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.

**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.
FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK, especially:

FOR THOSE IN HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES, especially:
Bert Gartland, Lorraine Kick, Anna Marie Gladysz, John Bertucci, Gwen Bullock, Bill Keenan, Chuck Pender, Fred Brisebois.

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

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 21-22
5:00 PM - L. Policarpio, Z. Policarpio, J. DeCastro, J. Makoski
6:45 PM - H. Brignol, C. Butrico
7:00 PM - F. Flannery, L. Flannery, J. Gaffney
11/17 - 2 Mc 6: 18-31/Lk 19: 1-10
11/18 - 2 Mc 7: 1, 20-31/Lk 19: 11-28
11/19 - 1 Mc 2: 15-29/Lk 19: 41-44
11/20 - 1 Mc 4: 36-37, 52-59/Lk 19: 45-48
11/22 - Dn 7: 13-14/Rv 1: 5-8/Jn 18: 33b-37

If the Mass intention is for a family member or friend, you are invited to bring the Gifts of Bread & Wine forward at the Offertory. Let the ushers know before Mass begins.

STEVE CONLON
October 20, 2023
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 November 1, 2015**

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**Maintenance & Repairs to Date — $52,573.00**

**PASTOR’S COMMENT:** “The Church year is quickly coming to an end. Thank you to so many of you who don’t waste a moment to help and share, giving of your time and financial support. God knows your sacrifice and commitment. I trust that God’s generous return to you will be unsurpassed.” — Fr. John

**SCRIPTURE:** "He who supplies seed for the sower and bread for the eater will provide in abundance; he will multiply the seed you sow and increase your generous yield." - 2 Corinthians 9:10.

**COMMENT:** "The real secret of happiness is not what you have or what you receive; it's what you share.”

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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.

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**NEXT WEEKEND** - November 21-22, we will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your support will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of society. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church for your use. Want to know more? See www.povetyusa.org.

**MONTHLY ANALYSIS FOR OCTOBER 2015**

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**YOUR FINANCIAL LEGACY — TODAY and TOMORROW**

Sponsored by the Church of the Sacred Heart, **Wednesday, November 18, 12 Noon at The Knights of Columbus Hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield, NJ. Coffee and refreshments served. Seating is limited. RSVP by November 15. Call: 908-756-0633 x114 or Email: jbufis1@comcast.net**

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**Grace, Mercy and Peace**

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**Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal helps your neighbor in need. Please consider making your gift today.**

**PLEDGED TO DATE: $36,223 - GOAL: $80,200**
One long ago day at a Washington, D.C. Prayer Breakfast, a tiny nun proclaimed these words to those in high positions of power: “if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? On that day, Mother Theresa of Calcutta captured the essence of love - respect all human life.

Respect for Life

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NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE - will be selling raffle tickets at the parking lot entrance of the church this weekend. Please stop by and show your Pro-Life support!

SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

Serving the Community of Sacred Heart Parish and South Plainfield

Thanksgiving Donations

Donations of turkeys are still needed. Turkeys can be dropped off during regular Parish Center office hours this week. If you need assistance this Thanksgiving, please allow us to help. Call Sacred Heart Social Concerns anytime at 908-756-0633, ext. 112.

Our primary source of funding is from monetary donations placed in 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 and God bless you for your continued support of those in need in our midst.

Email: socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

50th Anniversary Spaghetti Dinner: As we conclude our Parish Jubilee celebration, please join us for a complementary spaghetti dinner in the Holy Savior Academy Cafeteria, on Saturday, November 21, from 6:00PM-9:00PM. Dinner includes spaghetti & meatballs, Italian bread, coffee, tea, punch and dessert. Invitations are included with the raffle ticket booklets that you should have received in the mail. Please be sure to RSVP as soon as possible as space is limited.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD ECUMENICAL Thanksgiving Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 — 7:30PM CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Join your brothers and sisters from town as we gather to pray and give thanks to God. Please bring canned foods/ dry goods as an offering.

Thank You - The 2016 Breaking Bread Books will be ready for use the weekend of November 28-29, thanks to Sue Bolton, Denise Figueroa, Carol Galinsky and Bella Nappe, who covered all our missalettes. I am grateful for their time preparing the books for our use. — Blessings and peace, Sr. Nadine

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.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC - A Dynamic Catholic is an individual who consciously practices his/her faith in areas of Prayer, Study, Generosity and Evangelization.

► How were you a Dynamic Catholic this week?
► Did you make the best version of yourself?

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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.

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 of the church.

► If you are moving, please notify Lisa at the parish office so we can keep our parishioner records current. Thank you!
“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”
Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CONNECTIONS PROGRAM - is currently seeking volunteers for the Connections Program. This program provides positive adult role models for children who have suffered loss or who have special needs. If you have a minimum of three hours a week to offer a child, like having fun, enjoy being a positive role model, and want to make a difference in a child’s life, call Jeanette Cullen 732-738-1323 or for more information email: jcullen@ccdom.org

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Every Wednesday the school, located at 149 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, will open its doors for Welcome Wednesday from 9:00AM to 1:00PM to anyone wanting to tour the facility.

Holy Savior Academy uses technology as an integral part of learning with an emphasis on science, math and religion. The school offers an active athletic program, including cheerleading, and financial aid for qualifying families. To learn more, come to our open house, visit our website, www.holysavioracademy.com or call 908-822-5890.

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). The next gathering will be on Wednesday, December 9. For more information any time, contact Fr. John at x125 and look for the IGI icon on the parish website. All are invited to view and share the video presentation at OwningOurFaith.com.

SUSTAINABILITY TIP: Concerned about holiday waste and all the stuff being purchased? Buy your loved ones upcycled gifts — unique products made from reclaimed and recycled materials. You’ll show both your family and the Earth that you care. See “green” ideas at www.greenamerica.org
**THIS IS OUR FAITH**

This is Our Church

As we approach our 50th Jubilee Anniversary of our Church building next weekend, November 21, we offer some interesting Church facts:

† At the turn of the 20th century, there were twenty Catholic families living in South Plainfield. Today, the Church of the Sacred Heart has 2,122 parish families registered.

† We began as a mission Church to St. John the Evangelist Church in Dunellen. On August 22, 1905 we were officially incorporated as “The Church of the Sacred Heart.” In 1909 we were raised to the status of a parish, with Rev. John F. Baldwin appointed as the first pastor. Rev. John P. Alvarado is the 12th pastor. Fr. Baldwin was the longest serving pastor (20 years) and Fr. Sico the second longest serving with 17 years.

† The Church is built of buff-colored brick and Indiana cut limestone in a modified Gothic design.

† The vestibule of the Church (the main entrance) is finished with terrazzo floors and marble walls.

† The Sanctuary floors are terrazzo and the main altar and the two side altars are of carved marble imported from Italy. The communion rail is also made of marble.

† The stained glass windows on the Sacred Heart side of the Church, depict the Seven Sacraments; the stained glass windows on the Blessed Mother side depict the Seven Joys of the Blessed Mother.

† In the Sanctuary, there are eight windows (which can be difficult to see) four on each side. The Sacristy side illustrates the Four Evangelists - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; on the opposite side the four windows are of the four Latin Doctors of the Church – St. Augustine, St. Ambrose, St. Gregory and St. Jerome.

† The large rose-window above the arched doorway has Jesus, the Lamb of God, at its center, surrounded by the twelve Apostles.

But the greatest treasure of the Church is YOU, our parishioners! We hope to see you at the 5:00PM Mass, next weekend, November 21, with Bishop Bootkoski presiding. The celebration continues with a complimentary dinner following the Mass, in the school cafeteria.

Last chance to RSVP is THIS weekend.
Call Nancy Pender 908-561-5917

PAPAL QUOTE AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - "Increasing reliance on the death penalty diminishes us and is a sign of growing disrespect for human life. We cannot overcome crime by simply executing criminals, nor can we restore the lives of the innocent by ending the lives of those convicted of their murders. The death penalty offers the tragic illusion that we can defend life by taking life." (A Good Friday Appeal to End the Death Penalty - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - USCCB - 1999.)

Note: On December 17, 2007, New Jersey became the 14th state without a death penalty and the first state to abolish it by legislative action rather than by judicial decision. The death penalty is currently illegal in 19 States, including DC.

**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:**

at any point during the year, our RCIA program is open to newcomers. Catholics needing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation or non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic. All are welcome! Please contact Louise Timko at 908-756-0633 x143 or Lt@churchofthesacredheart.net

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

**WHAT IS YOUR VISION OF THE FUTURE CHURCH?**

We have been celebrating throughout this past year our 50 years as Church, both as Building and Community. We have created a Vision Wall collecting your personal idea(s) of what our Church of the future may look like. At the parking lot entrance of the church, you will find the vision board. Please use this board to share your vision. Perhaps your vision will celebrate what we are and have been in the past, or perhaps you may see or hope for something beyond what we are now. For inspiration you may want to revisit some of the collages of the past displayed in our foyers, or have you seen our archives yet? Arrange an appointment with Sr. Kathleen or Sr. Nadine to experience this informative and exciting exhibition of our past.

Together we are "Building on a Firm Foundation … more to come.

**HOW CAN WE HELP SYRIAN REFUGEES?**

There is an “only one toothbrush” campaign that we can take part in. This sounds like a little thing, but it is something we can easily do. This toothbrush collection is being organized by the company Verasoni Worldwide. Their goal is to deliver 100,000 toothbrushes to the Syrian refugees in Germany. They are currently working with local NGO's (non-governmental organizations) to distribute the toothbrushes to the refugees once they arrive in Germany. If you would like to donate a NEW packaged toothbrush to this effort, there will be designated baskets in the foyers of Church for this collection. (“Soft” toothbrushes are recommended.) We will collect them for the next two weeks, ending the collection the weekend of November 21-22 - our 50th Jubilee weekend, the Feast of Christ the King. If you would like more information about this campaign go to the website: onlyonetoothbrush.com. — Sr. Kathleen

**VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE!**

See http://www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net and click on the PARISH CALENDAR

**VISIT THE Diocesan WeBsite At**

www.diometuchen.org

► And don’t forget to “like” us on FACEBOOK

The Church of the Sacred Heart

**THE ORCHESTRA OF ST. PETER BY THE SEA CONCERT DATES** - Sunday, December 13, at 3:00PM, Immaculate Conception, 316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale. Call 908-755-7319.

Sunday, December 20, at 2:00PM, at the Somerset County Vocational & Technical School, Bridgewater. Sponsored by St. Ann Parish in Raritan, advanced tickets are available by calling 908-725-1008 x104.
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