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# SACRED HEART

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

**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.

# ☩ MASSES

## SATURDAY, MARCH 4

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## SUNDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BUDRIS & NEWCOTT FAMILIES, Req. by Family  
11:30 AM EGON LESSLE, Req. by Niece Pat DeSantis & Family

## MONDAY, MARCH 6

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary  
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction  
7:00 PM MARY PFEIFER, Req. by Sandy Romasz & Val Genova, EDWARD PUMM, Req. by Marie Dolinski, GEORGE RIPLEY, Req. by Lou & Maryann Ronzon, WILLIAM PRICE, Req. by Wife & Family, CLEMENT APPROVATO, Req. by Family

## TUESDAY, MARCH 7

### ST. PERPETUA & ST. FELICITY, Martyrs

9:00 AM ELAINE YORKANIS, Req. by Joe & Lucille Rea

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

### ST. JOHN OF GOD, Religious

9:00 AM GEORGE & LOIS HAAS, Req. by the Otlowski Family

## THURSDAY, MARCH 9

### ST. FRANCES OF ROME, Religious

9:00 AM JIM & BETTY ANNE WALSH, Req. by the McNerney Family  
7:00 PM CONFIRMATION



## FRIDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 AM MARY SONNENFELD, Req. by Susan Zacek  
7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*

## SATURDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 AM ANGELINA MANNO, Req. by Jeanne Smith & Family  
12 NOON God's Special People Mass  
5:00 PM JOAN MORMILE, Req. by Husband & Family

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

*"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."*



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Fridays in Lent*  
7:00PM — IN CHURCH



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

### March 5 - 12

3/5 - Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7/Rom 5: 12-19/Mt 4: 1-11  
3/6 - Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18/Mt 25: 31-46  
3/7 - Is 55: 10-11/Mt 6: 7-15  
3/8 - Jon 3: 1-10/Lk 11: 29-32  
3/9 - Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7: 7-12  
3/10 - Ez 19: 21-28/Mt 5: 20-26  
3/11 - Dt 26: 16-19/Mt 5: 43-48  
3/12 - Gn 12: 1-4a/2 Tm 1: 8b-10/Mk 17: 1-9



► 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: Mary Partika, Frank J. Coppola, Giuseppina Pennisi, John Butfiloski, José Antonio Figueroa, Sr. and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish and their families who mourn their loss.

## VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

### JOHN McNERNEY

Requested by Wife & Family

## SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

### ROBERT & GLORIA ELKO

Requested by Son & Family

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

### FRANK & BERNADINE SINAK

Requested by Daughter Barbara Kelley



## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: MAR 11-12

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 February 26, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 10,413.00	\$ 12,887.00
Loose:	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,695.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,217.00	\$ 2,993.00
Totals:	\$ 13,890.00	\$ 17,575.00

#### ► Major Repairs & Renovations to Date — \$112,012

**PASTOR'S COMMENT:** "The gospel passage for this First Sunday of Lent speaks to us of how Jesus was tempted with food when He was hungry, and with pride and power when He had emptied Himself. His strength came from within and the connection shared with the Father and Holy Spirit. Jesus shares this peace and conciliation with us if we turn to Him in trust. This reality directs us to then do as Jesus did ... to serve and forgive ... to love as Jesus does even now." — Fr. John

**SCRIPTURE:** "When you give, give generously and not with a stingy heart; for that, the LORD, your God, will bless you in all your works and undertakings."  
— Deuteronomy 15:10

**PARISHIONER COMMENT:** "It's simple to tithe: you just give back 10% of what you earn to the source of your spiritual blessings. It's done for the joy of giving. When you lovingly donate, the abundance starts to come to you in many ways." -- An Anonymous Tither

**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 JAMES F. CHECCHIO'S FIRST PASTORAL LETTER - Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World**, is now available. Published 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.

Please pick-up the Bishop Checchio's Pastoral Letter after Mass today or read it online at [diometuchen.org](http://diometuchen.org) and [catholicspirit.com](http://catholicspirit.com).

**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](mailto: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*

Have you responded to the letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in The Church of the Sacred Heart. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, deacons, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial giving also allows our hospital chaplains to minister to those experiencing physical and emotional pain and helps to prepare our seminarians for a life in the priesthood.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 11/12, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend.** Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation.** Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**PLEGGED TO DATE: \$31,715 - 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

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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

*May we work for Justice as we pray for Peace.*

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

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## DO YOU USE THE PARISH WEBSITE?

See <http://www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net>

### VISIT THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE AT

[www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org)

► And don't forget to "like" us on **FACEBOOK**

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on **TWITTER**

**& INSTAGRAM**



## ROSARY NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION -

Monday, March 6, beginning with Mass at 7:00PM. The theme is taken from Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, "**Now is a very acceptable time**", presented by: Rev. James E. De Fillipps, Director of Catholic Identity/ Chair of Theology, Saint Joseph High School. The "sharing" takes place immediately after the 7:00PM Mass. Please attend Mass!



## Respect for Life

"Abortion is the least regulated invasive procedure in the country. Many states do not require that a mother be fully informed about abortion, its potential risks, and alternatives - something required for every other medical procedure in this country." — *Carol Tobias, National Right to Life News*

### 2 NEW WEBSITES - ONE LIFE SAVING MISSION

Life Choices Resource Center launches two new websites:  
[www.ChoicesOptionsforWomen.com](http://www.ChoicesOptionsforWomen.com) & [www.LifeChoicesRC.com](http://www.LifeChoicesRC.com)

## SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Sacred Heart Social Concerns Ministry serves our parishioners and residents of South Plainfield in need of assistance due to unforeseen circumstances (loss of employment, shelter, sickness, etc.) with the emergency distribution of food and/or funds for utilities or housing.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We ask for help in further outreach from members of our parish family to let us know who may be in need of assistance, that we may be a resource to support them. Those in need of assistance should call the Sacred Heart Parish Center anytime at 908-756-0633 x112. 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.

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

**Call: 908-756-0633 x112 or Email:**  
[socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto:socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net)

**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.



**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.

*Back by popular demand!*

## ANNUAL LENTEN FRIDAY

# FISH DINNER

*Holy Savior Academy Cafeteria*

**5:00-7:00 PM**



The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 is sponsoring our famous Sacred Heart Lenten Friday Fish Dinners on **March 10, 17, 24, 31, & April 7**, in the HSA cafeteria from 5:00 -7:00 PM followed by *The Stations of the Cross* at 7:00 PM in the Church.

**THE MENU features:** Fillet of fish (fried, broiled, parmigiana), a pasta dish or pizza, garden salad, rice pilaf, French fries, mac & cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea, or a cold drink, plus dessert! **TAKE OUT ORDERS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE!** Admission \$10/adults, \$9/Seniors, \$5/children, pay at the door.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Timko, Director  
908-756-0633 x143



For more information please visit our web page  
[www.churchofthesacredheart.net](http://www.churchofthesacredheart.net)  
or send us an email:

[religiouseducation@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto: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 5

Did you know that silence is God's first language? Did you know that silence is necessary in your spiritual life? How well do you handle silence? Do you include time for silence in your life regularly?

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - SAVE THE DATES

**Confirmation** will be celebrated by Rt. Rev. Abbot Elias Lorenzo, OSB on Thursday, **March 9**, 7:00 PM. All candidates & sponsors arrive at the school no later than 6:30PM that day.

**Summer Session 2017** will be held **July 10-21**, Monday thru Friday, 8:30AM to Noon. Registration for Summer Session begins on Monday, March 6, at 8:00AM. Details and the registration form are on the parish website.

## PRAY FOR OUR TEENS

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION ON THURSDAY, MARCH 9

They are the young sheep of the flock whom Jesus calls. May their witness and spirit renew the faith of all the sheep of the flock, calling our adults to a deeper awareness of God's love and grace.



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MRS. CAROL WOODBURN, PRINCIPAL

**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.

# HOLY REDEEMER CEMETERY



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LYNDA YELENOVSKY, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

### ◆ CEMETERY HOURS ◆

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

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

## 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](mailto: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 March 8.** For information call 908-822-5895, OR contact Fr. John at 908-756-0633 x125 OR email: [sacredheartigi@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://OwningOurFaith.com).

# THIS IS OUR FAITH

ARE YOU STUCK, LOST, DISCOURAGED?

*Want the Best Lent Ever?*

Dynamic Catholic continues its Best Lent Ever this year. Besides giving up something for Lent, Dynamic Catholic again recommends doing something to deepen your spiritual life and to increase your involvement with God and neighbor. Join your fellow parishioners and sign up for the Best Lent Ever at [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com). You will receive a daily email meditation for each day of Lent.

This year the Lenten messages will center on Matthew Kelly's book, *Resisting Happiness*. Our Parish Pastoral Council gave copies of this book out at Christmas in anticipation of our reading it together as a parish for Lent. The parish Religious Education/Faith Formation office will also offer discussion groups twice a week revolving around the book. The book is divided into 37 short chapters which easily correspond to the almost 40 days of Lent as a daily meditation.

During these first four days of Lent, Matthew Kelly introduces us to the concept of Resistance in our lives. For Kelly, Resistance is the factor that stops you from doing something you know is good for you or inclines you to do something you know is not good for you, and everything in between.

Kelly recounts his own story of how Resistance inhibited his becoming the best version of himself, and he points out how every human being has experienced Resistance when trying to achieve their goals. But this is not a self-help book for the material world only. Matthew Kelly also presents the spiritual side to self-improvement. He notes and stresses that Resistance stands between you and the person God created you to be, and therefore Resistance stands between you and happiness!

Kelly reminds us that God wants us to be happy even more than we want to be happy. He reminds us that life is messy, but that Our Lord, Jesus, entered directly into this messy life to show us how to make it holy and to show us the way to happiness.

Kelly plans to use examples from his own life to show us how to combat Resistance: fear, doubt, laziness, procrastination, self-loathing, and all the other ways Resistance manifests itself in our lives. Kelly wants us to become the best version of ourselves that God wants us to be. His first hint is that when Resistance hits us that we should take one small step. Don't let discouragement set in, take one small step one small action and we will begin to fill up with hope again and with hope comes the capacity to act, to change, to move forward.



**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 **CANYON COUNTRY featuring Arizona & Utah**, October 19-27, 2017. Experience the majestic beauty of God's Creation, the tribal lands, national parks, early Catholic missions, cities and towns of the old & new West ... history, culture, nature, church, and food that all make for a great trip that concludes with a 2-day stay in Las Vegas. There are no international flights necessary for this trip. Book now and save. For full details, itinerary, pricing and registration, visit our parish website: [ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net](http://ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net) and click on **the Travel Link**. ▶▶▶ Join us for an Information Session Thursday, April 6 at 6:30PM in the parish Annex Building.



## 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: [snadine@comcast.net](mailto:snadine@comcast.net).



## — Ambassadors for Christ —

**THE 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL is focused on three Marquee Ministries.**

### **#3 CATHOLIC CHARITIES: The Ozanam Family Shelter**

The plight of the homeless is all too common in the state of New Jersey where 1 in 30 families will experience homelessness at some point. For families with nowhere else to go, the Ozanam Family Shelter operated by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, serves as a beacon of hope.

The Ozanam Family Shelter is just one of 103 programs sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal makes it possible for Catholic Charities to provide quality services to the poor, vulnerable and all people in need. Last year, over 54,000 people from all walks of life, all races, all religions, and all economic levels received assistance from Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen.

**MARCH BLOOD DRIVE** - Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, Give the Gift of Life! Tuesday, March 7, 8:00AM – 2:00PM. Contact Edward Thornton to make an appointment. [ethornton@unioncatholic.org](mailto:ethornton@unioncatholic.org) Walk-Ins are also welcome!

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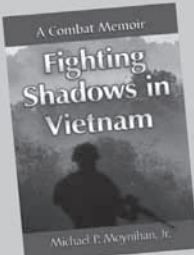


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