



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.



MASSES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 AM STELLA & STEPHEN KOZNOWICZ, Req. by Son & Family
11:30 AM JOHN & RUTH GILBURN, Req. by Children & Grandchildren

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction
7:00 PM VICTIMS OF 9/11 AND THEIR FAMILIES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

9:00 AM MARILYN NICHOLS, Req. by Sister, Evelyn McCoid

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM PATRICIA STAHLIN, Req. by Rochelle Ales

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9:00 AM EILEEN MORAN, Req. by Lou & Sandra Muchi

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

9:00 AM HILLARY BATTAGLIA, Req. by the Ortiz Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

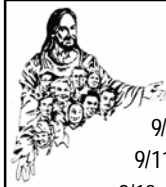
ST. CORNELIUS, Pope & ST. CYPRIAN, Bishop

9:00 AM CLEM SANTY, Req. by Sandy Romasz & Val Genova, CHARLES PENDER, Req. by Ellen Tierney, TERESA PELLEGRINO, Req. by Husband Paul & Family, GUIDO ABBRUZZESE, Req. by Joe & Davey Sacco, WALTER STAYVAS, Req. by Julia Miserendino
5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM SECONDO & MARIA POLETTI & LUIGI FRAGASSI, Req. by Family
11:30 AM JOHN BURGARDT, Req. by Daughter Lynda
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Healing Mass



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

September 10 - 17

9/10 - Ez 33: 7-9/Rom 13: 8-10/Mt 18: 15-20
9/11 - Col 1: 24- 2:3/Lk 6: 6-11
9/12 - Col 2: 6-15/Lk 6: 12-19
9/13 - Col 3: 1-11/Lk 6: 20-26
9/14 - Nm 21: 4b-9/Phil 2: 6-11/Jn 3: 13-17
9/15 - 1 Tm 1: 1-2, 12-14/Jn 19: 25-27
9/16 - 1 Tm 1: 15-17/Lk 6: 43-49
9/17 - Sir 27: 30-28:7/Rom 14: 7-9/Mt 18: 21-35



► 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.

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: Philomena Santonastasso, Betsy Coyne, and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

MARGARET STEVENS

Req. by Niece

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

ELIZABETH O'BRIEN

Req. by Marie Cornell



SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH



Wedding Banns

First Time: Matthew Gervasio & Alissa DiCarlo
Third Time: Daniel Beck & Kara Thomas

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: SEPT 16-17

5:00 PM - J. Makoski, J. Gaffney
9:00 AM - L. Flannery, F. Flannery
11:30 AM - S. Sequiera, G. Delacruz



We welcome everyone, especially those who are visiting and may be new to Sacred Heart Parish.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

We are a tithing parish & give thanks for God's gifts.

TITHING OR DONATION: CHURCH SUPPORT

Whether you are tithing or donating, however you choose to monetarily support the Church, we need your contributions. Thank you for your financial assistance.

Week Ending September 3, 2017

	2017	2016
Envelopes:	\$11,425.00	\$ 9,867.55
Loose:	\$ 2,264.00	\$ 1,413.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 3,267.00	\$ 3,395.00
Totals:	\$16,956.00	\$14,675.55

► **Major Repairs & Renovations to Date – \$143,202**

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you blessing without measure!"

— Malachi 3:10

CHRISTIAN COMMENT: "I have been tithing since I joined St. Catherine's. Although I am on a fixed income, my donation always comes first and God provides for the rest." — *A parishioner, Cathedral Church of St. Catherine of Siena, Allentown, PA*

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.



TODAY IS THE PARISH POTLUCK

September 10 from 2-6:00PM, in the school cafeteria. Don't miss the **FAMILY-FOOD-FUN-MUSIC** for every age & everyone!



THIS WEEKEND - We are invited to support the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. For more information, visit: www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

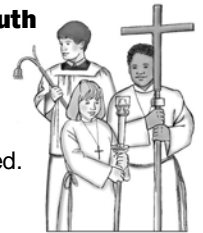
NEXT WEEKEND - Please support **Hurricane Harvey Relief**, which will provide help to those grieving and displaced persons in Texas. Donations will be accepted by the diocese through September 30 who then will forward all monies collected to the Catholic Charities in the dioceses affected by the storm.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

BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

The Parish is looking for **Adult and Youth Altar Servers**. 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. Altar servers are assigned based upon availability and the needs of the parish.

If you are interested, please contact Sr. Nadine 908-756-0633 x118 or email: srnadine@comcast.net.

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



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.

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.*

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!

► If you are moving, please notify Lisa at the Parish Office so we can keep our parishioner records current. *Thank you!*

THE PARISH MINISTRY GUIDE

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

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

THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES

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

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



THE SACRED HEART ADULT CHOIR has resumed rehearsals on Thursdays, from at 8:00-9:30PM, in the church. The choir sings at the 11:30AM Mass the first two Sundays of the month and at the 9:00AM Mass the second two Sundays of the month. If your schedule won't allow you to attend every rehearsal or every Mass, but you can make the most of them, please join us! You don't need to be a professional singer or even confident about your singing. Come as you are! Our adult choir is open to anyone high school age or older. Just show up on Thursday at 8:00PM., or contact Dan Mahoney @Dan410@aol.com, or call 908-756-0633 x139 for more details.



THE PRAYER CIRCLE: We will gather on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00PM, in the Parish Center Chapel.



The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society will resume their monthly meetings on Monday, Sept 11th, following the 7:00PM., Mass in the Annex building behind the school.



Respect for Life

Two days in American history that will live in infamy are Dec. 7, 1941 and Sept. 11, 2001. Another infamous date in which a war was launched, a war against the unborn, is Jan. 22, 1973. We remember the countless men and women who have given their lives to defend us. Let us pledge again to defend the right to life of the unborn and remember the more than 50,000,000 nameless children who have died since 1973.

ARE YOU SUFFERING AFTER AN ABORTION? Help is available. If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available! Call **Project Rachel's** local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300 or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org. Spanish-speakers may visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org or call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

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 very much appreciated.

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.



socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net

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 Sept. 13.** For information call 908-822-5895, OR contact Fr. John at 908-756-0633 x125 OR email: sacredheartiqi@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:

religioueducation@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 10

What role does social media play in your life? How can you use it more effectively to build up relationships rather than misusing it either tear down relationships or let relationships atrophy?

Our monthly Religious Education program begins in September! Have you registered your family? See the parish website: www.churchofthesacredheart.net for the registration form.

We are in need of Grade 7 & 8 teachers and adult group discussion leaders for this program. If you are interested in helping out for one session (3 hours) a month, Please call Louise Timko 908-756-0633 x143 or via or religioueducation@churchofthesacredheart.net.

If you are a teen who hasn't finished your Sacraments of Initiation - for example, you haven't been confirmed yet - classes begin on Sunday, September 10. Please contact Louise Timko at 908-756-0633 ext. 143 or via email: religioueducation@churchofthesacredheart.net for more information.

Youth Ministry. We are beginning a youth ministry group for teens Grades 9 thru 12, which will meet once a month on Sunday, 3-6 pm, on the same schedule as the monthly religious education program. Food included. More details to come!

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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LYNDA YELENOVSKY, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

◆ CEMETERY HOURS ◆

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

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

- HELP WANTED -

CEMETERY WORKER - Holy Redeemer Cemetery and Mausoleum, South Plainfield; owned and operated by The Church of the Sacred Heart. Part-time, 25 hours weekly, including Saturdays. Candidate must be able to lift up to 50 pounds. Work includes digging cremation graves, digging and framing monument foundations, assist vault company with set-up and take-down for in-ground burials, operate hydraulic lift for mausoleum burials, daily maintenance tasks and grounds-keeping. Candidate needs to be compassionate and sensitive to the needs of grieving families and visitors to the cemetery. Full benefits package. If interested, please contact Lynda Yelenovsky at 908-822-5892 or email resume to shcemetery@comcast.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 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

The Miracle of the Sun at Fatima

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

The children reported a prophecy that prayer would lead to an end of World War I, and that on October 13, 1917 the Lady would reveal her identity and perform a miracle "so that all may believe." Newspapers reported the prophecies, and many pilgrims began visiting the area. The children's accounts were deeply controversial, drawing intense criticism from both local secular and religious authorities. A provisional administrator briefly took the children into custody, believing the prophecies were politically motivated in opposition to the officially secular First Portuguese Republic established in 1910.



This increased notoriety drew large numbers of visitors to the Cova on October 13. Estimates of the number of people present range from 30,000 and 40,000, by Avelino de Almeida writing for the Portuguese newspaper *O Século*, to 100,000, estimated by lawyer Dr. José Almeida Garrett, the son of a professor of natural sciences at the University of Coimbra.

Miracle of the Sun - Various claims have been made as to what actually happened during the event. According to many witnesses, after a period of rain, the dark clouds broke and the



sun appeared as an opaque, spinning disc in the sky. It was said to be significantly duller than normal, and to cast multicolored lights across the landscape, the people, and the surrounding clouds. The sun was then reported to have careened towards the earth before zig-zagging back to its normal position. Witnesses reported that

their previously wet clothes became "suddenly and completely dry, as well as the wet and muddy ground that had been previously soaked because of the rain that had been falling". Not all witnesses reported seeing the sun "dance". Some people only saw the radiant colors, and others, including some believers, saw nothing at all. The only known picture of the sun taken during the event doesn't show anything unusual.

Catholic Church Recognition - The event was declared of "supernatural character" by the Catholic Church in 1930. A shrine was erected near the site in Fatima, which has been attended by thousands of faithful. Pope Pius XII approved the "Fatima apparitions" in 1940. In 2008, a note was discovered which Pius XII wrote in 1950 that says that he saw the miracle while he walked in the Vatican Gardens at various times.

Criticism - Some theologians, scientists, and skeptics have responded to claims that this miracle conflicts with established scientific knowledge regarding the behavior of the Sun.

Source of all above: Wikipedia



Congratulations on your Sixtieth Anniversary of Solemn Profession as a Religious Sister of Mercy.

SR. NADINE BOYLE, RSM

May God continue to bless & guide you, that your heart may always be open to serve and receive the love of His holy people.

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.



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.

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.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT - Win \$1,000 With a Simple Toss. Saturday, September 16, from 11:00AM to 3:00PM, Our Lady of Czestochowa, 120 Kosciuszko Avenue, SP. Teams should enter by Saturday, September 9, Contact: Jayson Bolton **908-477-6958** or **J.bolton430@yahoo.com**. Proceeds will be donated to Knights of Columbus sponsored charities & Helping Those in Need: Make-A-Wish Foundation, Scholarships, Veterans and our local churches. \$150 per *Team of Two*. Ticket gets you: All-you-can-eat Catered Lunch, KofC Cornhole Tournament T-Shirt, 50/50 Raffle Ticket, Chance to Win \$1,000 with just a toss of a bean bag, double elimination means you get 2 chances to win. \$20 Spectator Ticket gets you: All-you-can-eat Catered Lunch.

CHRYSANTHEMUM SALE BEGINS IN TWO WEEKS

2017 SOMERSET COUNTY
disABILITY Services Fair

Saturday, September 16
From 10:00AM - 1:00PM
Free Admission

Thomas J. Kavanaugh VFW Hall
600 Washington Avenue, Manville, NJ 08835

**Somerset County Office of the Aging and
Disability Services**

FREE REGISTRATION, TABLES & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
Paulann Pierson, Disability Services Coordinator
908-704-6334

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.

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

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.

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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 of 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
Bishop of Metuchen

A Statement in Support of the Dream Act of 2017 by the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey

We, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, are pastors to over four million men, women and children who trace their roots to almost every country of the world and represent every race and ethnicity.

That is one of the reasons we ask the New Jersey Congressional delegation to support the *Dream Act of 2017* (S.1615/H.R. 3440). The *Dream Act of 2017* would protect almost 800,000 *DA CA* youth (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) who entered the United States as children and know America as their only home. These youth call themselves *Dreamers* because they seek the American dream of liberty.

Tens of thousands of *Dreamers* call New Jersey home. They serve in our military. They are honor students in our colleges and universities. They are leaders in our parishes. They enrich the economic vitality and stability of our communities. Unfortunately, throughout the nation, many *Dreamers* live with anxiety and fear that at any time they might be separated from their families and deported to a country they do not know.

As Bishops, we encourage all people of good will to love their neighbors and to welcome strangers. We write to you, our Representatives in Congress, urging you to support and to co-sponsor the *Dream Act of 2017*. In addition, we ask you to support in Congress a comprehensive immigration reform that includes establishing a path towards citizenship.

While we support securing our nation's borders from those who would harm us, such actions and policies ought not to prevent us from protecting our *Dreamers*. Jesus taught that we will be judged on the basis of how we treat the most vulnerable members of society (Matthew 25: 31-46). Today, our *Dreamers* are among the most vulnerable in our society.

We urge our New Jersey Congressional delegation to stand on the right side of judgement by supporting the *Dream Act of 2017*.

As for us, we stand in solidarity with our *Dreamers* and we are ready to assist Congress, our state and our communities in the development and implementation of comprehensive immigration reform.

Cardinal Joseph A. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
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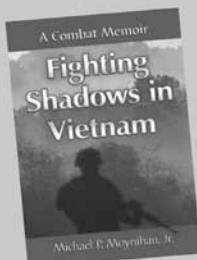


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