



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.

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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, JUNE 10

5:00 PM ROSE & DESIDERIO CASTELLANO, Req. by Lillian & Vito & Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

9:00 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY
11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



MONDAY, JUNE 12

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
7:00 PM JOSEPH PULSFORT, Req. by Wife & Family, GIUSEPPINA PENNISI, Req. by the Ozbalik Family, LEONIDAS LOPEZ, Req. by Dorothy Bray, JOSÉ FIGUEROA SR., Req. by the Nappe Family, MARY PARTIKA, Req. by the Newcott Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM ROBERT SHIELDS, Req. by Sister, Evelyn McCoid

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

9:00 AM MARY & LEONARD POTTS, Req. by Daughter & Son-in-law

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

9:00 AM GINO LEONARDIS, Req. by Nadine & Joe Sacco

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

9:00 AM PAUL DE CARLO, Req. by Phil & Amy Battista

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

9:00 AM GEORGE RIPLEY, Req. by Connie Besser, CARMINE LUIZZA, Req. by Marvin & Lucy Hudson
5:00 PM MILDRED ABBRUZZESE, Req. by Loving Husband Guido

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Eucharistic Adoration between Masses
11:30AM CHARLES "BUD" MAHONEY, Req. by Family



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

June 11 - 18

6/11 - Ex 34: 4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13: 11-13/Jn3: 16-18
6/12 - 2 Cor 1: 1-7/Mt 5: 1-12
6/13 - 2 Cor 1: 18-22/Mt 5: 13-16
6/14 - 2 Cor 3: 4-11/Mt 5: 17-19
6/15 - 2 Cor 3: 15-4: 1, 3-6/Mt 5: 20-26
6/16 - 2 Cor 4: 7-15/Mt 5: 27-32
6/17 - 2 Cor 5: 14-21/Mt 5: 33-37
6/18 - Dt 8: -23, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10: 16-17/Jn 6: 51-58



► 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, Viola Pratt, Celeste Ginder, George Castagno, Rev. Charles Mingle, Nancy Stillman-Pender, Elizabeth Koznowicz, Garrett Barone, Guido Abbruzzese.

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

MILDRED ABBRUZZESE

Requested by Denise & José Figueroa

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

ASSUNTA & ADAMO BASSO & PIETRO MANCINO

Requested by Daughter & Son

SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns for in memory of

THERESA DE FOE

Requested by Cousin



ALTAR FLOWERS

for this week are in memory of

MILDRED ABBRUZZESE

Requested by Loving Husband Guido



ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: JUNE 17-18

5:00 PM - J. Makoski, H. Brignol, M. Brignol, A. Fallet

9:00 AM - C. Butrico, D. Faustini, A. Ortega

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



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 4, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 11,063.00	\$ 10,607.55
Loose:	\$ 1,572.00	\$ 2,102.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,712.00	\$ 3,183.00
Totals:	\$15,347.00	\$ 15,892.55

► **Major Repairs & Renovations to Date** – \$127,570

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "Our personal trinity calls us to center our lives, balancing our relationships with God, our neighbor and our self." — *Fr. John*

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT: "Each year you shall tithe all the produce that grows in the field you have sown...so that the Levite who has no share in the heritage with you and also the alien, the orphan and the widow who belong to your community, may come and eat their fill so that the Lord your God may bless you in all that you undertake." — *Deuteronomy 14:22, 29*

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: "Are you having trouble praying? What are you grateful for? This question alone should supply and endless flow of prayer." — *Anonymous*

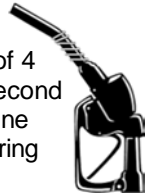
MONTHLY ANALYSIS FOR MAY 2017

Weekly Collections	\$ 58,405.00
On-Line Giving	13,667.00
Easter	1,128.00
Holy Day	16.00
Gifts	1,720.00
Fundraising	1,375.00
Offerings (Funerals/Weddings)	7,968.00
Religious Education Fees 2015-16	1,573.00
National/Missionary Diocesan Appeals	399.00
Major Renovations & Repairs	4,090.00
Bequests	2,500.00
Other	3,006.00
Total Income	\$ 95,847.00

Salaries	\$ 30,893.00
Benefits	5,804.00
Social Security (FICA)-Employer	1,939.00
Utilities	6,572.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,186.00
Administrative Costs	4,688.00
Religious Education Expenses	17,868.00
Diocesan Assessment	11,900.00
Shared Facility Costs (Holy Savior Acad.)	818.00
National/Missionary Diocesan Appeals	1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 82,668.00

► **Income Higher Than Expenses** \$ 13,179.00

GAS-UP RAFFLE - Help support the Sacred Heart Music Ministry. One ticket for \$5 or a book of 4 for \$20. 2 - first prizes of \$500 in gas cards, 2 - second prizes of \$250 in gas cards. The drawing is on June 25th. Tickets can be returned via mail, in the offering baskets at Mass, or to the parish center.



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.



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.

PLEGDED TO DATE: \$103,843 - GOAL: \$89,000

Thank you to the 454 parishioners who have pledged BEYOND our BAA goal. We have 2,208 families in our parish. This is the opportunity when 50¢ on every dollar returns to Sacred Heart Parish. MAKE THE DIFFERENCE & GIVE! No gift is too small.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL DIOCESAN TOTALS TO DATE:

Goal: \$7,000,000 Pledges: \$7,863,035

Paid: \$6,832,809 Donors: 26,475

% Pledged to Goal: 112.32%

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,
 click [Offices & Ministries](#),
 then click [Military and Veteran Families](#) and see

THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES

This Thursday, June 15, the Parish Center will be closed from 10:00AM - 2:00PM for the annual parish calendar planning meeting. Thank you.

*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."*



Thank you. I am most grateful to all who participated in the planning and celebration of my fifth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Thank you to all who were able to join me at last Saturday's Anniversary Mass as well as for the support and prayers of many others. I continue to pray for God's blessings upon you and your families.

— Father James De Fillippo

COFFEE & DONUT HOSPITALITY

The Rosary Altar Society will serve coffee and donuts (juice for kids) after the 9:00AM and 11:30AM Masses **TODAY** in the main foyer of the church. Stop by for some refreshment and fellowship before going on your way.



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.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH BREAKFAST

- All are welcome to a complementary breakfast on Sunday, June 25, between the 9:00AM and 11:30AM Masses in the Holy Savior Academy Cafeteria. This breakfast is not only in celebration of our parish feast day, but is also in honor of our deacons: Gregory Caruso, Wayne Otlowski, and Frank Yugas, who are celebrating their 10th year of ordination as Deacons.

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.**

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**



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

June 2017

Thank you for responding to our request for toiletry items. These are products that cannot be obtained using Food Stamps. Your continued sponsoring of these items is very appreciated. We continue to be in short supply of **pasta sauce and other tomato products. We also need canned fruits.**

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.



(Last Year)



(This Year)

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 – June 11

How does identifying yourself as Catholic express your commitment to living as a disciple of Jesus?

GRADE 7 TEACHER NEEDED FOR SUMMER SESSION

- As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!" We provide you with training, materials, and support. Summer Session runs mornings from July 10 through July 21, Monday thru Friday. Contact Louise Timko at 908-756-0633 ext. 143.

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 **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.



Holy Savior Academy
THE MIDDLEBROOK DEANERY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MRS. CAROL WOODBURN, PRINCIPAL

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

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

HOLY REDEEMER CEMETERY



Serving the funeral and burial needs of our Catholic Community with respect & dignity since 1919.

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Website: www.holyredeemercemetery.net
Email: shcemetery@comcast.net

Graves, Mausoleum Crypts & Cremation Niches

Inquire about brass military insignia and photoceramic features.

LYNDA YELENOVSKY, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

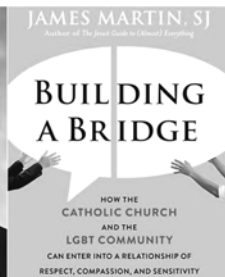
◆ CEMETERY HOURS ◆

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

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

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

REV. JAMES MARTIN, SJ TO SPEAK — Sunday, July 9 at 3:00PM, Fr. James Martin, SJ will speak on "The Church and LGBT Catholics" in conjunction with his new book *Building a*



Bridge, here at the Church of the Sacred Heart. After the presentation, he will be available for questions and book signing as well. A number of his books will be available for purchase on the day of the event. Fr. Martin is editor-at-large of

America magazine, bestselling author (*Seven Last Words*, *The Abbey*, *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*) and consultant to the Vatican's Secretariat for Communications. This free event is sponsored by *In God's Image*, the faith-sharing group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Catholics and their loved ones. For more information, please visit churchofthesacredheart.net.

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 on June 14.** 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

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

What is the essence of the Trinity? We explain it simply and say, "it is 3 persons in one God", then we continue..."it is impossible to understand!" Perhaps we can get a glimpse into the essence, power and uniqueness of the Trinity from the one accord, the one mind the three persons bring to this relationship, to *their* relationship. The three persons of the Trinity are of one accord - Love. This love unites and is given its prominence in Jesus' being of one mind with the Father's will on Good Friday. Jesus says "Yes" to the Father's will by going to the cross for us. At every Mass we see the unity of the Trinity in the Eucharist, when Jesus again says "Yes" to the Father's will in the words of the consecration.

During the Eucharistic consecration at Mass, we hear "On the day before He was to suffer, He took bread in His holy and venerable hands and with eyes raised to heaven, to you, O God, His almighty Father giving You thanks He said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to His disciples saying: "take this all of you and eat of it, for this is My Body which will be given up for you." In a similar way, when supper was ended, He took this precious chalice in His holy and venerable hands, and once more giving You thanks, He said the blessing and gave the chalice to His disciples saying: "take this all of you and drink from it for this is the chalice of My blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins, do this in memory of Me."

The Mass is not a passive activity in which we are meant to be mere observers, nor are we at Mass to be entertained. No, we are called to actively join our individual yes to that of Jesus' continuing "Yes" to the Father's will. The Trinity is a powerful model for all human beings, most especially for us Americans. Our national motto is "*E Pluribus Unum*" from the Latin "out of many one." The Trinity out of love and its one accord created, redeemed, and sanctifies mankind. Jesus calls us to join in the continuing work of the Trinity, as we fulfill the mission that God has given to each of us, to do His will here on earth. In The Name of the Father and The Son and The Holy Spirit. Amen.

TRIP TO IRELAND - Visit the beautiful isle of Ireland 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.



THE PARISH MINISTRY GUIDE

is available on our parish website:
www.churchofthesacredheart.net.

THANK YOU for your support of our annual Sisters of Mercy Treasure Chest Raffle. The total amount of all sales was \$70,650 and 50% of that was awarded as prizes as follows: First prize: \$17,662.50, Second: \$7,065, Third: \$3532.50, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth: \$1413 and last four \$706.50. Be assured of a remembrance in the prayers of our retired and infirmed Sisters and especially of mine for your generosity.

— In Mercy, Sr. Nadine

PARISH STAFF POSITION OPENING

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.

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

DISCOVER THE JOY OF SERVING ...

- ... being a member of this year's PICNIC PLANNING TEAM ?
- ... working with our CHURCH GARDENS & GROUNDS ?
- ... planning for the parish SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE ?
- ... serving on our parish YOUTH GROUP TEAM ?

► Please call our Parish Life Coordinator, Ralph Quaglia at 908-756-0633 x142 for full details.

Your Stewardship of Time & Talent can be fun, motivational and inspirational. Take the time; make the time. God has given you the talent!

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*

Congratulations

and God's many blessings to our clergy and religious who serve in our parish.

SR. NADINE M. BOYLE, RSM

60 YEARS — SEPTEMBER 8, 1957

REV. JAMES E. DE FILLIPPS

5 YEARS — MAY 26, 2012

DEACON GREGORY CARUSO

DEACON WAYNE OTLOWSKI

DEACON FRANK YUHAS

10 YEARS — JUNE 9, 2007

REV. JOHN P. ALVARADO




29 YEARS — MAY 28, 1988

Happy Anniversary

WE NEED YOUR HELP BEFORE JUNE 15!

Dear Parishioners,

The Catholic Schools of our diocese need you to help us get an important message to NJ lawmakers by June 15. We are asking you to send an online message through Voters Voice today. Here are the details you need to know:

- ❖ Ask State Budget and Appropriations members in your district to increase the ceiling for nonpublic school transportation from \$884 to \$1000. This could be done by moving funds, without increasing the overall Fiscal Year 2018 budget. 
- ❖ Ask them also to restore funding for: (1) the Nonpublic School Security Aid Program, (2) the Nonpublic School Nursing Service Aid and (3) the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative. 
- ❖ If your State legislators are not on one of the Budget Committees, ask them to urge their colleagues on the Committees to increase the transportation ceiling and restore the funding to nursing, technology and security. Such increases are greatly needed by nonpublic school children whose parents save the taxpayers of New Jersey a great deal of money every year. 
- ❖ Send your message online via the Voter Voice system, here. <https://njcatholic.org/transportation>. You can add your name to the appropriate sample letter provided, or write your own message.
- ❖ The Dioceses of Camden, Trenton and Metuchen are strongly impacted by the transportation issue and are rallying our families, our strongest advocates. Please encourage everyone you know to get engaged in this important effort **before June 15** as the State's Fiscal Year 2018 budget will be finalized before July 1.



Thank you for your consideration.

Ellen F. Ayoub
Superintendent of Schools
Diocese of Metuchen

USING THE NJCC VOTER VOICE SYSTEM <https://njcatholic.org/transportation>

This quick and convenient online option is an easy way to communicate. It allows you to add your signature to the sample letter and hit send. It's that easy!

Below the sample letter, you will be asked to enter your email and zip code. On the next page, **check (X) both boxes below** to receive future alerts on key policy issues.

- I want to receive future email alerts
- Remember me
(Uncheck on shared computers)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THE FUTURE OF OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DEPENDS ON ALL OF US!

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

On the Occasion of the 25th Anniversary of His Ordination to the Priesthood, June 20



"First and foremost, I am grateful to God, for the gifts of life and faith, the gift of His mercy in His calling me to follow Him as one of his priests; I love being a priest. I am so grateful to God for His love and for His calling me to be with Him and follow Him in holy priesthood. I am likewise grateful to God for the grace He has given me over these 25 years which has sustained me in being faithful to my priestly promises. I certainly pray that many more young men in our diocese will respond to God's call, and we need to make every effort to be sure our young people can hear that call and know what a blessed life it is to follow Him through a call to the priesthood or religious life.

As I celebrate this milestone anniversary, please continue to pray for me and know that I pray daily for you, too."

James F. Checchio
Most Rev. James F. Checchio
Bishop of Metuchen

Episcopal ordination and installation May 3, 2016

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord...because He judged me faithful and appointed me to His service...

1 Timothy 1:12

Bishop Checchio will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 20. All faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen are asked to remember the bishop in their special intentions.



24 HOUR PRAYER LINE - Our Diocesan 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

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More Resources for Persons with Disabilities

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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.

FREEDOM TO SERVE MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Pray

That the Lord would protect all migrants and refugees, and that all those who work with people on the move would be free to serve.

Reflect

Christians are committed to caring for the vulnerable, and migrants and refugees are some of the most vulnerable. The Church has long sought to serve the unique needs of “people on the move,” from providing for basic needs, to assisting with resettlement, to offering legal services to help newcomers navigate the system of their host country. In recent years, new laws and regulations have been proposed that have the effect of restricting the Church’s ability to serve. Under one state law, even giving an undocumented person a ride to Mass could have been deemed a criminal offense. Furthermore, the new federal Administration has sought to drastically reduce the number of refugees admitted into the U.S., and has suspended the resettlement of refugees from countries where many people face violent persecution. The Church is called to serve the vulnerable, and we must remain steadfast in our commitment to solidarity with migrants and refugees.

Act

The USCCB’s Justice for Immigrants Campaign is an effort to unite and mobilize a growing network of Catholic entities and people of goodwill in support of immigration reform. Get news, resources, and action alerts from Justice for Immigrants at justiceforimmigrants.org.



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