslims.
1216/23	Papal approval of the Dominican and Franciscan mendicant ('begging') orders.
1266-73	Thomas Aquinas writes his great work of systematic Theology: <i>Summa Theologiae</i> .
1453	Constantinople falls to the Ottoman Turks.
1521	<i>Diet of Worms</i> - Luther's final breach with the Catholic Church. - Protestant Reformation begins.
1545-63	Council of Trent - Roman Catholic counter reformation.
1854	Dogma of the Immaculate conception of Mary proclaimed by the Roman Catholic Church.
1870-1	First Vatican council. Dogma of Papal infallibility proclaimed.
1950	Dogma of the Assumption of Mary proclaimed by the Roman Catholic Church.
1962-5	Second Vatican Council. Major reforms in the Roman Catholic Church are initiated. Mutual anathemas of 1054 between Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches lifted.

THE PARISH MINISTRY GUIDE

is available on our parish website:
www.churchofthesacredheart.net



TRIP TO IRELAND - Journey with us to the *Emerald Isle* from April 2 -11, 2018. Visit Belfast, Armagh, Giant's Causeway, Knock (with Mass), Galway (with Mass), Connemara, Bunratty and Dublin. Brochures are available in the church and at the Parish Center. Join friends and fellow parishioners for the trip of a lifetime. Questions? Call Dan Mahoney 908-756-0633 xt139 or contact Peter's Way Tours 800-225-7662.

DO YOU ENJOY PLANNING PARTIES?

Think about planning for the parish **SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE**. Bring your parish family together for fun and fellowship.



► Please call our Parish Life Coordinator, **Ralph Quaglia at 908-756-0633 x142** for full details ... and say **HERE I AM!**

Your Stewardship of Time & Talent can be fun, motivational and inspirational. Take the time; make the time. God has given you the talent!

PARISH STAFF POSITION

Sacred Heart Parish Bookkeeper

Staff position, M-F, medical & insurance benefits. Requires: bookkeeping & accounting skills; payroll and accounts payable for parish (church and cemetery); manage employee medical insurance and other benefits; liaison in financial matters with our diocesan offices; member of the Parish Finance Council; computer literate and familiar with *Word, Excel, QuickBooks*, manage weekly Offertory collections, budget preparation.

SEND RESUMÉ & REFERENCES TO:

"Job Search: Bookkeeper," Church of the Sacred Heart, 200 Randolph Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080

OR EMAIL:

jpa139rev@comcast.net with *subjectline*: BOOKKEEPER

EXPERIENCE A CULTURAL EXCHANGE BY HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

- Looking for a caring host family for Chinese International Students who will be attending Mt. St. Mary Academy and Wardlaw Hartridge in the 2017-18 Academic year. Monthly stipend for student's expenses. Details & to apply call Joyce Liebttag at (609) 416-1316 or via email: joyce.liebttag@pedus.org or

REBOOT LIVE! - Hosted by Immaculate Conception Church, 35 Mountain Ave., Somerville, REBOOT LIVE! Is a life-changing event for parish and family featuring internationally acclaimed speaker & author, Chris Stefanik - November 7, from 7:00 - 9:30PM. We expect this event to sell out fast. Tickets just \$20! Sign up today. For more information or to purchase your ticket: www.reallifecatholic.com/REBOOT or call 908-725-1112.

How does your garden grow ... seed, weed, & feed?

Work in the Social Concerns Ministry Community Garden continues with many families reaping the benefits of its fresh vegetables. Thanks to our gardeners: Kathy Owsianik, Candy Longo, Audrey Ginda, Ann-Marie Markus, Helen and Neil Towey, Kathy Wozniak, Judy Jones. The positive energy spills over to some of the other garden areas around the parish.



Kathy Owsianik and Neil Towey working in the gardens and harvesting the broccoli crop. Tomatoes, kale, zucchini, and radishes are among the other vegetables growing strong.



+++ My Morning Offering +++

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and also for the intentions of our Bishop James and the Holy Father. Amen.

"Anything we do, without offering it to God, is wasted."

— ST. JOHN VIANNEY —



March with us as a parish in
THE LABOR DAY PARADE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017
 Wear a red shirt and comfortable shoes.
 Mark your calendar today and have plenty of time to be prepared!

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.

"Caring for ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation. But the cost of the damage caused by such selfish lack of concern is much greater than the economic benefits to be obtained. Where certain species are destroyed or seriously harmed, the values involved are incalculable. We can be silent witnesses to terrible injustices if we think that we can obtain significant benefits by making the rest of humanity, present and future, pay the extremely high costs of environmental deterioration.." #36, ENCYCLICAL LETTER, *Laudato Si, On Care For Our Common Home*, Pope Francis I, May 24, 2015



Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady

FATIMA, PORTUGAL

May-October 1917-2017

"People must pray the rosary. If people do as I ask, many souls will be converted and there will be peace."

24 HOUR PRAYER LINE - Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at (732) 765-6431 or send an email to our office: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com



More Resources for Persons with Disabilities

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine:



Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities

Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21 — the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More — to July 4, Independence Day.

Freedom To Serve God With Our Whole Lives

Pray

That all Christians would have the courage to serve God with our whole lives and to live out our faith with boldness and compassion.

Reflect

Christians carry out the mission of the Church by doing simple acts of charity on a daily basis. A person might check in on his elderly neighbors, or another may show her co-workers in small ways that she truly cares about their well-being. All of us, from every walk of life, are to infuse our work and daily activities with Christian charity. Sometimes, our culture urges us to think of our faith as a strictly interior matter. The culture says that we are free to worship, or to be spiritual, but our faith should not be expressed publicly. A culture in which faith is never visible tends to be one that constricts religion. Christ calls us to a whole life of discipleship. We exercise our faith in all that we do.

Act

The life of faith begins with prayer. Hold a prayer vigil for religious freedom. Eucharistic adoration, the Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet can all be forms of intercession for our country and our first freedom. Another great way to pray for our country year-round is the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty. Sign up today!



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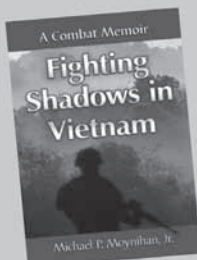
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