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# SACRED HEART

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## 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 1

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## SUNDAY, JULY 2

9:00 AM HAYDEE MUNOZ BERMUDEZ, Req. by the Rybeck Family

11:30 AM RICHARD PALMER, Req. by Wife & Family

## MONDAY, JULY 3

### ST. THOMAS, Apostle

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary

6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction

7:00 PM EMERSON & FRANCES GNATZ, Req. by Donald & Katherine Lopes, FELOMENA RUNDELLA, Req. by Diana Gallo, JOSÉ FIGUEROA SR., Req. by Maryann & Kim, BERNICE JERONOWITZ, Req. by Tom & Irene Donnelly

## TUESDAY, JULY 4

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

*God bless America!*

9:00 AM CHARLOTTE MATTICOLA, Req. by the Severini Family

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

### ST. ANTHONY ZACCARIA, Priest

### ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

9:00 AM CAROLYN OWCZARZAK, Req. by Lou & Sandra Muchi

## THURSDAY, JULY 6

### ST. MARIA GORETTI, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 AM LOUIS DONISE, Req. by Deacon Wayne & Joanne Otlowski

## FRIDAY, JULY 7

9:00 AM DORIS M. MASSARO, Req. By Lorraine Beyer & Family

## SATURDAY, JULY 8

9:00 AM GEORGE RIPLEY, Req. by Marie & Rich Piesche

5:00 PM ZOLTAN PETERCSAK, Req. by Diana & Carmine Gallo

## SUNDAY, JULY 9

### 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11:30AM FRANK FLANNERY, Req. by Wayne & Joanne Otlowski



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

### July 2 - 9

7/2 - 2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11/Mt 10: 37-42

7/3 - Eph 2: 19-22/Jn 20: 24-29

7/4 - Gn 19: 15-29/Mt 8: 23-27

7/5 - Gn 21: 5, 8-20a/Mt 8: 28-34

7/6 - Gn 22: 1b-19/Mt 9: 1-8

7/7 - Gn 23: 1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67/Mt 9: 9-13

7/8 - Gn 27: 1-5, 15-29/Mt 9: 14-17

7/9 - Zec 9: 9-10/Rom 8: 9, 11-13/Mt 11: 25-30

► 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.

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Franklin H. Smith, Jr., Guido J. Abbruzzese, Theresa De Cola and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

## VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

### MARY & ARLENE LIZAK

Requested by Marie Dolinski

## SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

### GIOVANNA ESPOSITO

Requested by Son & Family



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

## THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: JULY 8-9

5:00 PM - D. Faustini, H. Brignol

9:00 AM - J. Chavez, D. Faustini

11:30 AM - S. Sequiera, A. Walker



## Wedding Banns

**First Time:** Michael Ridge & Danielle Heilmann

**Second Time:** Michael Maffucci Jr. & Jasmin Caba

**Third Time:** Aaron Bersin & Angela Perry

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 June 25, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 8,376.00	\$ 8,684.00
Loose:	\$ 1,348.00	\$ 1,197.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,392.00	\$ 2,163.00
Totals:	\$ 12,116.00	\$ 12,044.00

► **Major Repairs & Renovations to Date** – \$127,882

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT:** "He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to Himself, He said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." — *Mark 12: 38-44*

**CHRISTIAN COMMENT:** "Like many things in life, giving is a learned habit. As we give our time, our talent and financial resources to support God's good works in our parish, we learn the joy of this spiritual practice. As we experience the blessing of giving, we find ourselves giving more." — *Rev. Msgr. Herbert Tillyer, St Peter the Apostle,*

**The Parish Center will be closed on Tuesday July 4 in celebration of Independence Day.**



**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.

### 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](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.



### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL DIOCESAN TOTALS TO DATE:

Goal: \$7,000,000 Pledges: \$7,948,677

Paid: \$7,032,804 Donors: 26,867

% Pledged to Goal: 113.55%

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



## 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](http://www.diometuchen.org/BAA).

**PLEGDED TO DATE: \$104,938 - GOAL: \$89,000**

Thank you to the 463 parishioners who have pledged BEYOND our BAA goal. \$104,938 Pledged. \$92,966 Paid. Based on pledges, our estimated rebate will be \$7,969. The actual rebate earned to date is \$1,998. Make a difference; give today.

## 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](http://diometuchen.org),  
click [Offices & Ministries](#),  
then click [Military and Veteran Families](#) and see

**THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES**



## Respect for Life

"Abortion kills not only unborn children; it destroys constitutional order and the common good, which is assured only when the life of every human being is legally protected." — *Cardinal Francis George of Chicago*

**THANK YOU** - Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of God's people...born and unborn. Because of the generosity of our parish family, \$5,513.00 was raised with the Baby Bottle Blessings fundraiser to benefit *Life Choices*.

"At *Life Choices*, we strive to see the face of Christ in everyone we serve. Our desire is that every mother gives birth to her child and that every child is born into this world, with the opportunity to love and be loved. Your gifts will have a tremendous impact on our efforts." — *Rosanda Grau, Director of Development, Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen.*

## SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

Thank you to all who answered our request for 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.

Since our community vegetable garden was such a success last year it is back again this season. Plants are 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 your donations of non-perishable food items.



**Email: [socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto:socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net)**

## "ON THE ROAD AGAIN" - Dan Mahoney, our

Director of Sacred Music, will be moving on from his teaching position at Saint Francis Cathedral School in Metuchen. As of July 1, he will become the Department Chairman of the Performing Arts at The Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest, NJ. We wish him well with the exciting challenges of a new academic family. We are also delighted that his participation at Sacred Heart Parish as Director of Sacred Music will not be affected.



**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.**

**CONGRATULATIONS!** To the winners of the Sacred Heart Music Ministry's *Gas Card Raffle*: 1st prize winners: Donna Sable and Carmela Gutierrez, 2nd prize winners: the Blount Family and Sister Nadine! Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you to all who participated.

**"Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it."**

— *A.W. Tozer*



## 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](http://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 PARISH MINISTRY GUIDE

is available on our parish website:  
[www.churchofthesacredheart.net](http://www.churchofthesacredheart.net).



## 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.

## DO YOU USE THE PARISH WEBSITE?

See <http://www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net>

**VISIT THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE AT**  
[www.diometuchen.org](http://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](http://www.churchofthesacredheart.net)  
or send us an email:

[religiouseducation@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto: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 2

What do you think are some of the reasons people identify themselves as having no religious affiliation? What are some ways in which their lives can be enriched by committing to a spiritual path, especially Catholic spirituality?

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:Dan410@aol.com) or call 908-756-0633 x139. Class is limited to 15 participants.



## Holy Savior Academy

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MRS. CAROL WOODBURN, PRINCIPAL

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

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LYNDA YELENOVSKY, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

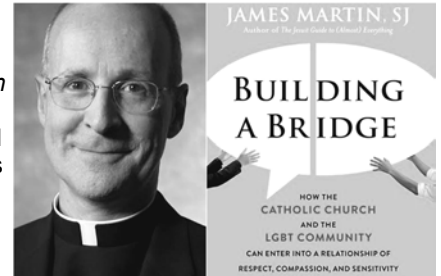
## ◆ CEMETERY HOURS ◆

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

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

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

**REV. JAMES MARTIN, SJ TO SPEAK —** Sunday, July 9 at 3:00PM, Fr. James Martin, SJ will speak on "The Church and LGBT Catholics" in conjunction with his new book *Building a Bridge*, here at the Church of the Sacred Heart. After the presentation, he will be available for questions and book signing as well. A number of his books will be available for purchase on the day of the event. Fr. Martin is editor-at-large of *America* magazine, bestselling author (*Seven Last Words, The Abbey, Jesus: A Pilgrimage*) and consultant to the Vatican's Secretariat for Communications. This free event is sponsored by *In God's Image*, the faith-sharing group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Catholics and their loved ones. For more information, please visit [churchofthesacredheart.net](http://churchofthesacredheart.net).



► **Book are available for purchase at the Parish Center.**

**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: [sacredheartiqi@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartiqi@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](http://OwningOurFaith.com).

# THIS IS OUR FAITH

## Fortnight for Freedom

### CITIZENS ALL

NEITHER DEMOCRAT, REPUBLICAN,  
LIBERAL NOR CONSERVATIVE

We are graced to live in these United States. With this gift of God to us - to live in a free society - comes the responsibility to exercise our freedom in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are called, no, required to view ourselves first and foremost as Catholic Christians, as citizens of Christ's Kingdom; not in some futuristic, eternal sense, but here and now. Our bishops have challenged us to "pray, reflect and act" in defense of Religious Freedom in our country.

This journey of prayer, reflection, and action must begin with Jesus and His teachings, which we can find in Holy Scripture and the teachings of the Church. It does not begin with our whole-hearted acceptance of any political party, philosophy, or ideology. As many of our recent popes have reminded us, Jesus calls to us, "Do not be afraid...come follow Me."

Pope Benedict in his 2011 visit to the German Parliament, recounts the story of young King Solomon. The pope begins, "...It is recounted that God invited the young King Solomon, on his accession to the throne, to make a request. What will the young ruler ask for at this important moment? Success, wealth, long life, destruction of his enemies? He chooses none of these things. Instead, he asks for a listening heart so that he may govern God's people, and discern between good and evil (cf. 1 Kg 3:9).

Through this story, the Bible wants to tell us what should ultimately matter for a politician. The fundamental criterion and the motivation for his work as a politician must not be success, and certainly not material gain. Politics must be a striving for justice, and hence it has to establish the fundamental



preconditions for peace. Naturally a politician will seek success, without which he would have no opportunity for effective political action at all. Yet success is subordinated to the criterion of justice, to the will to do what is right, and to the understanding of what is right."

"The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching.

... We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person."

(USCCB-Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching)

Let us pray, reflect and act as the bishops have requested us. Let us do this in light of the teaching of Our Lord with an eye to giving justice for each person, each human life. As the Two Great Commandments teach "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself." MT 22:37-39.

*In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart. — John Bunyan*



**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



**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.

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

## BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

The Parish is looking for **Adult and Youth Altar Servers**. Our adult altar servers assist at Funeral Masses and our youth servers (4th grade or higher) assist with weekend Masses, Holy Days, and Weddings (optional). Training is provided. Altar servers are assigned based upon availability and the needs of the parish.

If you are interested, please contact Sr. Nadine 908-756-0633 x118 or email: [srnadine@comcast.net](mailto:srnadine@comcast.net).

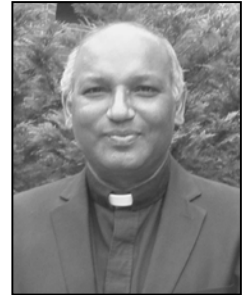


## WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST

**Rev. Pervaiz Indrias** was born on October 16, 1962 in Lahore, Pakistan. He is the eldest of four children with two brothers and a sister. He entered St. Mary's Minor Seminary, Lahore in August, 1977. In 1981 he continued his studies and formation at Christ the King Major Seminary, Karachi. Fr. Pervaiz was ordained a priest on August 28, 1987 in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Lahore, by Archbishop Armando Trindade, the Archbishop of Lahore.

His first parochial assignment was as the first diocesan pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Hafizabad from 1987 to 1993, succeeding the Belgian Capuchin Missionaries.

Father was then sent to the Philippines for the year to teach a course on Religious Formation (ARFI 16: Asian Religious Formation Institute). On his return, he was appointed Rector of St. Mary's Minor Seminary, Lahore from 1994 to 1997. Sent to Rome for a licentiate in Dogmatic Theology, he studied at the Urbaniana University, from September 1997 to June 1999. On his return, he was appointed resident staff member of St. Francis Xavier Philosophy Seminary, Lahore from 1999 to 2001, then named the Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Lahore until November 2013.



Fr. Pervaiz was appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Lahore from January 2004 to December 2014, serving under two Archbishops. At this time he was also named the pastor of Mary Immaculate Church, Anarkali, Lahore, from November 2013 to November 2014. He reclaimed St. Francis High School for the Church from the Government after 30 years of takeover.

During the summer months from 1998 through 2014 Father had been serving in this country at St. Patrick Church, Brooklyn, NY. He came to the Diocese of Metuchen in February 2015 and until now has been ministering at McCarrick Care Center and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick as Chaplain.

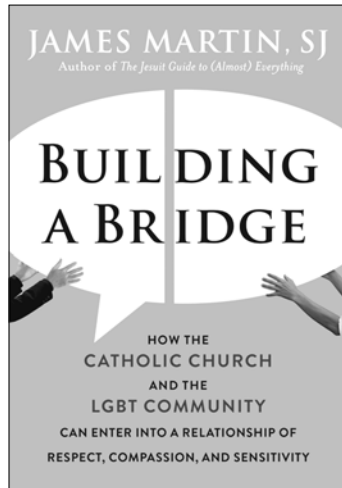
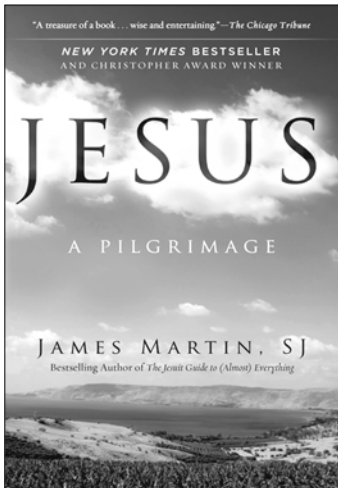
Fr. Pervaiz begins his parochial assignment at Sacred Heart Parish on August 1. We welcome him to our parish family with joy and thanksgiving.

## +++ 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*



*Fr. James Martin, SJ will be available to answer questions and sign books after his presentation on Sunday, July 9 at 3:00PM here at the Church of the Sacred Heart. His books will be available for purchase at this event.*

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## Prayer for the Fortnight of Freedom

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.

*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 Bear Witness to Truth

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## Pray

That the Holy Spirit would give us the courage to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel, even in the face of social and legal pressure.

## Reflect

We must stand up for the civil right to be free from government coercion. At the same time, we Christians must be mindful that our freedom comes from Christ, and so we are always free when we remain in Christ. When a government attempts to force us to violate our consciences, we must witness to the truth. A state that coerces the conscience of its citizens radically oversteps its proper boundaries. Rather than resist as a revolutionary, the Christian bears patient witness to the truth, even if that witness leads to punishment. The martyrs are great examples of this. The key to martyrdom is witness to truth. In this respect, we are all called to be martyrs.

## Act

Start speaking up today! Reflect on how to respectfully engage in conversation about religious freedom. Share with others why religious freedom is good for all people.

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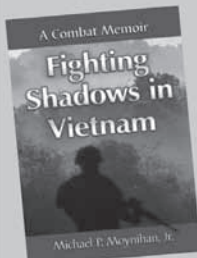
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