



*Church of the*

# SACRED HEART

*A Faith Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition Since 1905*

## PARISH CENTER & MAILING ADDRESS

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*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.

# ☩ MASSES

## SATURDAY, JULY 22

5:00 PM LORRAINE SCAROLA, Req. by Husband & Warren & Leighann

## SUNDAY, JULY 23

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

## MONDAY, JULY 24

### ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF, Priest

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary  
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction  
7:00 PM TERESA PELLEGRINO, Req. by Husband Paul & Family, CHUCK PENDER, Req. by Anita Keller, HELEN D'AMICO, Req. by Bill & Pat Butrico, MARK HALL, Req. by Family, THERESA DE PASQUALE, Req. by Sandy Romasz & Linda Sue Gitto

## TUESDAY, JULY 25

### ST. JAMES, Apostle

9:00 AM EUGENIA IVANIUC, Req. by Sandra & Lou Muchi

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

### ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM JENNIE YURINKO, Req. by the Cassio Family

## THURSDAY, JULY 27

9:00 AM MARION GIULIANO, Req. by Joe & Davinda Sacco

## FRIDAY, JULY 28

9:00 AM CHARLES VOPAT, Req. by Lou & Sandra Muchi

## SATURDAY, JULY 29

### ST. MARTHA

9:00 AM MICHAEL FABBRICATORE, Req. by Connie Besser, JACOB McCREESH, Req. by Terrance McCreesh & Dottie Ewing, CHARLES PENDER, Req. by Julia M. Bonechi, JACK MACARTHUR, Req. by Judy Rybeck, ANNA GARBELOTTO, Req. by Fr. John & the Parish Staff

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## SUNDAY, JULY 30

### 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM WILLIAM & JOSEPHINE BUTRICO, Req. by Family  
11:30 AM BETTY ACORDA, Req. by Lucy & Tessie

**OFFERTORY GIFTS** - If your loved one is being remembered at Mass with a special intention, please let one of the ushers know if you would like to bring up the Offertory Gifts of Bread and Wine for the Eucharist.





### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

**July 23 - 30**

7/23 - Wis 12: 13, 16-19/Rom 8: 26-27/Mt 13: 24-43  
7/24—Ex 14: 5-18/Mt 12: 38-42  
7/25 - 2 Cor 4: 7-15/Mt 20: 20-28  
7/26 - Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15/Mt 13: 1-9  
7/27 - Ex 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13: 10-17  
7/28 - Ex 20: 1-17/Mt 13: 18-23  
7/29 - Ex 24: 3-8/Mt 13: 24-30  
7/30 - 1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12/Rom 8: 28-30/Mt 13: 44-52



► 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: Anthony F. Truono, Jr. and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

## VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

### FRED & MARY SONNENFELD

Req. by Daughter Kathy & Family

## SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

### GUIDO ABBRUZZESE, SR.

Req. by Grace Bertucci

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

## THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: JULY 29-30

5:00 PM - J. Makoski, T. Figueiredo

9:00 AM - L. Flannery, F. Flannery

11:30 AM - G. Ruzicka, 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 16, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 9,576.00	\$ 9,568.00
Loose:	\$ 1,148.00	\$ 1,313.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,617.00	\$ 2,485.00
Totals:	\$13,341.00	\$13,366.00

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT:** "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." — Luke 12:48

**CHRISTIAN COMMENT:** "The nationally known liturgist, Gabe Huck, writes that "Almsgiving is all the deeds we can do to remake the world, or, rather to restore it. It has to do with time and space, with money and goods. It is about the wholeness of things and people, the right relationship of those who dwell on earth to the earth and to each other. It aims to right the wrong distribution caused by greed or power or whatever else. It ignores neither the world nor what is in front of one's face."  
— Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi Bulletin, Metuchen, NJ



## 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).

**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. Make a difference; give today.



**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.



### 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](http://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.**



**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](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 from 2-6PM**, at the school backyard & 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.**

## 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:  
**canned fruit, boxed potatoes, rice, and bar soap.**

◆ Fresh vegetables from our community garden are being  
shared with grateful families whom we assist.

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.

◆ Thanks to "Chris" who left his bicycle to stop and help us  
with mulching the garden. We never got your full name but  
were most grateful for your assistance!

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

## 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 23

What piece of advice would you give yourself about improving your spiritual life?

**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.



## 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.

### Do you believe that Catholic education is important?

Do you have financial skills, property management skills, fund raising abilities, the desire to see Catholic education make a difference in our world? Then Holy Savior Academy board of trustees needs you! We're looking for new board members and/or committee members. If you are interested or would like more info please contact Father George Farrell at [Fathergeorgef@aol.com](mailto:Fathergeorgef@aol.com) or at 908-756-3383 x15.

# HOLY REDEEMER CEMETERY



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Email: [shcemetery@comcast.net](mailto:shcemetery@comcast.net)

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*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](mailto: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](http://OwningOurFaith.com).

# THIS IS OUR FAITH

## Judging Others - We All Do It!

Is this week's Gospel clear to you (Matthew 13:24-43)?  
*It is clear that there is going to be a judgment – Jesus says so.*

And the rules for the Last Judgment are also clear. Jesus says "the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father" and "all those who cause others to sin and all evildoers will be thrown into a fiery furnace where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

There is also another very important and cautionary injunction that Jesus gives us in this gospel reading. Take note what Jesus has the master say when his servants ask "Do you want us to go and pull up the weeds?" Jesus says the master replies "No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. But let them grow together until harvest, then at harvest I will say to the harvesters first collect the weeds and tie them into bundles for burning, then gather the wheat into my barn."

This clearly tells us that God will be the final judge of what is good and evil. As we go through life we frequently make judgments of who is good or bad. We frequently input motives for people's actions. We make ourselves the judge.

This parable allegory should give us caution. Life may be short but don't rush it. What might look like a weed now, could be wheat or it may really be a weed. Only God will judge - in the end!

Scripture reminds us of our limitations in judging others:

"Every man's way is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the hearts." — *Proverbs 21:2*

Or from the book of Samuel:



"but the Lord said to Samuel, "do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.""

1 Samuel 16:7

Whenever we are tempted to judge, we should recall these Gospel passages!

***"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy."***

Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium*



## THE PARISH MINISTRY GUIDE

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

## DO YOU ENJOY MEETING NEW PEOPLE?

Think about joining our parish  
**HOME VISITORS.** Spend time with  
parishioners who are homebound  
and would love to have your company.

► 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!*

## SOUTH PLAINFIELD SUMMER DRAMA WORKSHOP PRESENTS "The Drowsy Chaperone"

Performances of the 2017 South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop's "The Drowsy Chaperone" are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 3-5 at 7:00PM and Sunday August 6 at 2:00PM. All performances are in the air-conditioned auditorium of the South Plainfield High School.

"The Drowsy Chaperone" is the Tony award winning "musical within a comedy" about a tired chaperone who puts on his favorite recording of a musical and it comes to life on stage, along with a host of characters including: a couple on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man, a desperate theatre producer, a not-so-bright hostess, two gangsters posing as pastry chefs, a misguided Don Juan and a tipsy chaperone. In other words, all the ingredients for an evening of madcap delight. This musical comedy is appropriate for all ages.

"SPSDW is a South Plainfield tradition, 46 years strong, that brings the opportunity for our kids, starting in 6th grade, to be a part of a professionally run musical theatre. We hope you will join us for a wonderful night of musical theatre right here in our own town," said Will Mott, President of the Board of SPSPDW.

Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and students. There is a "buy one ticket get one half off" sale that runs through July 28. Tickets can be purchased any night prior to the show at rehearsals, which are held at the High School from 5-9PM. Tickets will also be available at the box office the nights of the performances. For more information check out the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop Facebook page.

**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](mailto:joyce.liebttag@pedus.org)



**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.

## 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 that 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.

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*Each year dioceses around the country 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. Our prayer for freedom & justice continues throughout the year.*

# Freedom To Seek The Truth

## Pray

That the Spirit of Wisdom would illumine our minds and open our hearts, as we seek to know the truth about God and to live in the fullness of that truth.

## Reflect

Religious freedom is rooted in the nature of the human person. Human beings have a capacity to seek and hold fast to truth. A natural desire compels each one of us to reach out and grasp the truth about God. Creation itself bears witness to the reality of God, drawing us out, inviting us to listen for God's voice. And God speaks to us. Because God has created us for communion with Him, we have a corresponding duty. The right to religious freedom flows from this duty to seek the truth. Religious freedom means immunity from coercion, but its source and summit is the truth about God.

## Act

Catholic teaching on religious freedom has much to offer our culture today. Take the time to learn more about the richness of Catholic teaching on religious freedom. Consider getting a study group together to read and discuss what religious freedom is really all about.



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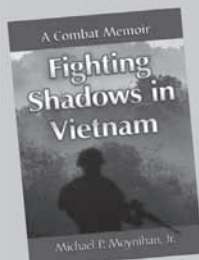


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