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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.



SATURDAY, JUNE 25

5:00 PM ANTONIO & MARIA ESPOSITO, Req. by Daughter Concetta Montuori & Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 AM ERIO NOTINO & GRANDSON KEVIN KRAJNIAK, Req. by Family

11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, JUNE 27

ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary

6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction

7:00 PM ANTHONY GUARRACI, Req. by Family, ROBERT & MARGARET HUBEN, Req. by Daughter Mary Catherine, JOHN BERTUCCI, Req. by Guido & Susie Leonardis & Family, JOAN CONKE, Req. by Jerry & Pat, KATHRYN CREIGHTON, Req. by Sandy Romasz & Val Genova

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

ST. IRENAEUS, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 AM 42nd WEDDING ANNIV. RITA & GEORGE, Req. by Rita

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 SS. PETER & PAUL, Apostles

9:00 AM McEVOY & McNERNEY FAMILIES, Req. by Mary & Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 30
THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

9:00 AM MARY CORINNE SPOCK, Req. by M/M Richard Rogers

FRIDAY, JULY 1 ST. JUNIPERO SERRA, Priest

9:00 AM AMY L. CAPALDO, Req. by Kathryn & John Sullivan

SATURDAY, JULY 2

9:00 AM JOSEPH TY NGUYEN, Req. by Amy Hoang,

RICHARD PALMER, Req. by Wife & Family, JOSEPH & ROSE FALCONE, Req. by Family, DEWITT GILES, Req. by Family, PHIL BURRELL,

Req. by Eleanore Burke

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, JULY 3 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

are in loving memory of
ANNE & BARNEY POLANSKI
Requested by Elaine, Don, & Family

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

June 26 - July 3

6/26 - 1 Kgs 19: 16b, 19-21/Gal 5: 1, 13-18/Lk 9: 51-62 6/27 - Am 2: 6-10, 13-16/Mt 8: 18-22

6/28 - Am 3: 1-8; 4: 11-12/Mt 8: 23-27

6/29 - Acts 12: 1-11/2Tm 4: 6-8, 17-18/Mt 16: 13-19

6/30 - Am 7: 10-17/Mt 9: 1-8

7/1 - Am 8: 4-6, 9-12/Mt 9: 9-13

7/2 - Am 9: 11-15/Mt 9: 14-17

7/3 - Is 66: 10-14c/Gal 6: 14-18/Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20

► 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, Helen & Anthony J. Iannacone, 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, Salvatore D'Armetta, 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.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Salvatore D'Armetta, Madeline Waldron, and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of JANICE LEPORINO Requested by the Ozbalik Family

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of JOHN R. BARON Requested by Marie McDermott

SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of PHIL BURRELL Requested by Lorraine Beyer

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: JUNE 25-26

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

9:00 AM - C. Butrico, J. DeCastro, E. Dodge 11:30 AM - T. Nuber, G. Delacruz, A. Walker



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 19, 2016

	2016	2015
Envelopes:	\$ 9,540.00	\$ 11,158.00
Loose:	\$ 1,242.00	\$ 1,479.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,068.00	\$ 2,152.00
Totals:	\$ 12,850.00	\$ 14,789.00

Major Repairs & Renovations to Date — \$ 84,912.00

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "St. Paul reminds us today that we are called for freedom. That freedom is genuinely lived in service to one another in love. It's a message we need to shout out loud and clear and an action we need to carry-out generously and honestly." - Fr. John

SCRIPTURE: "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." — Matthew 6:21

PARISHIONER COMMENT: "How can anyone put into words what God does for one? The peace...in times of stress is an example. The month's money of one who has a fixed income and yet it seems to go further. God is so subtle. I don't hear bells, fireworks or drums; still my prayers are answered. Don't try to outdo God! He will not allow it. He comes back with more help than before." - A parishioner, Holy Cross Church, Bronx

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

How much of your personal finances do you already do online? SACRED HEART CHURCH

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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 envelopeuse 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 Grace, Mercy and Peace

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PLEDGED TO DATE: \$77,410 - GOAL: \$80,200

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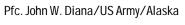
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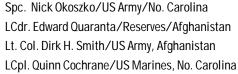


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Visit our diocesan website at diometuchen.org, click <u>Offices & Ministries</u>, then click <u>Military and Veteran Families</u> and see THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES

Respect for Life

"Since the right to health care is based on the right to live, it is also clear that what attacks life is not health care at all, and not a legitimate goal of health care reform."

— Richard Doerflinger, Assoc. Dir. USCCB's Pro-Life Directorate.

SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

Thank you, and God bless you, for your continued support to those in need of 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 doors, bins are provided for your donations of non-perishable food items.

Email: socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net



Keep Jesus Christ in your hearts and you will recognize His face in every human being. — Pope John Paul II

Jubilee Doors in the Diocese of Metuchen

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

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St. Anthony of Padua Church: 436 Port Reading Ave, Port Reading

For a listing of Doors of Mercy throughout the United States of America and beyond visit: http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html

THE OFFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES -

Diocese of Metuchen, has a number of donated disability aids on hand which we would be happy to make available to anyone in the parish who might have need of them. They include wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, canes, and porta-potties, plus other items. A complete list of available items has been provided to your parish office. If you have any questions, or wish to contact our office directly, please feel free to contact us at 732-765-6432 or e-mail: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com. To request prayers for yourself or others, please call our 24



hour prayer line: 732-765-6431.

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 - 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





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.



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

SUSTAINABILITY TIP: Reduce Your Carbon Footprint From Driving — Get a hitch-mounted cargo rack. Don't buy a minivan or SUV if you don't need 4WD and the extra space. A receiver hitch and a rack cost a few hundred bucks. Avoid roof-top boxes, which cost much more, increase aerodynamic drag, and decrease fuel economy. From Catholic Climate Covenant



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Everyone hears the Sunday Scripture readings proclaimed, but do we take time to think about their meaning in our lives?

► QUESTION OF THE WEEK — June 26 Is it hard to keep Christ at the center of your life? Think of a time you failed to do so and then replace the memory with a time you succeeded in doing so.

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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GRADUATION 50/50 RAFFLE - Win cash for yourself or for your favorite graduate while helping other children receive a quality, values-based Catholic education. \$50 per ticket. Win one of three cash prizes: 1st prize - 25%, 2nd prize - 15%, 3rd prize - 10% of gross proceeds. For tickets, go to



www.diometuchen.org/FCE and download raffle form. Drawing is Thursday, June 30, 2016 - 12:00 noon, St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Ln., Piscataway. R.L. #128. Need not be present to win. Must be 18 or older to purchase tickets.



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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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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



The following is an excerpt from an article entitled, *'Fanning the Flames of Religious Freedom'*, from the *National Catholic Register*, 6/6/16.

BALTIMORE — "Catholics and other Christian faithful live in challenging times that require them to defend their religious liberties while maintaining attitudes of joy, said Baltimore Archbishop William Lori."

The archbishop heads the *Ad Hoc* Committee for Religious Liberty of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which, for the last five years, has asked Catholics to recognize the 14 days from June 21 — the vigil of the feast of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More — to July 4 as the *"Fortnight for Freedom."*

Archbishop Lori paraphrased Pope Francis in describing religious persecution in the United States and other Western countries as rampant but "polite." Elsewhere internationally, he explained, "millions of people around the world live with some restrictions on their rights of worship and their freedom of religious expression, and many live under actual physical persecution."

Culminating on Independence Day, the Fortnight for Freedom is a period of prayer, study, catechesis and public action that emphasizes the Christian and American heritage of liberty. This year's theme is "Witnesses to Freedom" highlighting the Christian example of the Little Sisters of the Poor as well as a number of martyrs who have given their lives for their faith over the last 2,000 years. The U.S. bishops' conference asks dioceses and parishes to choose a date during the 14 days for special events that "constitute a great national campaign of teaching and witness for religious liberty."

Here at Sacred Heart Parish we will celebrate the Fortnight in a number of ways. First we will dedicate the Monday evening Holy Hour (6-7PM) prior to the 7PM Mass on June, 27 to this cause. Please try to attend as a family!! Second we will distribute the 14 "Witness to Freedom" bulletin inserts over the next 14 weeks so we can persistently be reminded of the need to protect our religious liberty. These witness sheets can also be found on the Parish Website. Finally, we will also have Movie Afternoons/Nights over the next three months, highlighting some of the films about these martyrs: Becket, A Man for All Seasons and For Greater Glory. Other information regarding the Fortnight for Freedom can be found at www.Fortnight4Freedom.org.





Bishop James Checchio is enjoying celebrating Masses and greeting people around the diocese. To access the bishop's schedule, visit http://diometuchen.org/bishop/schedule

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 obligation to provide justice for all means that the poor have the single most urgent economic claim on the conscience of the nation." <u>Economic Justice for All</u>, #86, Economic <u>Justice for All</u>: **Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy**, 1986, United States Catholic Bishops.

THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Corporal Works of Mercy are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs.

feed the hungry give drink to the thirsty clothe the naked shelter the homeless visit the sick visit the imprisoned bury the dead

Closing the Year of Mercy and A Prayer for Religious Freedom

PILGRIMAGE

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