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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

■ **EUCCHARISTIC 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, NOVEMBER 19

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 AM ANDREW & MARY VICARI, Req. by Son Anthony & Grandsons David, Angelo & John

11:30 AM ANTHONY & PATRICIA POMPILIO, Req. by Anthony & Cathy Pompilio & Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary

6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction

7:00 PM RON EODICE, Req. by Family, DIETER HOLLAIN, Req. by Joan Bechtle, DEACON JOE STANCZAK, Req. by Anita Keller & Lorraine Beyer, CAROL GENSHEIMER, Req. by Sandy Romasz & Val Genova, LIDIA NAZAROW, Req. by Stasi Schoonover

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

ST. CECILIA, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 AM CHARLES MAHONEY, Req. by Barbara & Meghan Murphy

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

ST. CLEMENT I, Pope & Martyr and ST. COLUMBAN, Abbot BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO, Priest & Martyr

9:00 AM EDWARD & JULIA OWSIK, Req. by Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC, Priest & COMPANIONS, Martyrs and

Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM CONO NASO, Req. by Wife & Children

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 AM PATRICK G. DUNBAR, Req. by Mother & Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 AM DIETER HOLLAIN, Req. by Eleanore Disch, ANGEL & PURA ACAB, Req. by Family, MOMMY APING, Req. by Family,

OSKAR SISA, Req. by Deacon Jerry Romero

5:00 PM GUIDO ABBRUZZESE JR., Req. by Father, Guido

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The New Church Year Begins

9:00 AM JOHN F. McNERNEY, Req. by Children & Grandchildren

11:30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

November 20 - 27

11/20 - 2 Sm 5: 1-3/Col 1: 12-20/Lk 23: 35-43

11/21 - Rv 14: 1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21: 1-4

11/22 - Rv 14: 14-19/Lk 21: 5-11

11/23 - Rv 15: 1-4/Lk 21: 12-19

11/24 - Sir 50: 22-24/1 Cor 1: 3-9/Lk 17: 11-19

11/25 - Rv 20: 1-4, 11-21: 2/Lk 21: 29-33

11/26 - Rv 22: 1-7/Lk 21: 34-36

11/27 - Is 2: 1-5/Rom 13: 11-14/Mt 24: 37-44



► 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, Dot Cooney, Alyssa Ricciardi, Margaret Nichuck, Tina Bernauer, Kathleen Poliquin, Thomas Buttery, Cathy Gary, Cheryl O'Brien, Hank Loeffler, Thomas Heim, Peter Romano, Patricia Lacasale, Margaret Smith, William Blair, Albertina Aguilar, Ed Curtin, Maryann Santoro, Arthur Pinana, Ann Marie Lauten, Nick Vargo, Elizabeth Vargo, Edward Owsik, Kathy Keenan, Barbara Calderoney.

FOR THOSE IN HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES, especially: Bert Gartland, Lorraine Kick, Anna Marie Gladysz, Chuck Pender, Wilma Zielinski, George Ripley, Bill Keenan.

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

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

RON EODICE

Requested by Family

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

RITA M. DE JESUS

Requested by Maria McDermott & Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

GLORIA ELKO

Requested by Son & Family



ALTAR FLOWERS

for this week are in thanksgiving for God's blessings

REQUESTED BY THE TOWEY FAMILY



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 13, 2016

	2016	2015
Envelopes:	\$ 9,178.00	\$ 11,172.00
Loose:	\$ 2,006.00	\$ 1,798.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 2,483.00
Totals:	\$ 13,644.00	\$ 15,453.00

Major Repairs & Renovations to Date – \$106,671

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe is the Servant King Who calls us to be faithful and generous stewards of the God-given gifts entrusted to each of us. These gifts are as varied and numerous as are we who are called to be one in the living Body of Christ." — Fr. John

SCRIPTURE: "and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." — Matthew 2:11

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: "My seventeen-year old daughter came home from Mass on Sunday morning and announced to the family that she was going to tithe. A high school senior with a part-time job, she's willing to make a sacrificial offering!" — A parent, Assumption Parish, Roselle Park, NJ

What will you give back to God from the blessings you have received?

How much of your personal finances do you already do online? **SACRED HEART CHURCH OFFERS ONLINE GIVING**

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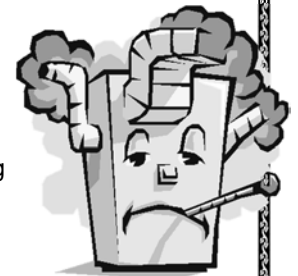
THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, NOV. 24 & FRIDAY, NOV. 25 FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

THIS WEEKEND - We are invited to 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. Your support will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of society. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. www.povertyusa.org.



So what's happening with the \$\$\$ from the Major Repairs and Renovations Collection?

It has been just over two years since we began this monthly collection with the primary goal of a new church boiler and funding major repair projects. The \$ figure has been growing steadily but we can't realistically move on the boiler until we have a least \$150,000 in place. We need to continue saving but there are numerous other projects, some requiring immediate attention. Monies have recently been used to meet several immediate tasks. Hopefully you have noticed that there are now



emergency exit lights at all of the interior church exits to comply with state and federal fire code and emergency regulations. This is not optional. **Deduct: \$5,000.**

The Parish Office/Convent building roof required drainage repair and new construction work to correct long-standing, ponding water causing internal and external building damage. **Deduct: \$1,580.00.**

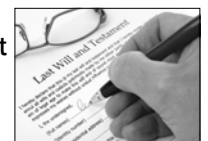
The Parish Office/Convent building roof required additional preventative maintenance repairs. **Deduct: \$875.00.**

Similar preventative maintenance repairs were necessary at the school building, the cost being split 50/50 between the Parish and Holy Savior Academy. **Deduct: \$437.50.**

Please note that the updated total is now **\$98,778.50.** Thank you for your continued generosity and dedication. May we continue to move ahead, accomplishing our primary goal and other necessary repair work. Fr. John

► Have you included your parish in your estate planning and in your Will?

Remember the Church of the Sacred Heart in life & in death. Please call and speak with Jim Bufis at the Parish Office (908-756-0633 x114) about your legacy gift to your parish.



WE PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Especially for our parishioners



Army Captain Cheryl Hoh, Pharm D

Spc. Erik Sienkiewicz - US Army / Iraq

Psc. Amanda Marie Morales - US Navy

Marine Corp. Troy A. Benson/Japan

Pvt. Alterreek Booker - US Army/KY

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LCdr. Edward Quaranta/ US Reserves

Lt. Col. Dirk H. Smith/US Army, Washington, DC

LCpl. Quinn Cochrane/US Marines, No. Carolina

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click [Offices & Ministries](#),
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SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Advent Giving Tree

As in the past, the parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish have been most generous, especially during difficult economic times. We continue to need your support to help those in need from our community. During Advent, many people despair over the commercialism of Christmas. But, long before television began blasting news of pre-Christmas sales, people have given gifts to each other at Christmas time. We love to give gifts. We love to be surprised, and to surprise. Perhaps, gift giving at Christmas persists not because of commercialism but in spite of it. Gift-giving can be a joy-filled experience that reflects Christianity, not commodity.

Our **Advent Giving Tree** gives you the opportunity to experience that feeling of "joyful giving" by taking an ornament to help the poorest members of God's family. Monetary Gift Cards are needed from local stores (Shop-Rite, Acme, Aldi's, Stop & Shop, Target, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, etc.) in denominations of \$10, \$15, \$25. Gift Cards can be returned to the Poor Boxes located at the entrances of the Church or to the Parish Center.

Special thanks to the Girl Scouts for crafting the ornaments & decorating the two Advent Giving Trees in the front church foyer and up-front at St. Joseph's statue.

Also, a **special thanks to the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts** of South Plainfield for another tremendous food drive the past two weekends. The residents of South Plainfield donated nearly 600 bags of food for the Sacred Heart Social Concerns Food Pantry.

If you know of families in need for the holidays, please encourage them to call 908-756-0633, x112, Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 9:00AM & 11:00AM.

Email: socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: NOV. 26-27

5:00 PM - T. Figueriedo, E. Dodge, J. Makoski

9:00 AM - C. Butrico, O. Markus

11:30 AM - A. Walker, Z. Policarpio, G. Delacruz



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.

THIS SUNDAY - As part of the closing
of the Year of Mercy, **ALL are invited to a**
Complementary Parish Breakfast in the
Holy Savior Academy Cafeteria **TODAY**
Sunday, November 20, after the 9:00AM
Mass. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon
sausage, danish, juice, coffee, tea, & more.



SOUTH PLAINFIELD ECUMENICAL

Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 22 - 7:00PM

Wesley United Methodist Church
1500 Plainfield Avenue, So. Plainfield

Join your brothers & sisters from town as we
gather to pray and give thanks to God. Please
bring canned food/dry goods as a food

offering or you may choose to give a monetary offering, or both.
These will benefit our South Plainfield Food Pantry and the homeless
in our midst.

*A simple dessert or beverage to share with neighbors for the
fellowship to follow will be most appreciated.*

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS —

The traditional
Christmas Wafer, **OPLATKI**, is
available for \$2.00 after Mass at the
Church and at the Parish Center.



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*

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Everyone hears the Sunday Scripture readings proclaimed, but do we take time to think about their meaning in our lives?

► **QUESTION OF THE WEEK – November 20**

What kind of king were some Israelites expecting? How would Jesus' kingdom differ from their expectations? What are you expecting?

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 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.



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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 Christmas gathering will be on December 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.

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

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

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 certificates.**

SPONSOR LETTERS - Canon (Church) Law mandates that a Godparent for Baptism and a Sponsor for Confirmation be an active, Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, is in a valid Catholic marriage (an individual married civilly by a judge, mayor, or divorced and remarried without an annulment is not eligible to act as a sponsor) and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. Please note that we can only write *Letters of Eligibility* for parishioners who meet these criteria.



ANNUAL GIRL SCOUT GATHERING -

The Diocese of Metuchen will hold its annual Girl Scout Gathering on Saturday, December 3, from 9:00AM to 2:30PM at the St. John Neumann Diocesan Center in Piscataway. Junior, Cadette and Senior/Ambassador scouts that participate will complete several activities for their respective Catholic medals: *I Live my Faith* medal for Junior scouts, the *Marian Medal* for Cadettes, *Spirit Alive* for Senior / Ambassador scouts. Girls will be assisted in finding a group for completion of medal requirements and all programs should be completed by April. Registration form is due by November 28. Cost: \$15 will include materials for activities, continental breakfast and lunch (sandwich, chips, drink); those with dietary restrictions may bring their own food. Additional information and registration forms are available on the website for Diocese of Metuchen.

THIS IS OUR FAITH

The Feast of Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King is a relatively new Feast in the Church. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in his Encyclical Letter *Quas Primas* dated December 11, 1925. This encyclical was written in the aftermath of World War I, a time that witnessed the rise of regimes in Europe, which often attempted to assert authority over the Church. The Encyclical and the Feast was in response to the destructive evils of this time. These included the world's increasing secularization and nationalism. The Church had lost its political power and the immorality of the twenties was rampant.

The pope foresaw the dark clouds of the future. He could see that secularism was about to wage war against the Church. In Russia, atheistic Communism was in control. In Mexico, Catholics were on the eve of persecution. Throughout Europe, a virulent anti-Catholicism was ready to attack the Church, These initial attacks on the Church were from the left of the political spectrum, but ultimately Fascism, from the far right, would attack the Church and also throw the world into the Second World War.

Pope Pius XI insisted that only the sovereignty of Christ's Lordship and Kingship over the world was a force powerful enough to overcome such evil and destruction. "...It is necessary that the royal dignity of Our Lord be recognized and accepted as widely as possible. To this end it seems else would help so institution of a special to Christ our King. celebration of the mysteries is more informing people and in bringing the spiritual life pronouncements of the teaching Church. Documents are often read only by a few learned men; feasts move and teach all the faithful. ...The former bring a saving touch to the intellect; the latter influence not only the mind, but the heart and man's whole nature".



Pope Pius hoped the institution of the feast would lead to a realization that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state (*Quas Primas*, 32). He hoped it would have the following influence on us, the Laity.

"The faithful, moreover, by meditating upon these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal. If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God."

But the power for this Feast of Christ the King is also needed today! In many ways the current situation in our country and the world, the fighting between the political Right and Left, the rise of Nationalism, and the prevalence of Secularism, is reminiscent of the one faced by Pope Pius XI. May we each allow Jesus to reign in our hearts and through our actions dwell in our families, countries and world! Amen.



FR. JOHN RECEIVES 2016 GOLF OUTING CHECK — This year's parish Golf Outing took in \$17,000 in profits to benefit Catholic Education for our parish youth and funding for parish technology and systems operations. Pictured are Parish Business Administrator, Paul Lorange, Fr. John and Golf Outing Committee Chairman, Manuel Sanchez.

This year's Golf Outing was held locally at the Metuchen Golf and Country Club on September 27, 2016. Thank you to our great volunteers and participants alike!

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

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