

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART  
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080



# 7th Annual Golf Outing

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**



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\$225.00 per Golfer

\$900.00 per Foursome

## **METUCHEN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

EDISON, NEW JERSEY

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**REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**

SUSTAINABILITY TIP: Avoid Traffic - being stuck in traffic wastes gas and unnecessarily creates CO<sub>2</sub>. Use traffic websites and apps and go a different way or wait. Combine errands to make fewer trips. Remove excess weight from your car. Use cruise control. — *From Catholic Climate Covenant*

## **PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

*O God our Creator,*

from Your provident hand we have received  
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.  
You have called us as your people and given us  
the right and the duty to worship You, the only true God,  
and Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of Your Holy Spirit,  
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,  
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel  
to every corner of society.

We ask You to bless us  
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.  
Give us the strength of mind and heart  
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;  
give us courage in making our voices heard  
on behalf of the rights of Your Church  
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,  
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters  
gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history  
of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood  
and every danger overcome —  
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,  
and all who come after us —  
this great land will always be "one nation, under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Are you praying your Morning Offering?**

VISIT US ON INSTAGRAM — SACREDHEARTSPNJ

### **DAILY INTENTIONS**

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| Sunday    | That the Gospel message of Joy, Mercy and Reconciliation, may open hearts and minds to Christ Our Savior   |
| Monday    | <b>For the Sick and Persons with Disabilities</b>  |
| Tuesday   | For Those who Suffer Discrimination regardless of its source (Age, Gender, Race, Religion, Disability, National and Ethnic Origin, Sexual Identify, Social Status) |
| Wednesday | <b>For Military &amp; Emergency Response Services Personnel</b>  |
| Thursday  | For all Pregnant Mothers and their Unborn Children   |
| Friday    | <b>For all Civil and Religious Leaders</b>   |
| Saturday  | For our Families, our Bishop James & his intentions, and the intentions written in our Parish Intention Book   |

# WITNESSES TO FREEDOM

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

*“He must increase,  
I must decrease.”*

On June 24, we celebrate the birth of the Forerunner, one of the great men in the story of Jesus.

As herald of the Christ, John the Baptist reveals what it means to be a witness. He was one of the greatest of the prophets, and his courageous truth-telling led to his martyrdom. Most importantly, his ministry opened the way for others to encounter Jesus.

John links the Old Testament to the New. He preaches a message of repentance, challenging complacency among the people of Israel. He is often thought of as the last of the old prophets. When he is approached by religious leaders who are failing in their role, he confronts them directly, calling them a brood of vipers. He also challenges the immorality of the political leaders, opposing Herod’s marriage – a stance for which he was later beheaded.

By calling people to come to be dipped in the waters of the Jordan as an act of repentance, he reminds his fellow Judeans of the Exodus. The call to renewal is an act of remembrance. The action says, “Remember the God who delivered you!” At the same time, the ritual looks forward to the one who has been promised to bring true freedom to Israel.

John’s renewal movement prepared the way of Jesus. John knew that God was moving in his people, even if he did not know what that would mean. When Jesus comes to be baptized, an act of his solidarity with sinners, John first begins to recognize Jesus as the one to come. Later in Jesus’ ministry, John says to his own disciples, “He must increase; I must decrease” (John 3:30). He bears witness to the freedom that comes with true humility and openness to answering a call.



*National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC; photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, OP*

*St. John the Baptist, pray for us!*



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**PRAY FOR PEACE,  
UNITY,  
FREEDOM**

