



Church of the

SACRED HEART

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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

EUCCHARISTIC 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 8

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

SUNDAY, JULY 9

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

MONDAY, JULY 10

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
7:00 PM JOSEPH THOMASSEN, JENNIE YURINKO, Req. by Mary Kelly, FELOMENA RUNDELLA, Req. by Marvin & Lucy Hudson, GINO GONZALEZ, Req. by the Kania Family, ADELAIDE DA COSTA, Req. by the McGonigle Family

TUESDAY, JULY 11

ST. BENEDICT, Abbot

9:00 AM ALICE GOFFREDA, Req. by Husband

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

9:00 AM MICHAEL SANTORO, Req. by Mary Partika & Family

THURSDAY, JULY 13

ST. HENRY

9:00 AM CHARLOTTE MATTICOLA, Req. by Norma Cassio

FRIDAY, JULY 14

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA, Virgin

9:00 AM DONALD MATTHEW O'NEILL, Req. by the Fitzsimmons Family

SATURDAY, JULY 15

ST. BONAVENTURE, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM FOR THE INTENTIONS OF NANCY MURRAY
5:00 PM MICHAEL "MISCH" BUMBACK, Req. by Family

SUNDAY, JULY 16

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM DANNY VENTRIGLIA, Req. by Wayne & Joanne Otlowski
11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Healing Mass



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

July 9 - 16

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

7/10 - Gn 28: 10-22a/Mt 9:18-26

7/11 - Gn 32: 23-33/Mt 9: 32-38

7/12 - Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10: 1-7

7/13 - Gn 44: 18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10: 7-15

7/14 - Gn 46: 1-7, 28-30/Mt 10: 16-23

7/15 - Gn 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a/Mt 10: 24-33

7/16 - Is 55: 10-11/Rom 8: 18-23/Mt 13: 1-23



► 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: the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

THE DECEASED MOTHERS OF THE PARISH

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

THE DECEASED FATHERS OF THE PARISH



SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH



Wedding Banns

Second Time: Michael Ridge & Danielle Heilmann
Third Time: Michael Maffucci Jr. & Jasmin Caba

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: JULY 15-16

5:00 PM - H. Brignol, A. Ortega

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 2, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 11,941.00	\$ 11,359.55
Loose:	\$ 1,104.00	\$ 1,057.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 3,172.00	\$ 3,873.00
Totals:	\$ 16,217.00	\$ 16,289.55

► **Major Repairs & Renovations to Date** — \$131,165

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT: "The tithes of the herd and the flock, every tenth animal that passes under the herdsman's rod, shall be sacred to the LORD." — *Leviticus 27:32*

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: "I promised God in January that I would tithe on my bonus. It's been a long Faith Journey for me this year, but with total trust in God's love I am sending you this check in thanksgiving for all that you do." — *A parishioner of our parish, The Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, NJ*



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.



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.

PLEDGED 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.

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

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Respect for Life

"Every child not allowed to be born, but unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of Jesus Christ, the Lord's face. ... Life is always, in all its phases and at any age, sacred." — *Pope Francis*

ARE YOU SUFFERING AFTER AN ABORTION? Help is available. If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available! Experience God's merciful love and begin the journey of healing. Call **Project Rachel's** local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300 or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org. Spanish-speakers may visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org or call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

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.

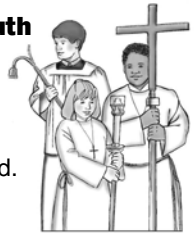


BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

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.



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."



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 PARISH MINISTRY GUIDE

is available on our parish website:
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

► 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 9

Question of the week is: Who is Jesus to you at this time in your life? Who would you like Him to be? Who do you think He wants you to be?

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.



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

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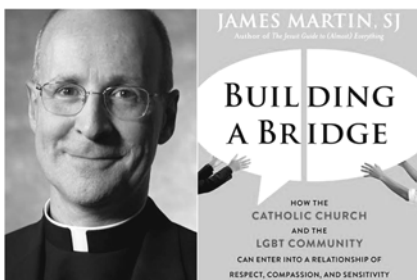
◆ CEMETERY HOURS ◆

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 — TODAY, 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.



► Books are available for purchase & signing by the author.

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. And look for the IGI icon on the parish website. All are invited to view and share the video presentation at OwningOurFaith.com.

THIS IS OUR FAITH

Our Lady of Fatima

ONE HUNDRED YEARS

As was noted in the May 13 Bulletin, this is the 100th Anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima, Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times (May thru October 1917) to Lucia - 9, and her cousin Francisco - 8, and his sister Jacinta - 6, between May 13 and October 13, 1917.

The story of Fatima actually begins in 1916, against the backdrop of the First World War which had introduced Europe to the most horrific and powerful forms of warfare yet seen. A resplendent



figure appeared to the three children who were in the field tending the family sheep. "I am the Angel of Peace," said the figure, The Angel exhorted them to accept the sufferings that the Lord allowed them to undergo as an act of reparation for the sins which offend Him, and to pray constantly for the conversion of sinners.

During his first visit, the angel prostrated himself and with his forehead touching the ground gave the children the following prayer "that tells us what is wrong with today's world..." **"My God, I believe; I adore; I trust, and I love Thee. I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust, and do not love Thee."** Three times the angel repeated that prayer."

"Twice more in that Summer of 1916 the Angel visited the children. The second time he came as they were playing near the old well behind Lucia's home. All of a sudden, without any warning, he appeared, asking: **"What are you doing? Pray, pray incessantly. Offer prayers and sacrifices to the Almighty."** Lucia, puzzled by these words, made bold to ask: "But how -- how shall we sacrifice ourselves?" To which the angel answered: **"In everything you do, offer a sacrifice to God to make up for the sins by which God is offended... Above all, accept and endure with submission the suffering which God will send you."**

..."Toward the end of the Summer the angel came to them while they were praying in that spot at the Cabeço made sacred by his first visit. In his hand he held a chalice, and over it, a bleeding Host. Kneeling, he offered the heart-stirring prayer: **"O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I adore Thee profoundly, and I offer Thee the most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners."** —*Salve Maria Regina*, Our Lady of Fatima Crusader Bulletin, Vol. 40, Issue # 104.

*Joy is prayer; joy is strength; joy is love;
joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.*

— ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA —



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 a Chinese International Student who will be attending Mt. St. Mary Academy 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 at <http://www.pedus.org/looking-for-host-families.html>.

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.

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.

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.

"It may well disturb us to learn of the extinction of mammals or birds, since they are more visible. But the good functioning of ecosystems also requires fungi, algae, worms, insects, reptiles and an innumerable variety of microorganisms. Some less numerous species, although generally unseen, nonetheless play a critical role in maintaining the equilibrium of a particular place. Human beings must intervene when a geosystem reaches a critical state. But nowadays, such intervention in nature has become more and more frequent. As a consequence, serious problems arise, leading to further interventions.... Often a vicious circle results, as human intervention to resolve a problem further aggravates the situation. For example, many birds and insects which disappear due to synthetic agrotoxins are helpful for agriculture: their disappearance will have to be compensated for by yet other techniques which may well prove harmful. We must be grateful for the praiseworthy efforts being made by scientists and engineers dedicated to finding solutions to man-made problems. But a sober look at our world shows that the degree of human intervention, often in the service of business interests and consumerism, is actually making our earth less rich and beautiful, ever more limited and grey, even as technological advances and consumer goods continue to abound limitlessly."

#34, ENCYCLICAL LETTER, *Laudato Si, On Care For Our Common Home*, Pope Francis I, May 24, 2015

+++ 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 —

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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

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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:

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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.

FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Pray

For our sisters and brothers in the Middle East; that through the intercession of the Apostles, who established these most ancient churches, Christians and all religious minorities would be freed from violent persecution.

Reflect

In July 2015, Pope Francis said, “Today we are dismayed to see how in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world many of our brothers and sisters are persecuted, tortured and killed for their faith in Jesus.... In this third world war, waged piece-meal, which we are now experiencing, a form of *genocide* – I insist on the word – is taking place, and it must end.” Today, Christians are among those religious minorities confronted with persecution, despite their having been critical to the vitality and pluralism of the region since the earliest days of Christianity.



Act

Catholic Relief Services, Aid to the Church in Need, Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and the Knights of Columbus have all worked to assist Christians in the Middle East. Consider getting in touch with these organizations and finding out how you can participate in their work.

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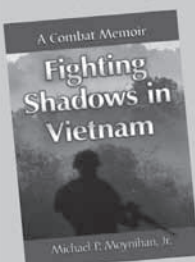
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