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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.

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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 2

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, JULY 3

9:00 AM ANNIV. ROBERT BESSER, Req. by Wife & Family
11:30 AM STEPHEN BRAYNOCK, Req. by Mom & Dad

MONDAY, JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY

9:00 AM BARBARA ZULTOWSKI, Req. by M/M Richard Rogers, THOMAS A. KANE SR., Req. by Family, FLORENCE GUARENTE & SADIE PIROZZOLI, Req. by Rosemary & Michael Barry, RITA JEAN WHALEN, Req. by the O'Brien Family
6:00 PM **NO** Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM **NO** Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction

TUESDAY, JULY 5

ST. ANTHONY ZACCARIA, Priest
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

9:00 AM MARCELO & MAYO AMATO, Req. by Ed, Janice & Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

ST. MARIA GORETTI, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 AM GIOVANNA ESPOSITO, Req. by Son & Family

THURSDAY, JULY 7

9:00 AM MARGARET HOGAN, Req. by Lou & MaryAnn Ronzo

FRIDAY, JULY 8

9:00 AM FILOMENA CUSANELLI-VIOLA, Req. by Family

SATURDAY, JULY 9

ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, Priest
& COMPANIONS, Martyrs


9:00 AM DANIEL JIMENEZ, Req. by Family, PHIL BURRELL, Req. by George & Nina Ripley, FAYE PHILBIN, Req. by Bobbie Wright, JOSEPH KNOTH & HELEN BUTLER, Req. by the Guidance Office

5:00 PM MARY & ARLENE LIZAK, Req. by Marie Dolinski

SUNDAY, JULY 10


15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM JOSEPH & LORETTA LACASALE, Req. by the Lacasale Family
11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE
July 3 - 10

7/3 - Is 66: 10-14c/Gal 6: 14-18/Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20
7/4 - Hos 2: 16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9: 18-26
7/5 - Hos 8: 4-7, 11-13/Mt 9: 32-38
7/6 - Hos 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10: 1-7
7/7 - Hos 11: 1-4, 8c-9/Mt 10: 7-15
7/8 - Hos 14: 2-10/Mt 10: 16-23
7/9 - Is 6: 1-8/Mt 10: 24-33
7/10 - Dt 30: 10-14/Col 1: 15-20/Lk 10: 25-37



► 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, Alfred Haas, Brendan Loughrey, Martha Leon, George Ripley, Alice & Ed Kicki, Anne Nagy, Eileen Walker, Daniel Hedden, Robert Larsen Jr., Brody Kasnowski, Georgie Martinkovic, Joan Donnelly, Joan Sacko, Mary Pfeiffer, Kevin Jones, Raul Rodriguez, Dot Cooney, Alyssa Ricciardi, Richard Romeri, Margaret Nichuck, Frank Spalluto, Tina Bernauer, Kathleen Poliquin, Thomas Buttery, Betty Ann Robertson, Cathy Gary, Rich Levine, Cheryl O'Brien, Albert Pizza Sr., Hank Loeffler, Thomas Heim, Dieter Hollain, Peter Romano, Katherine Makowski, Patricia Lacasale, Frank Harris, Patrick Cadeen, Margaret Smith, Clara McGill, Louise Valentino, Romulo Lopez, Janice Vogel, Patty Yanick, Carol Hart.

FOR THOSE IN HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES, especially: Bert Gartland, Lorraine Kick, Anna Marie Gladysz, Bill Keenan, Chuck Pender, Wilma Zielinski, Helen Iannacone.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Iris Fasano and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

LINDA WILSON

Requested by Marie & Rich Piesche & Family

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burns in memory of

JOHN S. FALLETT JR.

Requested by Barbara, Kaitlyn, Marie & Rich

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burns in memory of

KENNETH BULLA

Requested by Lorraine Beyer



ALTAR FLOWERS

are in loving memory of

JOSEPH ZAMOR

Requested by Daughter & Family

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: JULY 9-10

5:00 PM - E. Dodge, D. Faustini, G. Delacruz

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

11:30 AM - Z. Policarpio, A. Walker, S. Sequeira



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 26, 2016

	2016	2015
Envelopes:	\$ 8,684.00	\$ 9,855.00
Loose:	\$ 1,197.00	\$ 1,125.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,163.00	\$ 3,132.00
Totals:	\$ 12,044.00	\$ 14,112.00

Major Repairs & Renovations to Date — \$ 84,967.00

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "As we celebrate our Nation's Independence this weekend, may we never forget that our true FREEDOM was won for us in Jesus Christ ... in giving and not taking. The choice is ours to live it and pass it on as individuals and as a nation." — *Fr. John*

SCRIPTURE: Jesus said to rich young man, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." — *Matthew 19, 21*

PARISHIONER COMMENT: "I tithe out of a deep-down conviction that it's the correct, scriptural thing to do. I give without expecting anything in return. But it's amazing what God can do when you take Him as your partner. I'm a lot happier than way back when I used to give grudgingly, tight-fistedly, or sometimes not at all." — *A parishioner, St. Augustine, Ossining, NY*

What will you give back to God from the blessings you have received?

ENVELOPE USAGE AND YOUR CHURCH OFFERING

— Each year we are all personally presented with situations that initially may appear to be impossible burdens. These often end up becoming opportunities for growth and positive change. In these challenging times, I am most grateful to all of you who support Sacred Heart Parish in every way that you are able. We have never sent a bill to any of our parishioners, nor would we ever. Sacred Heart Church receives bills each day however, that total into the hundreds of thousand of dollars by the end of each year. Your generosity, shared in many ways, is what keeps this parish going spiritually and financially. Every prayer and every contribution make a real difference.



We have over 2,100 registered, active families in our parish. We currently mail out envelopes to approximately 780 households requesting envelopes. The use of the offertory envelope is your personal option. Of those 780 mailed, approximately 450 parishioners use the envelopes for their Church tithe. Not everyone who tithes uses the envelope, and not everyone who receives the envelopes, tithes. Mailing envelopes that are not put to use, for whatever reason, is extremely expensive.

Please help us to be good stewards of our parish's resources. If you are receiving envelopes and not using them, please call Jim Bufis, our finance officer, at 908-756-0633 x114 and ask to be removed from the envelope mailing list, thereby saving the parish the cost of printing and postage. If you are not receiving envelopes, or if you would like to participate in our *Online Giving Program*, and have all the benefits of envelope-use without using the envelope, please call Jim.

This is your parish. You benefit from all that this faith family provides and has offered for over 110 years. Does your support realistically reflect what you are able to contribute to the combined effort and generosity of your fellow parishioners? We all have something to offer in thanksgiving.

Thank you for making a difference! God bless you. *Fr. John*



SUMMER ENVELOPES

— We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish office while you are out-of-town on vacations this summer. 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 attend Mass here.

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.

► Have you included your parish in your estate planning and in your Will?

Remember the Church of the Sacred Heart in life & in death. Please call and speak with Jim Bufis at the Parish Office (908-756-0633 x114) about your legacy gift to your parish.



2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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WE PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Especially for our parishioners



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May we work for Justice as we pray for Peace.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

The Folk Group sings at the 5:00PM, Saturday Vigil Mass.

- ◆ The Adult Choir sings on Sundays and at other liturgies and paraliturgies from September - June. The Adult Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 8:00PM in the Church. The choir ordinarily sings at the 9:00AM or 11:30AM Mass on assigned Sundays.
- ◆ The Intergenerational Handbell Choir is for high school age folks and older. The choir rings once a month, most often at the 9:00AM Mass.
- ◆ The Youth Handbell Choir is for students in grades 6, 7 & 8. This choir rings once a month at the 11:30AM Mass.
- ◆ The Youth Vocal Choir will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, September 27, at 4:30PM. This vocal choir is for any students in grades 3-8.



Please see the parish website for more information. If you have any questions about our Music Ministry, please feel free to see Dan Mahoney, 908-756-0633 x139, or via email Dan410@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATE - The Church of the Sacred Heart Annual Parish Picnic will take place on **Sunday, September 11, 2016** at the school back yard & cafeteria. FAMILY- FOOD - FUN for every age and everyone. *Eyes of the Wild* will be returning with exciting live animals. There will be dancing and singing and get yourselves ready for this year's talent show.



Think about your performance specialty and get practicing.

PARISH PICNIC TALENT SHOW RETURNS

... STARRING ... YOU! Once again, this year's Parish Picnic will showcase many of our parishioners sharing their talents during the festivities. **The Talent Show will be from 3:00-4:00PM.** Those who wish to participate should contact Dan Mahoney 908-756-0633 x139, or via email Dan410@aol.com. Any person in grade 6 or older is welcome to participate. Depending on the number of people that sign-up, the time will be limited based on the number of participants. Please contact Dan ASAP so that you will have your "spot" for the show.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! - The Sacred Heart Parish **7th Annual Golf Outing** is Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at the Metuchen Golf & Country Club, Metuchen. Don't miss the fun and sport. Invite your family and friends to share the day. For more information or to register, please call 908-822-5893 or visit: www.churchofthesacredheart.net.



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! Life Choices Baby Bottle Fundraiser totaled \$4,914 through the generosity of the Sacred Heart parish family. It is only with the life affirming churches and groups like yours that we are able to carry out our mission of saving babies' lives from abortion and transforming the hearts and minds of their parents. We are so grateful for your partnership with our ministry.

SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

Thank you, and God bless you, for your continued support to those in need from our parish family.

It's summer-time and our pantry is getting low on various items. We need your help to replenish the following items: **peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, boxed potatoes, and toothpaste.** During the coming weeks we will be asking for other items. Your continued generosity, as always, is very much appreciated.



If you know of a family or person in need, please encourage them to 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 the doors of the Church. Also, at all the doors, bins are provided for your donations of non-perishable food items.

Email: socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net



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 3

To be a Christian means taking on the ministry of Jesus. How often do you consciously do this in your daily life?

REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS NOW OPEN. The form can be found on the parish website: churchofthesacredheart.net and is available at the Parish Center. Tuition is \$125 per child. This year our program schedule is more flexible and schedule friendly. There are other exciting new features as well, which we will be explaining in more detail in the coming weeks.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

At any point during the year, our RCIA program is open to newcomers. Catholics needing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation or non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic. All are welcome! Please contact Louise Timko at 908-756-0633 x143 or ltimko@churchofthesacredheart.net



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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 meetings will resume in September.** For more information call 908-822-5895, OR contact Fr. John at x125 OR email: sacredheartigi@gmail.com. And look for the IGI icon on the parish website. All are invited to view and share the video presentation at OwningOurFaith.com.



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8:00AM - 7:00 PM (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, and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. We can only write *Letters of Eligibility* for parishioners who meet these criteria.

BAPTISM/SPONSORSHIP CLASS - Parents and godparents are required to attend one session before the child's baptism date can be confirmed. Sessions are held on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM in the Parish Center - 3rd floor. (Adults only - please, no infants or children.) Registration is required. Contact Sr. Nadine 908-756-0633 x118 to register for the class or with any questions.

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*

VISIT 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



THIS IS OUR FAITH

Fortnight for Freedom

As presented last week, *The Fortnight for Freedom* is a period of prayer, study, catechesis and public action that emphasizes the Christian and American heritage of Liberty. Some of the areas in which religious liberty is under attack today follow:

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)
Mandate: Under the Administration's "compromise," the Church does not have to pay for those services.

Why does this not satisfy Church concerns? The HHS mandate forces countless Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service organizations to participate in providing employees with abortifacient drugs and devices, sterilization, and contraception in violation of Catholic teaching.

Redefining Marriage

What's the real threat to religious liberty posed by same-sex "marriage"? The legal redefinition of marriage can threaten the religious liberty of religious institutions and individuals in potentially numerous ways, involving various forms of government sanction, ranging from court orders compelling action against conscience, to awards of money damages and other financial penalties, to marginalization in public life:

Have any of these threats come to pass?

Yes. Some examples include: a florist who declined to provide flowers for a same-sex wedding was sued by the state Attorney General and lost at the trial court level (Washington, 2015); a baker who declined to make a cake for a wedding reception of two men lost his case before two state administrative tribunals (Colorado, 2014); Catholic adoption agencies lost their funding and licenses to provide adoptions and/or foster care for refusal to place children with same-sex couples (Catholic Charities in Boston and San Francisco [2006], DC [2010], and Illinois [2011]).

Religious liberty is more than freedom of worship; it includes our ability to make our contribution to the common good of all Americans without having to compromise our faith. Without religious liberty properly understood, all of us suffer. Our country is a diverse country, and we need to be free to express our beliefs without coercion from any level of government or other members of society. **At the same time we must respect the rights of others to disagree.**

The Second Vatican Council, in its Declaration on Religious Freedom, *DIGNITATIS HUMANAE*, stated the following:

"... The right to religious freedom is exercised in human society: ... individual men and social groups are bound by the moral law to have respect both for the rights of others and for their own duties toward others and for the common welfare of all. Men are to deal with their fellows in justice and civility ... He [Jesus, Our Lord] acknowledged the power of government and its rights, when He commanded that tribute be given to Caesar: but He gave clear warning that the higher rights of God are to be kept inviolate: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22:21). In the end, ... He achieved salvation and true freedom for men, ... He bore witness to the truth, (19) but He refused to impose the truth by force on those who spoke against it. Not by force of blows does His rule assert its claims.(20) It is established by witnessing to the truth and by hearing the truth, and it extends its dominion by the love whereby Christ, lifted up on the cross, draws all men to Himself.(21)" [Boldness inserted]. **Let us strive to maintain our freedoms in the same way Jesus strove for the Truth, not hesitating to speak the Truth, but not imposing it on others.**

*Closing the Year of Mercy and
A Prayer for Religious Freedom*

PILGRIMAGE

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PAPAL QUOTE AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - Theme 4: Option for the Poor and

Vulnerable: A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

"The prime purpose of this special commitment to the poor is to enable them to become active participants in the life of society. It is to enable all persons to share in and contribute to the common good. The "option for the poor," therefore, is not an adversarial slogan that pits one group or class against another. Rather it states that the deprivation and powerlessness of the poor wounds the whole community. The extent of their suffering is a measure of how far we are from being a true community of persons. These wounds will be healed only by greater solidarity with the poor and among the poor themselves. *Economic Justice for All*, #88, *Economic Justice for All: Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy*, 1986, United States Catholic Bishops.

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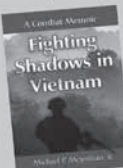
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