



Church of the

SACRED HEART

A Faith Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition Since 1905

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The Parish Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8AM - 4PM, Friday from 8AM - 2PM. Please schedule other times by appointment.

SACRED HEART CHURCH IS LOCATED AT 149 SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE

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We welcome all to join us for worship and invite you to become an active member of our parish family.

Sacred Heart Church is open every day as a quiet refuge for prayer and reflection from 6:00AM until 4:30PM.

■ MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: 5:00PM – Saturday Vigil; Sunday – 9:00AM, 11:30AM

Daily: 9:00AM – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
7:00PM – Monday

Holy Day: 6:30AM, 9:00AM, 7:00PM

■ EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday: 6:00-7:00 PM

■ MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday: 6:45PM with Benediction and **Saturday:** following 9:00AM Mass

■ BAPTISM

The sacrament is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 1:00PM with the exception of the Season of Lent.

■ RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10:00 - 11:30AM *and* at other times by appointment.

■ MARRIAGE

In conjunction with the policy of Marriage Preparation set forth by the bishops of New Jersey, couples should begin the process one year in advance of the planned date of marriage. Arrangements should be made with the Church before any other plans are set. All details and information will be gladly provided upon calling the Parish Office.

■ MISSION STATEMENT

The Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, NJ was established in 1905. We are a diverse community striving to foster spiritual growth and Catholic identity through liturgy, sacraments, service, education and our shared faith in God. We are committed to being an instrument of love, healing and hope by ministering to the needs of our parishioners & the larger community, while celebrating the Christ present in each of us.



MASSSES

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

9:00 AM THERESA DI SESSO, Req. Danielle Lacasale & Family
11:30 AM STEPHEN BRAYNOCK, Req. by Mom & Dad

MONDAY, JUNE 26

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
7:00 PM FELOMENA RUNDELLA, Req. by Mike & Kathy Wozniak, PETER S. ROMERI, Req. by M/M Richard Rogers, BARBARA DORRLER, Req. by Michele Kenny, ANTHONY GUARRACI, Req. by Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

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

9:00 AM GLORENCE FAVREAU, Req. by Sister, Evelyn McCoid

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

ST. IRENAEUS, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 AM IRIS FASANO, Req. by Sister, Betty Meeker

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, Apostles

9:00 AM NORMA CASSIO, Req. by Family

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

9:00 AM PETER & CATHERINE Mc EVOY, Req. by Mary McNerney

SATURDAY, JULY 1

ST. JUNIPERO SERRA, Priest

9:00 AM MARGARET BARICH, Req. by the Palma Family, MARY TIMKO, Req. by Sandy Romasz & Val Genova
5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, JULY 2

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM HAYDEE MUNOZ BERMUDEZ, Req. by the Rybeck Family
11:30AM RICHARD PALMER, Req. by Wife & Family



Wedding Banns

First Time: Michael Maffucci Jr. & Jasmin Caba
Second Time: Aaron Bersin & Angela Perry

ALTAR FLOWERS

for this week are in celebration of

**THE 43RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
DEACON WAYNE & JOANNE OTLOWSKI**



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

June 25 - July 2

6/25 - Dt 7: 6-11/1 Jn 4: 7-16/Mt 11: 25-30
6/26 - Gn 12: 1-9/Mt 7: 1-5
6/27 - Gn 13: 2, 5-18/Mt 7: 6, 12-14
6/28 - Gn 15: 1-12, 17-18/Mt 7: 15-20
6/29 - Acts 12: 1-11/2 Tm 4: 6-8, 17-18/Mt 16: 13-19
6/30 - Gn 17: 1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8: 1-4
7/1 - Gn 18: 1-15/Mt 8: 5-17
7/2 - 2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11/Mt 10: 37-42



► 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, Elizabeth Koznowicz, Garrett Barone, Guido Abbruzzese, Barbara Nuber.

FOR THOSE IN HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES, especially: Bert Gartland, Lorraine Kick, Wilma Zielinski, Bill Keenan.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Viola S. Pratt, Sr. Patricia Vayda, SJH, Franklin H. Smith, Jr., Theresa DeCola and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

THERESA DE PASQUALE

Requested by Mary Ann Kane

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

JOSÉ FIGUEROA SR.

Requested by Grace Bertucci



SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of

DEACON GREG, DEACON WAYNE & DEACON FRANK

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: JUNE 24-25

5:00 PM - J. Makoski, A. Ortega, O. Markus
9:00 AM - L. Flannery, F. Flannery, J. Chavez
11:30 AM - G. Ruzicka, G. Delacruz, Z. Policarpio, A. Fallet



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 18, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 10,044.00	\$ 9,540.00
Loose:	\$ 1,343.00	\$ 1,242.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,077.00	\$ 2,068.00
Totals:	\$13,464.00	\$ 12,850.00

► **Major Repairs & Renovations to Date** – \$127,827

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT: "It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life." — *Tobit 12:8*

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: "God's first and most precious gift is life. Without it, nothing else is possible. In addition, God lets us share in His life through our adoption as children of God. We can try to thank God for His generosity by sharing that which comes to us from our daily work. Thank you for tithing and acknowledging God's precious gift of life." — *Rev. Charles Mangano, Curé of Ars Parish, Merrick NY*



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.

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.**

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

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: \$7,948,677
Paid: \$7,032,804 Donors: 26,867
% Pledged to Goal: 113.55%

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.

PLEGGED TO DATE: \$104,938 - GOAL: \$89,000

Thank you to the 463 parishioners who have pledged BEYOND our BAA goal. \$104,938 Pledged. \$92,966 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

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

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

2 NEW WEBSITES - ONE LIFE SAVING MISSION

Life Choices Resource Center launches two new websites:
www.ChoicesOptionsforWomen.com & www.LifeChoicesRC.com

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.

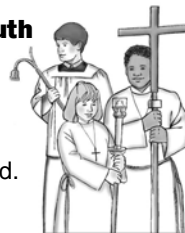
Since our vegetable garden was such a success last year it is back again this season. Plants are already growing at a good pace, especially with all the rain.

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 your donations of non-perishable food items.

Email: socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net

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 – June 25

Question of the week is: How are you personally putting your faith into action, making sure that your celebration of the Eucharist translates into concrete practice in your life?

GIFT- Registration for our monthly religious education program: **GIFT: Growing in Faith Together** has begun. The registration form can be downloaded from the parish website: www.churchofthesacredheart.net

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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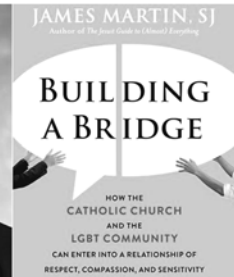
◆ CEMETERY HOURS ◆

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 — 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.



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► **Book are available for purchase at the Parish Center.**

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

Fortnight for Freedom

PART 2

4. Authentic Pluralism - Religious Freedom skeptics are often concerned about the effects that religious organizations have on people who do not share those religious beliefs. These skeptics tend to see a conflict between religious freedom and their vision of equality and choose a mistaken concept of equality over freedom. These are certainly difficult issues. Here are points to consider:

❖ A pluralistic society makes space for people who hold views that run counter to the mainstream. Religious groups, and groups formed around a particular set of principles, need to be able to express their views with integrity. ... It is crucial that our society not adopt the view that all groups – least of all religious groups -- must conform to one view. True freedom results in a diversity that strengthens, rather than weakens, society.

❖ Some skeptics say that religious people impose their faith on others. ... The craft store chain *Hobby Lobby* refused to cover abortifacients (a substance that induces abortions) for its employees. But *Hobby Lobby* is not preventing its employees from obtaining these devices. The Christian family that runs *Hobby Lobby* refuses to participate in an activity it believes is immoral.

❖ It is similar when family-owned businesses choose not to participate in same-sex weddings. For example, florist Barronelle Stutzman felt she could not in good conscience create custom floral arrangements for a customer's same-sex ceremony. The State of Washington sued Barronelle for declining to participate in an activity that went against her faith.

But the teachings of our Faith don't only deal with the above limitations or negatives. The Bishops continue, "Above all, the Church seeks to offer a better way. Catholic teaching is holistic, rooted in the dignity of the person, a dignity that is visible to reason yet made more clear by the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. ... **We believe that what we teach - about marriage, sex, family life, care for refugees, care for the poor, care for the sick, care for all vulnerable – is good for society.** When we see a culture that is often un-loving and hostile to life, we work to bear witness to a healthier culture, a "civilization of love," in which all people can flourish.



5. Own It - When we engage in conversation as Catholics, people want to know what we think. It's good to represent the Church and the beauty of her teachings; it's even better when we internalize those teachings and reflect on our own experiences and reasons for caring about religious freedom. Your friends and neighbors want to know what you think. You have a unique contribution to make to the conversation! But also explain your position in a gentle way. Remember Jesus brought "The Good News", He did not force anyone to accept it. In fact to this day, He continues to invite "sinners" (us) to repent and follow Him.

In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart. — John Bunyan

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.



WE NEED YOU & WANT YOU ...

- ... as 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 ... 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

RETROUVAILLE - is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussion) with six follow-up sessions. The cost is \$450.00, which includes meals and resource materials. The next weekend is September 15-17, at the Somerset Hotel. For more information, please call: Office of Family life at (732) 562-1990 ext. 4573 To register call Tom & Pat McTague at (732) 583-4468 (evenings); or Rich & Annette Colasuonno at (732) 236-0671


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THANK YOU from the folks at Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen for your participation and generous donation of \$5,500 in our annual Baby Bottle fund raiser. God bless you all!



YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUESTED -

Pope Francis has dedicated the **15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops** to be focused on the theme of "Youth, Faith, and Vocational Discernment." It will be held in October 2018. "The theme, an expression of the pastoral care of the Church for the young, is consistent with the results of the recent Synod assemblies on the family and with the content of the post-Synodal apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. Its aim is to accompany the young on their existential journey to maturity so that, through a process of discernment, they discover their plan for life and realize it with joy, opening up to the encounter with God and with human beings, and actively participating in the edification of the Church and of society."

Pope Francis has called for a meeting of bishops from around the world and they are asking Catholics and non-Catholics around the world to share their experience. A link is provided for this purpose.

As members of the Universal Church we have a non-delegable responsibility. Let us express our feelings. Let the 2018 Synod touch real and current experiences. Ensure that efforts are properly and responsibly directed. It is our opportunity to support the work of Pope Francis. Blessings!

Synod Survey in English:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YourVoice-Synod2018>

Synod Survey in Spanish:

<https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/2018SynodSpanish>



*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



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 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

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational



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:

Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities

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.

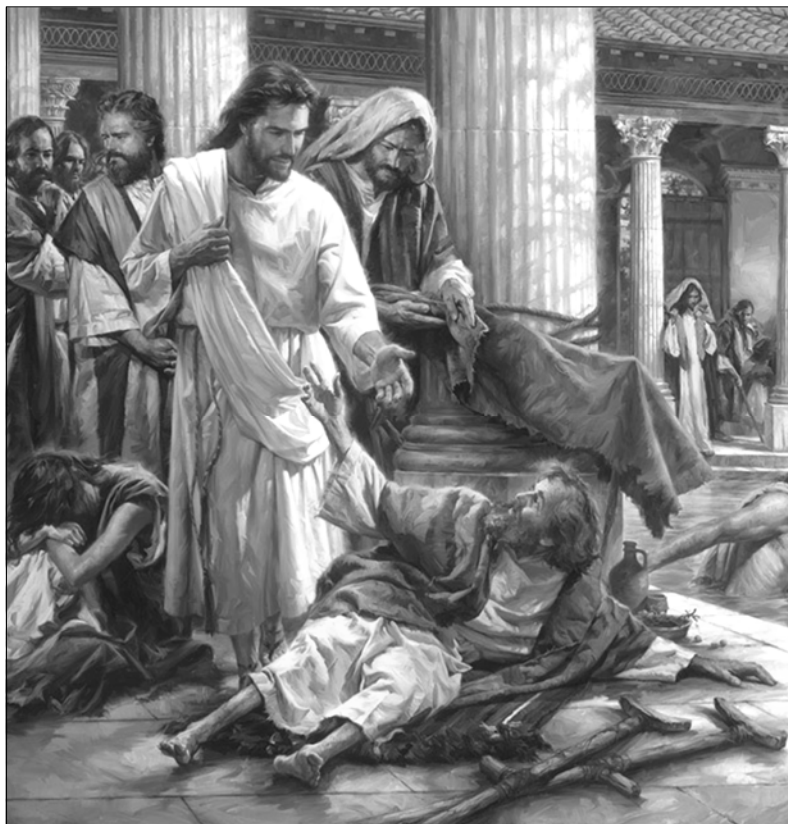
FREEDOM TO CARE FOR THE SICK

Pray

That nurses, doctors, therapists, and all ministers of healing would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in their imitation of Christ's compassion and care for the sick.

Reflect

Acts of healing were central to the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. He restored sight to the blind, made the lame to walk, and cured leprosy. These miracles revealed that Jesus has come to restore the broken areas of this fallen world. The ministry of healing has continued in the Church. Christians have developed healthcare ministries dedicated to the study and practice of medicine. Indeed, the Church invented the hospital as we know it. Catholic hospitals today are often attacked for not performing abortions and other harmful procedures. Catholic medical professionals - like nurse Cathy DeCarlo - have been forced to violate their consciences and participate in abortions. Catholics serve in healing ministries out of fidelity to Jesus Christ. It is unthinkable that we would undermine our mission to heal by destroying innocent life and harming the persons for whom we are called to care.



Act

Concerned Catholics can help by contacting their representatives in Congress and voicing support for conscience protection. Check out Human Life Action and the USCCB Action Alert Center for updates on bills like Conscience Protection Act (H.R. 644 / S. 301) and the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7 / S. 184).

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