



Church of the

SACRED HEART

A Faith Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition Since 1905

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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, MAY 13

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 14

Mother's Day

9:00 AM PATTY YANICK, Req. by the Sacred Heart Music Ministry
11:30 AM JOHN & FRANK CRISCULO, Req. by Barbara, Isabel & Vincent

MONDAY, MAY 15

ST. ISIDORE

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
7:00 PM ANNETTE FERGUSON, Req. by Irene & Tom Donnelly, WILLIAM McLEAN, Req. by Gertrude McLean, DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH FAMILY, Req. by Family, MARY TIMKO, Req. by Hank Loeffler, JOHN DE FILLIPPS JR. (living)

TUESDAY, MAY 16

9:00 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SHIELDS & MCCOID FAMILIES, Req. by Evelyn McCoid

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

9:00 AM LAMBERTO CORTEZ, Req. by the Cortez & Inigo Families

THURSDAY, MAY 18

ST. JOHN I, Pope & Martyr

9:00 AM ANTONIO MONTUORI, Req. by Wife & Family

FRIDAY, MAY 19

9:00 AM EDWARD ALLEN LOVE, Req. by the Ratti Family

SATURDAY, MAY 20

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA, Priest

9:00 AM JOHN MOLLER, Req. by the McGonigle Family, GEORGE RIPLEY, Req. by Eleanore Burke, FELOMENA M. RUNDELLA, Req. by Lorraine Beyer
5:00 PM ELIZABETH & MICHAEL SIVULICH, Req. by Bill & Teddy Slavoski

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 21

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

9:00 AM ROBERT BESSER, Req. by Wife & Family
11:30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

ALTAR FLOWERS

for this week are in memory of

SUE CRINO & MARION MASON

Requested by Children



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

May 14 - 21

5/14 - Acts 6: 1-7/1 Pt2: 4-9/Jn 14: 1-12
5/15 - Acts 14: 5-18/Jn 14: 21-26
5/16 - Acts 14: 19-28/Jn 14: 27-31a
5/17 - Acts 15: 1-6/Jn 15: 1-8
5/18 - Acts 15: 7-21/Jn 15: 9-11
5/19 - Acts 15: 22-31/Jn 15: 12-17
5/20 - Acts 16: 1-10/Jn 15: 18-21
5/21 - Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3: 15-18/Jn 14: 15-21



► 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, Nancy Stillman-Pender, Elizabeth Koznowicz, Garrett Barone.

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Jadwiga Balacky, Daniel Gala, Estelle Raucci, and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

ANTONIO MONTUORI

Requested by Wife & Family

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

GIOVANNA ESPOSITO

Requested by Son & Family



SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns for in memory of

THE DECEASED MOTHERS OF OUR PARISH

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: MAY 13-14

5:00 PM - O. Markus, J. Gaffney, T. Figueiredo
9:00 AM - M. Brignol, H. Brignol, C. Butrico
11:30 AM - A. Ortega, G. Ruzicka, G. Delacruz



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 MAY 7, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 11,253.00	\$ 10,469.80
Loose:	\$ 1,441.00	\$ 1,434.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,832.00	\$ 2,831.00
Totals:	\$ 15,526.00	\$ 14,734.80
Easter:	\$ 20,999.00	\$ 20,579.00

► Major Repairs & Renovations to Date – \$123,460

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: "The true challenge of a marathon is not to beat the competition but to beat the race. There are many winners in a marathon because there are many people who have done their best. The same is true for being a Christian Steward. Stewardship is based on knowing you've done your best. "Whatever you do, do all for the glory of God." (1Corinthians 10:31). Results are only a part of being a steward. The importance lies in the way talent, skills and knowledge are used and if the work is characterized by persistence, integrity and love." — Cathedral of St Francis of Assisi, Metuchen NJ - bulletin

MONTHLY ANALYSIS FOR APRIL 2017

Weekly Collections	\$ 51,475.00
On-Line Giving	10,238.00
Easter	20,946.00
Holy Day	60.00
Gifts	200.00
Offerings (Funerals/Weddings)	8,303.00
Religious Education Fees 2015-16	1,752.00
National/Missionary Diocesan Appeals	4,539.00
Major Renovations & Repairs	4,324.00
Other	503.00
Total Income	\$102,340.00

Salaries	\$ 32,016.00
Benefits	5,776.00
Social Security (FICA)-Employer	2,017.00
Utilities	5,619.00
Repairs & Maintenance	12,418.00
Administrative Costs	7,557.00
Religious Education Expenses	291.00
Diocesan Assessment	12,000.00
Shared Facility Costs (Holy Savior Acad.)	1,329.00
National/Missionary Diocesan Appeals	4,539.00
Reserve for Capital Improvements	15,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 98,562.00

► Income Higher Than Expenses \$ 3,778.00

THIS WEEKEND - May 13-14, our parish will participate in a national collection for **THE TRINITY DOME** to complete the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** in Washington, DC, before its 100th anniversary. Become a part of Mary's Shrine and help to bring to completion our church! Envelopes and prayer booklets are available in the entrances of the church.

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

Just as important as our financial goal of \$7 million is our non-monetary goal of 100% participation. The Appeal is more than just a request for financial contributions; it is an invitation to witness to our faith and to share concretely in the mission of the Church throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. If you have already made a gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal, thank you. If you haven't yet made your gift, it's not too late.

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: \$101,238 - GOAL: \$89,000

Thank you to the 441 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: \$7,497,651

Paid: \$6,254,477 Donors: 24,478

% Pledged to Goal: 107.11%

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



Wedding Banns

First Time: Huy Nguyen & Pamela Bui

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.**



Respect for Life

"The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body."

— Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

COMMUNION BREAKFAST - Come enjoy a morning of women's fellowship ... and bring a friend. Join the **Rosary Altar Society** members on Sunday, June 4, following the 9:00AM Mass at Sherban's Diner, 222 Front Street, South Plainfield.

Full Breakfast Buffet, \$22 per person. Reservations & details: Call — Virginia, (908) 561-1550 or Helen, (908) 754-6632.



SISTERS OF MERCY TREASURE CHEST RAFFLE - The 2017 drawing for the Sisters of Mercy Treasure Chest Raffle will take place on May 21 at 3:00PM at Mt. St. Mary. Tickets for this annual raffle can be purchased now from Sr. Nadine at the parish center/convent during our working hours. Sister will be available for ticket sales on **May 13-14** after all the Masses. Tickets are \$25. We are most grateful for your continued support for our infirmed and retired Sisters. — *Blessings, Sr. Nadine*

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**



SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

January–March 2017 — Quarterly Report

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support to those in need from our parish family. Your generosity allows us to continue to serve the most needy and to be a living example of Mercy.

With your gifts we were able to assist, on a monthly basis, 29 families with food and financial aid. During the past quarter our food pantry has been well stocked with continuous donations of food from parishioners and other residents (464 bags). We distributed **500 bags of food** to families in need. We assisted families with financial help (\$6,440.00), and over \$1,815.00 in gift cards for perishable food, clothing, and other personal needs. Please note:

- ❖ In February students from St. Joseph High School donated 217 bags of food.
- ❖ Social Concerns Ministry also supported the *God's Special People's* luncheon in February.
- ❖ Thank you to Holy Savior Academy's Brownie Troop 65402 for over 40 bags of food.
- ❖ Reimbursements from Catholic Charities: \$1500.00. (Part of your donations to the Bishop's Annual Appeal and Catholic Charities does come back to the parish)

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 the doors of the Church. Also, at all doors, bins are provided for your donations of non-perishable food items.

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 – May 14

If you were to describe to someone your life as a disciple of Christ, what evidence could you provide?

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.

Do you enjoy working with children? Can you share your faith? Volunteer teachers are needed for Summer Session 2017, July 10-21, 8:30AM-Noon. **We need teachers for grades 5, 6 & 7.** Please call Louise Timko 908-756-0633, x143 or religiouseducation@churchofthesacredheart.net.



Holy Savior Academy

THE MIDDLEBROOK DEANERY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Where academic excellence & Christ's presence come together

149 SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE, P.O. BOX 1179
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080

908-822-5890 — HOLYSAVIORACADEMY.COM

MRS. CAROL WOODBURN, PRINCIPAL

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

OPEN HOUSE : Wednesday, May 17, 6:00-8:00PM & Saturday, May 20, 10:00AM - Noon

HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY MARIAN MAY CROWNING

All are invited to join the students of Holy Savior Academy as they crown the statue of the Blessed Mother at the grotto in front of the church on Tuesday, May 16 at 8:30AM.



SAND'S CASINO BUS TRIP - Saturday, May 20. Departing from Holy Savior Academy at 11:00AM and returning to the school by 7:00PM. \$45 (includes \$20 in slot play and \$5 food voucher). Call Coach Ty 908-397-4453 for tickets.

HOLY REDEEMER CEMETERY



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908-822-5892

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)

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.

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: 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.

LGBT PILGRIMAGE TO SACRED HEART BASILICA IN NEWARK, NJ

With the blessings and best wishes of His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Tobin, CSs.R, Archbishop of Newark, please join members of the Catholic LGBT community and their families for 3:30PM Mass celebrated by the Rev. Francis Gargani, C.Ss.R. in the Lady Chapel of the basilica on **Sunday, May 21**. After Mass, tour this historic building which was elevated to a minor basilica by Pope John Paul II when he visited it in 1995. **RSVP** sacredheartigi@gmail.com.

THIS IS OUR FAITH

Stewardship of Time and Talent

— GOD'S YARDSTICK —

This weekend we have our parish ministries fair – allowing you to identify how you might use your time and talents for the glory of God and the well-being of our parish, world, and neighbor.

God's plan for using our time and talents is made clear in two parts of St. Matthew's Gospel. Ironically, one is called the "Parable of the Talents", MT 25:14–30. Briefly, a man goes on a journey. He calls in three of his servants and gives them different amounts of money, the denomination just happens to be called a Talent (75 pounds of silver). To one servant he gives five talents, to another two, and to the third, one talent. The two servants who receive the five and two talents invest them and double the money. When the master returns he commends them for being faithful in small matters and lets them keep the money. But the servant who received the one talent buried it. The master returns and this servant gives him the one talent back, and says I was afraid of using it since I did not want to lose it. Jesus has the master say to that servant, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

Wow, Jesus made His point in that parable, but the gospel writer, just to make clear that God wants us to use the gifts He has given us for his glory and service to our neighbor and world, places "The Judgment of the Nations" in the very next section of Matthew's gospel, 25:31-46. There Jesus says "When the Son of Man comes in His glory ... He will place the sheep on His right and the goats on His left. Then the king will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink' etc. "Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger, or naked or ill or in prison and you did not care for me, Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for Me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."



Jesus is calling and leading; Lord, help us to trust and follow You.

— Ralph Quaglia, Parish Life Coordinator

FEAST OF SAINT ANTHONY - Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 908 Hamilton Blvd., will have its annual Feast of Saint Anthony from **June 6-10**. The feast will be open from 6:00-11:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday, and 1:00-11:00PM, Saturday. All are invited to have some family fun and enjoy the rides, games, and fabulous specialty food items.



The Feast of St. Anthony committee greatly appreciates all of the help and support we receive. If you would like to help you can volunteers on <http://signup.com/go/APSv46> or contact Dawn Tomei 732-688-7438. All volunteers are invited to a celebration dinner on June 23, at 7:00PM, in the hall.



HAIL MARY,
full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

HOLY MARY, *mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.*
AMEN.

Loving God & Father, bless these women whom we call Mother. As you once called Mary of Nazareth to be the mother of your son Jesus Christ, send too the Holy Spirit upon our mothers to guard and guide them, to support and inspire them. Rekindle in them the fire of your love each and every day. We thank you for them, and thank them for the gifts of life and faith which they have shared with us.

God bless you Mom!

THANK YOU to Georgette Cochran of **Mohn's Flowers & Fancy Foods** for supplying the cookies and fancy bags for our special Mother's Day Gift Bags.

THANK YOU to the Publishers of **The Magnificat, The Word Among Us,** and **Give Us This Day** for the hundreds of free copies of the daily Mass and Meditation booklets donated to us for distribution on this Stewardship Weekend.

*You are called ...
you are gifted ...
what is your response?*

**STEWARDSHIP
is LOVE in action.**



**This month our parish celebrates our
Tithing and Stewardship Renewal.**

Tithing and stewardship is based on the principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus. It is a way of living and of giving thanks to God for all the blessings God has given us by returning to the Lord a portion of time, talent and treasure. It can change the spiritual lives of individuals and the life & focus of an entire parish community.

You are invited to listen and pray. Reflect on how God has blessed you. Discern how God is calling you.

**DRAW NEAR TO THE HEART OF JESUS,
AND DISCOVER WHO YOU ARE.**



**SAVE THE DATE & SHARE THE NEWS - 8th
Annual Sacred Heart Golf Outing**
September 26 at the Metuchen Golf and Country Club. Visit our Golf webpage on churchofthesacredheart.net for updates and registration.

MY STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT COMMITMENT

Please review the *Parish Ministries Guide* for descriptions of each opportunity listed here. Are there ministries not listed here that you would like to see started at our parish and are willing to give your service-time and talent? Are there office and trade skills that you can offer as your Stewardship of Talent?

► **Please complete this form. Check your interests and return this sheet to the baskets provided in church.**

Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cellular _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email Address _____

Best Time to Contact You _____



✿ PARISH MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES ✿

- Adult Altar Servers
- Youth Altar Servers
- Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
- Liturgy of the Word with Children
- Readers of the Word
- Ushers and Greeters
- Adult Choir
- Children's / Youth Choir
- Middles School Hand Bell Choir
- Intergenerational Hand Bell Choir
- Cantors
- Folk Group
- Baptism / Sponsorship Preparation
- RCIA ❖ Adult Confirmation
- Religious Education - Catechists / Aides
- Parish Pastoral & Finance Councils
- Card Ministry
- Funeral Planning
- God's Special People
- Nursing Home Volunteers
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Social Concerns Ministry
- Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick & Homebound
- Community Gardening Project
- Filipino-American Association of Sacred Heart
- Friendly Visitors
- In God's Image - GLBTQ Faith Sharing
- Girl Scouting
- Handmaids of the Lord

- Hospitality Committee
- Information / Technology Ministry
- The Knights of Columbus
- The Columbiettes
- The Squires
- Media / Communications Ministry
- Medical Response Team
- Ministry to Persons with Disabilities
- Parish Archives
- The Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Group
- Rosary Altar Society
- The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

Please list any professional and trade skills which you would offer as your Stewardship of Talent.

ie. carpentry, computer, language, photography, writing, etc.

Other ministries you would like to see and are willing to help organize.

"It is not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." – ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

My Stewardship Commitment



Children are disciples of Jesus too. As a child, I can choose to

- Go to Mass each weekend.
- Pray in the morning and at bedtime.
- Pray before meals.
- Pray for my family and friends.
- Pray for the pope, bishop and priests.
- Help support my parish by being an altar server.
- Help support my parish by being in the choir.
- Support my parish by volunteering when help is needed at parish activities.
- Be kind to my friends and family.
- Be kind to elders.
- Help my parents at home.
- Share my things with others.
- Share my time with a smile.
- Share part of any money I earn or allowance I am given to help others.

I commit myself to doing these things for Jesus.

_____ Name

_____ Signature

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Parents, if your children do not earn an allowance or earn money, please explain to them that stewardship of time and talent is fine.

Please return this commitment form to church on May 21. You can leave it in one of the baskets near the doors of the church or place it in the collection basket.

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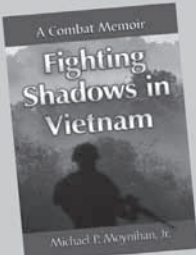


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