



Church of the

SACRED HEART

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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, SEPTEMBER 16

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 AM SECONDO & MARIA POLETTI & LUIGI FRAGASSI, Req. by Family

11:30 AM JOHN BURGHARDT, Req. by Daughter Lynda

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Healing Mass

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary

6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction

7:00 PM WARDELL ROBERTS, Req. by Wife & Family, SERAFINA MARQUEZ, Req. by the Reba Family, THERESA DE PASQUALE, Req. by Lou & Maryann Ronzo, HELEN DEMICCO, Req. by Carla Hoffmann, PEG HOGAN, Req. by Bill & Pat Butrico

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

ST. JANUARIUS, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 AM BOB DALLAS, Req. by Lou, Maryann & Jenn Ronzo

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

ST. ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, Priest

ST. PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS, Martyrs

9:00 AM SUE CRINO & MARION MASON, Req. by Children

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

ST. MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist

9:00 AM CARMEN DE FILLIPPS (LIVING), Req. by Fr. James

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 AM LEON KOWALSKI, Req. by the Ratti Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, Priest

9:00 AM BERNICE JERONOWITZ, Req. by Husband & Family, STEPHEN D. DOYLE, Req. by Tom, Irene, Thomas & Sharon Donnelly, GUIDO ABBRUZZESE, Req. by the Figueroa & Rodriguez Families,

ELIA MACEREN, Req. by the Members of OLF, JENNIE VANDERGRUFF, Req. by Jean McKimm, HARRY & IRENE COOPER, Req. by Sandy Doyon

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM SALVATORE J. DELLAPERUTE, Req. by Bill & Pat & Family

11:30 AM JOSEPH & KAY STILLMAN, Req. by Daughter Nancy Stillman-Pender



Wedding Banns

Second Time: Matthew Gervasio & Alissa DiCarlo



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

September 17 - 24

9/17 - Sir 27: 30-28:7/Rom 14: 7-9/Mt 18: 21-35

9/18 - 1 Tm 2: 1-8/Lk 7: 1-10

9/19 - 1 Tm 3: 1-13/Lk 7: 11-17

9/20 - 1 Tm 3: 14-16/Lk 7: 31-35

9/21 - Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13/Mt 9: 9-13

9/22 - 1 Tm 6: 2c-12/Lk 8: 1-3

9/23 - 1 Tm 6: 13-16/Lk 8: 4-15

9/24 - Is 55: 6-9/Phil 1: 20c-24, 27a/Mt 20: 1-16a



► 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, 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, Celeste Ginder, George Castagno, Garrett Barone, Barbara Nuber, Judy DiLeo, Rev. Edward Flanagan, Vittorio Razzano, Nick Cocco, Mary Ann Iannitto.

FOR THOSE IN HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES, especially: Bert Gartland, Lorraine Kick, Wilma Zielinski, Bill Keenan, Rev. John Morley, Edward Billian.

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

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

JOHN BURGHARDT

Req. by Daughter Lynda

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

THERESA DI SESSO

Req. by Danielle Lacasale



SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns for

CARMEN DE FILLIPPS

ALTAR FLOWERS

for this week are in memory of

ALLEN MILLWARD

Requested by 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 September 10, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$ 8,872.00	\$ 9,916.00
Loose:	\$ 1,436.00	\$ 2,257.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 1,652.00	\$ 2,475.00
Totals:	\$11,960.00	\$14,648.00

► **Major Repairs & Renovations to Date – \$143,674**

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT: "Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water."

— Proverbs 11:24-25

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: "Once we wrote God into our budget we can no longer withhold payment from Him any more than we can withhold payment from Central Hudson Power Company. And it's far more important to us that God's Light does not go out! As we pay God's bill first, there seems to be more money for all the other bills! Alleluia." — *A parishioner of Good Shepherd and St. Joseph, Rhinebeck, NY*

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.

► Have you included your parish in your Estate Planning & in your Will?

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



ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: SEPT 23-24

5:00 PM - A. Ortega, A. Fallet

9:00 AM - J. Makoski, D. Faustini

11:30 AM - G. Ruzicka, H. Brignol



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED - Serve God and your parish family! Our **Adult Altar Servers** assist at Funeral Masses and our **Youth Servers** (4th grade or higher) assist with weekend Masses, Holy Days, and Weddings (optional). Training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Nadine via email: srnadine@comcast.net. Or call 908-756-0633 x118.

► **There will be a witness testimony for this ministry at all Masses this weekend.**

MONTHLY ANALYSIS FOR AUGUST 2017

Weekly Collections	\$ 43,702.00
On-Line Giving	11,775.00
Holy Day	1,734.00
Gifts	127.00
Offerings (Funerals/Weddings)	6,425.00
Religious Education Fees	1,675.00
Missionary Cooperative Appeal	4,101.00
Major Renovations & Repairs	4,264.00
Other	100.00
Bishop's Annual Appeal Rebate	3,010.00
Total Income	\$ 76,913.00

Salaries	\$ 42,265.00
Benefits	8,316.00
Social Security (FICA)-Employer	2,543.00
Liturgy & Worship	1,150.00
Utilities	4,658.00
Repairs & Maintenance	5,086.00
Administrative Costs	3,314.00
Religious Education Expenses	72.00
Diocesan Assessment	13,136.00
Shared Facility Costs (Holy Savior Academy)	3,885.00
Missionary Cooperative Appeal	4,101.00
Scholarships & Grants	2,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 90,526.00

► Expenses Higher Than Income \$ 13,613.00

THIS WEEKEND - Please support HURRICANE

HARVEY RELIEF, which will provide help to those grieving and displaced persons in Texas. Donations will be accepted by the diocese through **September 30**, who then will forward all monies collected to the Catholic Charities in the dioceses affected by the storm. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.

NEXT WEEKEND - We welcome Rev. Joseph Gosselin, M.S., who will be with us to celebrate Mass and to share with us



UNBOUND

the work of **UNBOUND**, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries. To learn more see the insert in next weekend's

bulletin, call 800-875-6564 or visit www.unbound.org.

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.*

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

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

Pvt. John Fallet Jr. / 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

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Respect for Life

"A truly welcoming society must be a culture of Life ...
We must appreciate the dignity of Life in all its seasons ...
and look toward the day when every child, born and unborn, is
welcome in Life and protected in law." — Gov. George W. Bush

SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

Thank you, and God bless you, for your continued support to those in need from our parish family.

As indicated in previous reports, during the summer months we have a shortage of items on our shelves. The following are always in need: **Jelly, rice, spaghetti sauce, canned tomato products, coffee, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, and other toiletries.** Your generosity, as always, is much appreciated.

If you know of families in need, please have them call 908-756-0633, x112, Mon, Wed, Fri between 9:00 & 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.

socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net



ANNUAL MUM SALE - The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 will be selling the high quality mums in various colors in the parking lot of the church after all Masses the weekends of September 23 & 24, and September 30 & October 1.

For large mum orders, call Gerry Butrico at 908-346-0320 to arrange delivery. Prices are \$7 for 8 inch pots and \$25 for large pots with beautiful blooms. This fundraiser supports the Knights various charitable works. Get them while supplies last and thank you for your support.



THANK YOU - From a grateful heart, I thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity to me on the occasion of my 60th Anniversary as a Sister of Mercy. I am blessed to be a part of the community of Sacred Heart and will keep you in prayer, asking God to bless you with peace, joy and love.

— In Mercy and love, Sr. Nadine

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES - Our **Adult Choir** is in need of **MEN** to balance and augment the sound of the choir.

Even if you are unable to attend every rehearsal or to be at every liturgy, we need your help!

Please consider being a part of this vibrant parish ministry. While we especially need men, "All Are Welcome" - any person high school age or older. The Adult Choir rehearses Thursday evenings from 8:00-9:30PM.



Our Parish **Intergeneration Handbell Choir** will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 21, at 7:00PM, in the church. Any person high school age or older is welcome to join this group. The Intergenerational Bell Choir will ring once a month at Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, 7:00-7:45PM.

The **Youth Handbell Choir** will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 21, at 3:30PM. The Youth Handbell Choir rehearses alternate Thursdays and rings once a month at Sunday Mass.

Our **Youth Choir** resumes rehearsals on Thursday, September 28, at 3:30PM. The choir rehearses on alternate Thursdays and sings once a month at the 9:00AM Mass.



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.



Back by popular demand!

THE ORCHESTRA OF ST. PETER BY THE SEA conducted by Rev. Alphonse Stephenson will be performing here at Church of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, November 26, at 3:00PM.

Tickets are: \$30/Adults, \$25/Seniors, \$15/Students.

For tickets and information please call 908-756-0633 x147 or x110. This concert is sponsored by the Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society. Get your tickets early! They make a great gift as well.

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**



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 Oct. 11.** 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.

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 – September 17

The question of the week is: When you were younger, who showed confidence in your abilities? How can you contribute to encouraging others - younger and older?

NEW: YOUTH MINISTRY! Our first youth ministry meeting is Sunday, September 17 at 3PM in the school. All teens Grades 9 thru 12 are welcome! There'll be food and fun (and some meaningful discussion)!

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.



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Call to schedule a tour today!

REBOOT LIVE! - Hosted by Immaculate Conception Church, 35 Mountain Ave., Somerville, REBOOT LIVE! Is a life-changing event for parish and family featuring internationally acclaimed speaker & author, Chris Stefanik - November 7, from 7:00-9:30PM. We expect this event to sell out fast. Tickets

just \$20! Sign up today. For more information or to purchase your ticket: www.reallifecatholic.com/REBOOT or call 908-725-1112.

OPEN HOUSE - Mother Seton Regional High School, Valley Road, Clark, Sunday, October 22, at 12:30 PM. For 5th to 8th grade girls.

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◆ CEMETERY HOURS ◆

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

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



PARISH TRIP TO IRELAND - Journey with us to the *Emerald Isle* from April 2-11, 2018. Visit Belfast, Armagh, Giant's Causeway, Knock (with Mass), Galway (with Mass), Connemara, Bunratty and Dublin. Brochures are available in the church and at the Parish Center. Join friends and fellow parishioners for the trip of a lifetime. Questions? Call Dan Mahoney 908-756-0633 xt139 or contact Peter's Way Tours 800-225-7662. Deposit not due until September 30.

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*

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 FIRST 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.

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.

THIS IS OUR FAITH

Can God really forgive sins?

Let's make this really simple. Yes, God is all powerful and can do everything, right? Yes, God is all powerful, but sometimes puts constraints on His Power. And in forgiving sins God has put a major constraint on His almighty power.

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches that forgiveness of our sins is contingent on our forgiving others the sins they have committed against us.

"Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." — Mt 18: 34-35

Jesus repeats the same teaching in the "Our Father." Remember, this is the prayer that Jesus taught the Apostles when they asked Him to teach them how to pray. Since prayer is our relationship with God, in the Our Father, the Lord's Prayer, Jesus is trying to make sure He teaches the Apostles, and through them, us, what is essential to having a good relationship with God.

So in the Our Father Jesus teaches us all:

"and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us" — Lk 11:4, Mt 6:12

So can God forgive you your sins? You need to look into your own heart and see what resides there. Is forgiveness in your heart, on your mind and on your lips? Or do your heart, mind and lips harbor anger and resentment.



It is not strange that God requires us to forgive to be forgiven. After all, it is simply an extension of the Law of Love. We are called to love one another, as God has loved us. God the Father sent Jesus to die for our sins and reconcile us to God.

Jesus died on the cross for us because He loves us. God is simply calling us to Love as He does. This may seem impossible at times, but at a minimum we must pray for the grace to forgive. **We fail to forgive and love each other at the peril of our own souls and our own peace!**

— Ralph Quaglia, Parish Life Coordinator

PRAYER FOR THE GRACE TO FORGIVE

Almighty God, You have listened patiently to my concerns and consoled me in times of hardship. Let me remember Your presence and love for me when I am called upon to forgive another person for an unkind word or action. You have shown me how to act, what to say, what to do, and yet I sometimes react in anger and find it difficult to forgive others as You so often have forgiven me. Grant that I may recognize this failing in myself and remember Your words and example whenever I have need of a forgiving spirit. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

*Celebrating the 100th Anniversary
of the Apparitions of Our Lady*

FATIMA, PORTUGAL

May-October 1917-2017

"People must pray the rosary. If people do as I ask, many souls will be converted and there will be peace."



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT - *The Sacred Heart and The Servants of God* prayer groups are sponsoring the 19th annual *Life in the Spirit Seminar* at Holy Savior Academy on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10:00AM to 5:00PM, and Sunday, Oct. 8, from 10:00AM to 4:30PM. Bibles, continental breakfast, lunch and a full program of presentation, witnessing, group discussion, prayer and praise, reconciliation and spiritual renewal are provided. Regardless of where you are spiritually, come and enjoy. The weekend is free of charge; and free-will offerings are graciously accepted. Is the LORD calling you this year? Come and bring a friend.



A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF - The 8 week session will start on Wednesday, September 27, at 7:00PM., in the Parish Center of the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Anyone who has suffered a loss and is in the healing process is welcome. There is no fee but pre-registration is required. Call Jessie 732-895-2563 or Jo 732-548-0100 x225.

YOU'RE INVITED - 2017 **Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner**, Monday, October 16 - The Palace at Somerset Park, 6:30 PM, Cocktails - 7:30 PM, Dinner. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for the 2017 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner where you will hear how American Standard, the well-known plumbing supply company that is part of LIXIL, joined forces with Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen to renovate *Naomi's Way* giving 12 low-income families a safe and attractive place to call their own. The dinner is an opportunity for us to publicly recognize our corporate partners while raising much-needed funds for our less-fortunate neighbors. For dinner reservations and sponsorship opportunities, call 732-562-2438 or visit www.diometuchen.org/champions.

CHAMPIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

50/50 RAFFLE - By entering our Champion 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. The prize for our last year's raffle was over \$28,000 each for two lucky winners. With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each. The drawing is scheduled for Monday, October 16, at the Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner being held at The Palace in Somerset Park. Download a raffle form at www.diometuchen.org/champions or call 732-562-2438.

16TH ANNUAL BLUE MASS - Come pray for those who serve and protect. Bishop James F. Checchio cordially invites all the faithful in the Diocese to join him at the annual Blue Mass to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and towns from across Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset, and Warren counties. Thursday, October 12, at 10:30AM, at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Come to represent your parish and town, to support and pray for all our dedicated local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials and to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to others. For information call 732-562-2463 or visit <http://diometuchen.org/2017-blue-mass>.





**ARE YOU REGISTERED FORRRRRRRRE...
8th Annual Sacred Heart Golf Outing?**

September 26 at the Metuchen Golf & Country Club.
Visit us at churchofthesacredheart.net for updates
and registration.

THE PARISH MINISTRY GUIDE

is available on our parish website:
www.churchofthesacredheart.net.

PARISH UPDATES: If you are now solely using a cell phone, have changed your phone number or address, please call Lisa at 908-756-0633 x110, so we can update your records. We would also like to update our parish data base with e-mail addresses. Email us at admin@churchofthesacredheart.net to have your email address included or to update an email address. Thank you!

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

FIRE UPON THE EARTH: A 'New Evangelization'

Course — Beginning in October the diocese will be offering a **9 month** course at two sites to form people for the mission of evangelization, the St. John Neumann Center, Piscataway and St. Joseph Church, Washington. The classes will take place one Saturday per month from 9:00AM-12:00PM. This course is a basic introduction to the 'New Evangelization' spoken of so often by our popes in recent years. An evangelistic retreat is incorporated into the content as well as different methods and practical tools available for use in the mission of evangelization *Fire Upon the Earth* is open to anyone who wants to understand what evangelization is and can commit to a 3 hour class once a month from September/October through May/June. For parish evangelization team members, catechists, adult faith formation leaders, parish council members, priests, deacons and all those interested in fulfilling their baptismal call to spread the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the earth are invited to participate.

Registration is required. For more information go to: www.diometuchen.org/evangelization or contact the Office of Evangelization at evangelization@diometuchen.org or 732-562-2469.

YOU ARE INVITED - To attend the **Filipino-American Association of Sacred Heart's 27th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Dance and Fundraiser.**

Saturday, October 28, from 7:00- 11:00PM, at the Pines Manor, 2085 NJ 27, Edison. Formal attire is requested. Donation \$60/Adults, \$20/Children 12 & under. Cash bar. Details & RSVP email: faashsp@gmail.com.



SPAGHETTI DINNER - Sponsored by the Ahr Star Committee of Bishop Ahr High School, on Thursday, October 5, 4:30-6:30PM. This dinner will benefit David Santos who was born with congenital heart problems and Sadie Ally who is a 4 year old with a Wilms Tumor. Adults \$10/Students \$7/Children (under 12) \$4. Tickets & info, call 732-549-1108 x648.

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**Bishop James F. Checchio asks faithful of the
Diocese of Metuchen to assist victims of
Hurricane Harvey through special collection**

August 31, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Diocese of Metuchen,

It was nearly five years ago, in October 2012, that Superstorm Sandy hit parts of our diocese and many of our people went through something of what is now being experienced by the residents of eastern and southern Texas. In scope and level of devastation, Hurricane Harvey is being described as a natural disaster beyond anything our nation has ever experienced. In the aftermath of Sandy, our people were able to begin to rebuild their homes and their very lives through the support of parishes and dioceses throughout the United States.

Hurricane Harvey presents us with the opportunity to show to the grieving and displaced persons in Texas the same compassion that was so generously shown to us. I encourage the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen to continue to pray for those who are suffering from this storm. **I also invite you to participate in a special second collection, which I have asked to be taken up in our parishes the weekend September 16-17, or an alternate weekend determined by your pastor.** Please be generous as your means allow.

If it is more convenient, you may also **donate online** at <http://diometuchen.org> or **write a check** made payable to "Diocese of Metuchen" with "Hurricane Harvey" in the subject line and mail to: Hurricane Harvey Donation, Diocese of Metuchen, P.O. Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191. We will accept donations through September 30 and then will forward all monies collected to the Catholic Charities in the dioceses affected by the storm.

Thank you in advance for your concern for our brothers and sisters in great need.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
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Parish Potluck



A great time was had by all at last Sunday's parish event. It was awesome to see how many of you were there to enjoy each other's company and the feast of delicious international foods to eat. The Chili Cook-Off and CupCake Wars were lots of fun and quite competitive. Thank you to our distinguished judges, Fr. John, Fr. Pervaiz, Mayor Anesh, Senator Diegnan, Sean Markus, Patricia DeSantis and Manny Sanchez. Congratulations to Kathi Slattery who took first place Chili and the tie between Tammy & Emma Figueiredo and Michele Adlassnig for Cupcakes. Sr. Nadine was remembered on her 60th Anniversary of Religious Profession and recognized by parishioners Mayor Matthew Anesh and Senator Patrick Diegnan. Instructors Dave and Judy led the dance lines and Christine presented Kent the German Shepherd Dog for the Seeing Eye. Thank you to our organizers from the Parish Pastoral Council, our incredible Potluck cooks and bakers, to those who assembled the 5 creative gift baskets and the Prayer Shawl Ministry whose members knitted the beautiful afghan that were all raffled away to happy winners. Thank you to the Girl Scouts and our Confirmation candidates who were all so helpful. This was something we all agreed should happen again! Thank you God for a beautiful day together.



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LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

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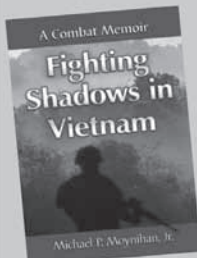


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