



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.

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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, MAY 6

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

— *Good Shepherd Sunday* —
World Day of Prayer for Vocations



SUNDAY, MAY 7

9:00 AM ANN W. MAHONEY, Req. by Family
11:30 AM MIKE KUZIO, Req. by Son Paul

MONDAY, MAY 8

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
7:00 PM PIETRO MANCINO, Req. by Son & Family,
MARYPFEIFER, Req. by Marie Piesche & Eleanore
Disch, MARY TIMKO, Req. by Anita Keller,
DOROTHEA COONEY, Req. by Mary McNerney &
Family, PHILIP SILVERSTEIN, Req. by Tree & Jim
Olano

TUESDAY, MAY 9

9:00 AM CHESTER FUNK, Req. by Angelo DeAndrea

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

ST. DAMIEN de VEUSTER, Priest

9:00 AM VINCENZA DI DONATO, Req. by the Keane Family

THURSDAY, MAY 11

9:00 AM ELEANORE MAGEE, Req. by the Ratti Family

FRIDAY, MAY 12

ST. NEREUS & ST. ACHILLEUS, Martyrs
ST. PANCRAS, Martyr

9:00 AM CLEMENT APPROVATO, Req. by Family

SATURDAY, MAY 13

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

9:00 AM REMEMBRANCE GUILD
5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 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

ALTAR FLOWERS

for this week are in memory of

JOHN & MARY SABO

Requested by the Sabo & Naberezny Families



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

May 7 - 14

5/7 - Acts 2: 14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2: 20b-25/Jn 10: 1-10
5/8 - Acts 11: 1-18/Jn 10: 11-18
5/9 - Acts 11: 19-26/Jn 10: 22-30
5/10 - Acts 12: 24-13: 5a/Jn 12: 44-50
5/11 - Acts 13: 13-25/Jn 13: 16-20
5/12 - Acts 13: 26-33/Jn 14: 1-6
5/13 - Acts 13: 44-52/Jn 14: 7-14
5/14 - Acts 6: 1-7/1 Pt2: 4-9/Jn 14: 1-12



► 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.

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Michael Fabbriatore, and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

ASSUNTA BASSO & GIOVANNA ESPOSITO

Requested by Family

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

JOSÉ FIGUEROA, SR.

Requested by Maryann & Kim Kane



SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: MAY 13-14

5:00 PM - A. Ortega, J. Chavez, H. Brignol
9:00 AM - L. Flannery, F. Flannery, J. Makoski
11:30 AM - T. Figueiredo, S. Sequeira, A. Walker, 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 **APRIL 30, 2017**

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 9,555.00	\$ 11,549.55
Loose:	\$ 1,379.00	\$ 1,958.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,787.00	\$ 2,336.00
Totals:	\$ 13,721.00	\$ 15,843.55
Easter:	\$ 20,814.00	\$ 20,579.00

► **Major Repairs & Renovations to Date – \$120,138**

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "This weekend's gospel passage from St. John reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who calls us into the safety of the flock that He protects. He also calls us to an abundant life that is only possible through His love. The choice is always ours to enter through the gate or not." — Fr. John

SCRIPTURE: "As for you, do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore. All the nations of the world seek for these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek His kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides." — Luke 12:29-31

NEXT 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. Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine has been a century in the making, built by and for the faithful of our great nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States. 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.



THE PARISH CENSUS IS COMING! THE PARISH CENSUS IS COMING!

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.**

Where there's a WILL, there's a way to help your parish with a bequest in your estate planning. Thank you for remembering Sacred Heart Parish.

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.

PLEGGED TO DATE: \$99,898 - GOAL: \$89,000

Thank you to the 436 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: \$7,120,673

Paid: \$5,736,298 Donors: 23,029

% Pledged to Goal: 101.72%

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.

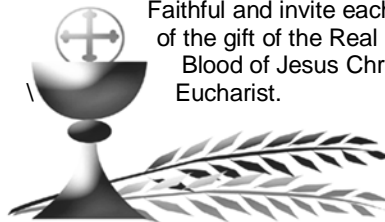
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click [Offices & Ministries](#),

then click [Military and Veteran Families](#) and see

THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES

WE REMEMBER OUR CHILDREN IN PRAYER

who this weekend received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. May their innocent witness renew the hearts of all the Faithful and invite each of us to a deeper appreciation of the gift of the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.



*My Jesus, Bread of Life,
be my strength and guide.*

MAY CROWNING - Join the Rosary Altar Society members for the May crowning following the 7:00PM Mass on Monday, May 8. The monthly business meeting to follow in the Annex. All are welcome to attend.

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 - 8th Annual Sacred Heart Golf Outing
September 26 - Metuchen Golf Club. Visit our Golf webpage on churchofthesacredheart.net for updates and registration.

THANK YOU - to all who contributed clothing and other items to the Saint Joseph High School Campus Ministry Clothing Drive. 5,268 pounds of clothing were collected for a total of \$1,153.60. — Fr. James



Respect for Life

Life Choices "Baby Bottles" -- Please return full or empty bottles by next weekend, May 13-14. Containers are at the parking lot side and South Plainfield Ave. entrances. Thank you and God bless you for your continued support in helping us to assist new mothers and their babies.

YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on June 3, 2017 at the 5:00 PM, Vigil of Pentecost in celebration of the 5th Anniversary of Priesthood of Fr. James E. De Fillipps.



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 also be available for ticket sales on **May 6-7 & 13-14** after all the Masses. Tickets are \$25. Total number of prizes will be ten starting with 25% of all collected funds to . 1%. 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**



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 7

Since Jesus tells us that he is like the gate for his sheep, do you see yourself as a member of the flock? How do you get along with the other sheep? What can you do to strengthen the flock?

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

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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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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 May 10.** 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: You are gifted, You are called!

One of my favorite songs is, *Here I am, Lord*. I still remember when I first heard it. I was at Mass in the early 1980s and there was something about this song that engaged me both in its words and music. I felt that I was speaking to the Lord, and God to me. I loved then, and still do now, the refrain: "Here I am, Lord, I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me..."

As I reflect on my life, there are many times when I have heard the Lord and responded. There have also been times in my life when I have found it hard to say "yes, Lord, I will go." These are the situations where I know what Jesus is calling me to do, but have not said yes, have not given Jesus control of my life. I was stuck in a certain sin, or possibly because I didn't trust Jesus enough to follow. Whatever the reason, I did not say yes to God's call.

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce; then will your barns be filled with plenty, with new wine your vats will overflow.

Proverbs 3: 9-10

This month is "Stewardship Month" here at the Church of the Sacred Heart and Jesus is calling each of us. Stewardship recognizes that we are all blessed in many ways and that these blessings come from God and belong to Him ... our families, our friends, our hopes and dreams, our time, talents and treasure. All these are gifts from God and we are called to use them for God's greater glory in service to our church, our neighbor and the world. This week in particular you heard witness testimony about the stewardship of treasure / financial resources; – God's call for you and I to return 10% to the Lord in service to church, neighbor, world.

Yes, You are gifted; Yes, You are called; We are gifted; We are called. What will be your response?

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with Him? Romans 8:32

Let each one of us promise, as we begin this new week, to reflect on this call to stewardship of the gifts that God has given us. This week in particular let us reflect on God's call to tithe - to give Him the first 10% of our treasure (5% to the Church and 5% to other charities). God calls us to tithe and thereby to trust Him. Reflect on this call this week. And in the words of *Here I am, Lord*, may the Lord help you and me to say, "Here I am Lord, I will go if you lead me!"

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.



Matthew 6:21



For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

MARIAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Hail Mary, full of grace; all generations call you blessed.

Hail Mother of God; when asked by the angel to bear the Son of the Most High, filled with faith, you responded: "Let it be done unto me."

Holy Mother of Jesus, at the wedding feast at Cana, you prompted your Son to perform his first sign. Be with us as we discern our life's work and guide us in the way we are called to follow in the footsteps of your Son.

Holy Mother of the Savior, at the foot of the cross you mourned the death of your only Son. Bless and embrace the loving parents of all priests, deacons, brothers and sisters.

Holy Mother of the Good Shepherd, turn your motherly care to this nation. Intercede for us to the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers to the harvest in this land dedicated to your honor.

Queen of Peace, Mirror of Justice, Health of the Sick, inspire vocations in our time. Let the word of your Son be made flesh anew in the lives of persons anxious to proclaim the good news of everlasting life. **Amen.**

*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.**

Congratulations to the Girls & Boys of our 2017 First Communion Class

Thank you to our Sacred Heart Parish Religious Education Catechists
and Holy Savior Academy Teachers
for your faith and love, perseverance and dedication.

With gratitude we especially recognize the organization and leadership of

Mrs. Louise Timko and Mrs. Carol Woodburn



Richard Adenau
Gavin Anderson
Chloe Angeles
Daniel Cassio
Jack Chapman
Emma Cicarella
Carly Collier
Christopher Czuba
Connor DaCruz
Brandon DeGeronimo
Mariana Dellipoali
Benjamin DeLucca
Noah Dennis
Trace Donnelly
Madison Droge
Kelsey Edmondson
GraceAnne Farrell
Ava Faustini
Gail Fernandes
Julian Ferreira

Clare Ferraro
Justin Flores
Riley Fuentes
Meagan Gaffney
Vincent Gerardo
Alexandra German
Matthew Gregov
Braydon Grier
Steffen Hettiarachchi
Kyla Hunter
Rylee King
Gino Leonardis
Taryn Lodato
Christopher Loniewski
Emily Maren
Melanie Mejia
Victoria Melick
Alana Mercado-Kwong
Nora Naser
Joelle Nasser

Dylan Nicolay
Ethan O'Brien
Vanessa Paragano
Cassandra Penny
John Pignataro
Allison Porga
Marlena Rasmussen
Madison Rayside
Enzo Romero
Victoria Romero
Carly Russo
Victoria Sacco
Logan Stoeckel
Domenica Suarez
Isaac Suarez
Xavier Thompson
Aiden Vetesy
Amanda Waldron
Kendal Wasilewski
Christyann White
Kayla Wyber

**“God the Father, through the Virgin Mary’s child, has brought joy to all Christian parents,
as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May God bless the parents of these children.**

They thank God for the gift of their children.

May they be one with them in thanking God forever in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.”

ADAPTED FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC RITE OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

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

Parent Name

Parent Signature

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.



Jesus The Good Shepherd

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Good Shepherd. We pray that young men and women from this parish family may hear Your call and respond to it to serve the Church of Metuchen as holy priests and religious. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call Your people to respond to the presence of Your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus Christ, we may all be reconciled to God, announce the glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free, and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

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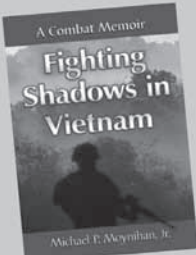
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