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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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HOLY REDEEMER CEMETERY LYNDA YELENOVSKY 908-822-5892 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, MARCH 11

5:00 PM JOAN MORMILE, Req. by Husband & Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 AM VINCENT PIRO, Req. by the O'Sullivan Family 11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, MARCH 13

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary

6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction

7:00 PM DOMINIC FAZZOLARI, Req. by Angie Idrissi,

EUGENE CYWAR JR., Req. by Richard & Robert Rogers, ANGELO LOFFREDO, Req. by the Palma Family, MARY TIMKO, Req. by Annabell Lanza, LILLIAN KAVANAGH, Req. by Marion Catalfamo

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 AM PHILIP BURRELL, Req. by Wife & Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

9:00 AM KATHLEEN QUAIL, Req. by the McCoid Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 AM ANNIV. IRENE KOCIENSKI, Req. by Fr. John & the

Parish Staff

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

ST. PATRICK, Bishop

9:00 AM MICHAEL KELLY, Req. by Norma Cassio

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

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

9:00 AM DOM TROCODEO, Req. by Alberta & Jennifer Martino

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HARRIS FAMILY, Reg. by PJ Harris & Family

11:30 AM EMY BRION, Req. by Son, Evan Brion & Family 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Healing Mass

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent 7:00PM — IN CHURCH

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

March 12 - 19

3/12 - Gn 12: 1-4a/2 Tm 1: 8b-10/Mk 17: 1-9

3/13 - Dn 9: 4b-10/Lk 6 36-38

3/14 - Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23: 1-12

3/15 - Jer 18: 18-20/Mt 20: 17-28

3/16 - Jer 17: 5-10/Lk 16: 19-31

3/17 - Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21: 33-43, 45.46

3/18 - Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20/Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

3/19 - Ex 17: 3-7/Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8/Jn 4: 5-42

► 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, Viola Pratt, Celeste Ginder, Neil Towey, George Castagno, Rev. Charles Mingle.

FOR THOSE IN HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES,

especially: Bert Gartland, Lorraine Kick, Chuck Pender, Wilma Zielinski, Bill Keenan.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Josephine Pennisi. John Butfiloski and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish and their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

BOB HOLZHEIMER

Requested by Son & Family

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

NANCY RANKIN

Requested by Lorraine Beyer

SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns for the young sheep of the flock who celebrated

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: MAR 18-19

5:00 PM - H. Brignol, M. Brignol, T. Figueiredo

9:00 AM - C. Butrico, A. Ortega, J. Gaffney

11:30 AM - S. Sequiera, G. Delacruz, J. Makoski





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 March 5, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 11,449.00	\$ 12,250.55
Loose:	\$ 2,377.00	\$ 2,157.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 4,833.00	\$ 4,728.00
Totals:	\$ 18,659.00	\$ 19,135.00

► Major Repairs & Renovations to Date - \$115,665

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "What would you do, what would you say to Jesus if you met Him on the street? It sounds like something that would never happen, yet we meet Him every day at work, at school, at home. In today's gospel passage we are reminded that when Jesus' own disciples saw something of the divine presence of God in Jesus, they didn't know what to do or say. The presence of Jesus is in everyone we encounter from the least to the greatest. If Jesus took the lead from you, what would He do and say to you when He meets you on the way?" — Fr. John

SCRIPTURE: "The men of Israel shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each with his own gift, in proportion to the blessing which the Lord, your God, has given to you." — *Deuteronomy 16:16-17*

PARISHIONER COMMENT: "Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left." — Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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BISHOP JAMES F. CHECCHIO'S FIRST PASTORAL LETTER - Lighting a Fire in the Heart of

Our World, is available in a special March 2 edition of The Catholic Spirit, the letter is a reflection of Bishop Checchio's pastoral visits to parishes, Catholic schools, institutions and ministries of the diocese since his May 3, 2016 ordination and installation. Based on his conversations with clergy, religious and the lay faithful and his personal observations, it outlines the priorities that emerged and which call for our attention as we go forward in the Church of Metuchen. You can also read it online at diometuchen.org and catholicspirit.com.

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS: Next weekend we are invited to support **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**, a collection that works at home and abroad to give aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, provide legal services to poor immigrants, and advocate for the powerless. By supporting six Catholic agencies, this collection offers an opportunity for each of us to help **Jesus in disguise**. Please prayerfully consider supporting the CRSC. Envelopes are available in the entrances of the church.

RICE BOWL - Lenten Rice Bowls are available in the entrances of the church. Please take one for your Lenten sacrifice. The due date for the return of your rice bowl is noted on the box.



PARISH UPDATES: If you are now solely using a cell phone, have changed your phone number or address, please call Lisa at 908-756-0633 x110, so we can update your records. We would also like to update our parish data base with e-mail addresses. Email us at **admin@churchofthesacredheart.net** to have your email address included or to update an email address. Thank you!

▶ 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.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Ambassadors for Christ

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend.** Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together we are *Ambassadors for Christ*.

PLEDGED TO DATE: \$48,315 - GOAL: \$89,000

► Have you included your parish in your Estate Planning & 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.









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



Spc. 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

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then click Military and Veteran Families and see

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SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS Easter Baskets

Can you believe it, Easter is just around the corner?

Sacred Heart Social Concerns has begun working on their Easter Baskets for those in need in our Parish Community.

Presently we assist approximately 25-31 families per month. We are in need of fresh or canned hams, glaze, potatoes (boxed or canned), desserts, coffee, canned fruit, and biscuits.

Hams may be dropped off at the Parish Center during business hours. All other nonperishable food can be placed in the bins at all the doors of the Church. Your generosity has enabled us to continue providing assistance to those in need and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

If you know of families requiring our assistance, please have them call 908-756-0633 x112, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9:00AM-11:00AM.

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

Email:

socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net

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

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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

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.



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



PARISH BOOK CLUB - Join our parish book club! Tuesdays throughout Lent at 1:00-2:00PM in the Annex (no stairs!) and 7:30-8:30PM in the Parish Center. The 1:00 PM meeting will have a light lunch of soup and bread. Please RSVP to Louise Timko at 908-756-0633 ext.143. We will discuss "Resisting Happiness" by

Matthew Kelly, which was distributed parish-wide at Christmas.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Timko, Director 908-756-0633 x143



For more information please visit our web page

ww.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 – March 12

Do you think God is calling you personally to holiness? What would it take to convince you that He is?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - SAVE THE DATE

Summer Session 2017 will be held **July 10-21**, Monday thru Friday, 8:30AM to Noon. Registration for Summer Session has begun. Details and the registration form are on the parish website.

OPEN HOUSE - Bishop George Ahr HS, One Tingley Lane, Edison. Monday, April 4, at 7:00PM. For more information call 732-549-1108 x620 or visit bhahs.org.



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SAVE THE DATE - Holy Savior Academy's 3rd Annual **Spring Splendor Tricky Tray** on Saturday, April 1. Doors open at 6:00PM. Tickets \$20 per person (includes one sheet of level 1 (white) tickets, coffee/tea/water & dessert). *BYOB* & Food. Tickets available in the school office.

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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.

MEET OUR CATECHUMEN - My name is Jeremy K. Loney. I am originally from Ohio, and I now work in Finance in New York City. My fiancé, Erica Palma, and I just bought a house in Scotch Plains, and we are getting married this October. I enjoy all outdoors activities and am a huge sports fan.

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.

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 April 12.** For information call 908-822-5895, OR contact Fr. John at 908-756-0633 x125 OR email:

<u>sacredheartigi@gmail.com</u>. 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

LENTEN BOOK

"Resisting Happiness"

For me the following were two high points from Matthew Kelly's book and the **Best Lent Ever** this week. Matthew Kelly asks us to review our image of God, and he also tells us to look at life with the end in mind.

What is your image of God? Matthew asks that we sit down and write out how we see God, His attributes and characteristics, and how God relates to us. It is easy to see how our image of God can affect how we treat ourselves and others. If we see

God as a judge delivering judgments, then we might react in a very judgmental way with ourselves and toward others. If we see God as a loving Father, as in the parable of the Prodigal Son, we may be more forgiving of ourselves and others. Do we see God as being only for good people, or truly as one Who came to call sinners and rejoices when one repents? Our image of God is a basic factor in how we live our lives and treat ourselves and others.



The second high point for me was that we should begin all things with

the end in mind. Well, Kelly hits us right between the eyes, because he reminds us that the end result of life is death. He suggests that it is important for us to consider our death since it will help us get busy living.

That's right, considering your death will help you get busy living. If your doctor told you had six months to live, it would help put things in perspective. Kelly asked a group of nurses what people spoke about when they were dying. Here are a few of the responses:

I wish I'd had the courage to just be myself.

I wish I had spent more time with the people I love.

I wish I had made spirituality more of a priority.

I wish I hadn't spent so much time working.

I wish I had discovered my purpose earlier.

I wish I had been a better spouse.

I wish I hadn't spent so much time chasing the wrong things.

I wish I had touched more lives.

As part of this effort to begin with the end in mind, **Kelly stresses the importance of daily prayer.** Kelly reminds us to bring our concerns to God each morning. He suggests starting with 10 minutes in the morning, making this **prayer time your first priority.** During that time, he suggests we bring to God our lives and what we are faced with that day and ask God what he wants us to do. Kelly maintains that **'prayer changes everything and nothing changes without prayer.** This priority for prayer helps put God at the center of our lives, where He is supposed to be. It will help increase our love for him and our trust in him!

- Ralph Quaglia, Parish Life Coordinator

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

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 3-6PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 6-9PM

This Month's Theme — Lent & Penance

THE SACRED HEART TRAVELERS —

Venture into the Heart and Spirit of America's Great West -- Journey with Rev. John P. Alvarado to

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the Travel Link. >>> Join us for an Information Session
Thursday, April 6 at 6:30PM in the parish Annex.

God's mercy is a gift like no other. We do not earn God's mercy; it is always present, waiting for our reception.

— Ambassadors for Christ —

THE 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL supports many ministries serving our diocesan family.

THE CATHOLIC CENTER AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY provides for the spiritual, sacramental and pastoral needs of the Catholic community on the New Brunswick campus. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to support this ministry which plays a vital role in forming the next generation for Church leadership.

PERMANENT DEACONS: The Diocese of Metuchen presently has 149 active permanent deacons and another 20 in formation. While serving at the altar and preaching they are also baptizing infants, presiding at wake services, teaching faith formation classes, serving meals to the poor and bringing the Eucharist to the sick. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to defray tuition costs for the formation and continuing education of our permanent deacons.

MARIA REGINA RESIDENCE: There are presently 14 retired priests living at the Maria Regina Residence. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to defray the operational costs for this retirement facility for the men who have served our parishes so faithfully.

PRISON MINISTRY: There are presently 2 priests and one deacon assigned to Prison Ministry. With the help of a six parishbased prison ministries, they serve 10 correctional facilities within the Diocese of Metuchen.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES: Other pastoral ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, include: Respect for Life, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Faith Formation, Hispanic and Multi-Cultural Ministries, Evangelization and Family Life.

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