



Church of the

SACRED HEART

A Faith Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition Since 1905

PARISH CENTER & MAILING ADDRESS

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The Parish Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8AM - 4PM, Friday from 8AM - 2PM. Please schedule other times by appointment.

SACRED HEART CHURCH IS LOCATED AT 149 SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE

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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 3

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KEARNEY FAMILY, Req. by the Gwiazda Family
11:30 AM ANNIV. BRIDIE KELLY, Req. by Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

ST. THERESA OF CALCUTTA, Religious
LABOR DAY

9:00 AM JOHN MILLER, Req. by Sister Nadine Boyle, RSM,
JORGE JAVIER, Req. by Anita Macalintal,
JOSEPHINE CALAMIA, Req. by the Conway Family,
SEBASTIAN D'ADEZZIO, Req. by Madeline Calton &
Family,
GINO LEONARDIS, Req. by the Clevenger Family
6:00 PM **NO** Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary
6:45 PM **NO** Miraculous Medal Novena, Benediction

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 AM MARGARET SHELDON, Req. by Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 AM ANNIV. WALTER THOMPSON SR., Req. by Wife &
Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 AM LUCILA DONUSO, Req. by the Adlassnig Family
10:00 AM HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

ST. PETER CLAVER, Religious

9:00 AM DIANA SPOTTSWOOD, Req. by Anne Capobianco

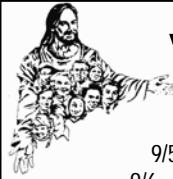
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 AM FOR ALL POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS, & FIRST
RESPONDERS, LIVING AND DECEASED IN THE
USA, Req. by Marie Dolinski
12NOON GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE
5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM LUKE LORANCE, Req. by Paul, Eileen & Christina
Lorance
11:30 AM RUTH & JOHN GILBURN & EUGENE WAGNER,
Req. by Patricia Gilburn Wagner
2:00 PM ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

September 4 - 11

9/4 - Wis 9: 13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14: 25-33
9/5 - 1 Cor 5: 1-8/Lk 6: 6-11
9/6 - 1 Cor 6: 1-11/Lk 6: 12-19
9/7 - 1 Cor 7: 25-31/Lk 6: 20-26
9/8 - Mi 5: 1-4a/Mt 1:1-16
9/9 - 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6: 39-42
9/10 - 1 Cor 10: 14-22/Lk 6: 43-47
9/11 - Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1: 12-17/Lk 15: 1-32



► 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, Alfred Haas, Martha Leon, George Ripley, Alice & Ed Kicki, Anne Nagy, Eileen Walker, Daniel Hedden, Robert Larsen Jr., Brody Kasnowski, Georgie Martinkovic, Joan Sacko, Mary Pfeiffer, Kevin Jones, Raul Rodriguez, Dot Cooney, Alyssa Ricciardi, Richard Romeri, Margaret Nichuck, Frank Spalluto, Tina Bernauer, Kathleen Poliquin, Thomas Buttery, Betty Ann Robertson, Cathy Gary, Rich Levine, Cheryl O'Brien, Albert Pizza Sr., Hank Loeffler, Thomas Heim, Peter Romano, Katherine Makowski, Patricia Lacasale, Frank Harris, Patrick Cadeen, Margaret Smith, Clara McGill, Romulo Lopez, Janice Vogel, William Blair, Albertina Aguilar, Ed Curtin, Maryann Santoro.

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

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

PATRICK J. DUNBAR

Requested by Wife

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

JOHNNY MILLER

Requested by Sister Nadine

SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

MARGE SHELDON

Requested by Mary McNerney & Family



ALTAR FLOWERS In Thanksgiving

NASTRY & MIRIAM BRIGNOL



Wedding Banns

3RD TIME: John Procaccini & Christina Pokorny

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 August 28, 2016

	2016	2015
Envelopes:	\$ 10,092.00	\$ 11,016.00
Loose:	\$ 1,598.00	\$ 1,568.00
On-line Giving:	\$ 4,020.00	\$ 2,196.00
Totals:	\$ 15,710.00	\$ 14,780.00

Major Repairs & Renovations to Date — \$ 95,081.00

PASTOR'S COMMENT: "Jesus challenges us to use our head and our heart in making judgements that are balanced with compassion. We can do this!" — *Fr. John*

SCRIPTURE: "You know well that these very hands have served my needs and my companions. In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." — *Acts 20:34-35*

PARISHIONER COMMENT: "It was not a directive from the Church hierarchy, not an exhortation to give more. These people were husbands and fathers, just like me, and they were juggling budgets and problems. And there they were telling us how good it felt to acknowledge one's dependence on God." — *A parishioner, Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes, NJ*

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

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: SEPT. 10-11

5:00 PM - J. Makoski, T. Figueiredo, A. Ortega
9:00 AM - M. Brignol, H. Brignol, N. Carannante
11:30 AM - G. Ruzicka, Z. Policarpio, A. Walker



VISIT 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**



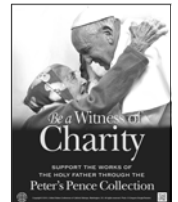
PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Any new family who has moved into the parish area and adult children 18 years of age and older, are invited to register as a parishioner. The definition of an active parishioner is: *One registered, attending Mass weekly and contributing to the support to the church.* **There is a (3) month minimum registration requirement before registering for a baptism or requesting letters of eligibility/sponsorship certificates.**

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*

NEXT WEEKEND - September 10-11, we will support the collection for **PETER'S PENCE** which provides Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers & sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. Envelopes have been included in the mailing for registered parishioners and are also available at the entrances of the church.



PARISH PICNIC - The Church of the Sacred Heart Annual Parish Picnic will take place on **Sunday, September 11, 2016** at the school backyard & cafeteria. **FAMILY- FOOD - FUN** for every age and everyone. *Eyes of the Wild* will be returning with exciting live animals. There will be dancing and singing and get yourselves ready for this year's talent show. Come with an appetite and ready to have fun.



► 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.



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.



WE PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Especially for our parishioners



Army Captain Cheryl Hoh, Pharm D
Spc. Erik Sienkiewicz - US Army / Iraq
Psc. Amanda Marie Morales - US Navy
Marine Corp. Troy A. Benson/Japan
Pvt. Alterreek Booker - US Army/KY
Sgt. Zackeriah Romasz - US Marine Corp.
Spc. Bryan Gutschall - US Army/Afghanistan
Pfc. John W. Diana/US Army/Alaska
Spc. Nick Okoszko/US Army/No. Carolina
LCdr. Edward Quaranta/ US Reserves
Lt. Col. Dirk H. Smith/US Army, Washington, DC
LCpl. Quinn Cochrane/US Marines, No. Carolina
Pvt. Edward C. Forsthoffer/US Army



May we work for Justice as we pray for Peace.

Visit our diocesan website at diometuchen.org,
click [Offices & Ministries](#),
then click [Military and Veteran Families](#) and see
THE APOSTOLATE FOR MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILIES



The Parish Center will be closed Monday,
Sept. 5, for our national observance of

LABOR DAY

Mass will be celebrated at 9AM in the church.
There will be NO evening 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.

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS - A holy hour for priests will be held Sunday, September 11 at 3:00PM at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. All are welcome. For more information go to www.diometuchen.org/ evangelization and click on 'Intercessors for the Shepherds or call 732-765-6438.

BUS TRIP & SHOWER OF ROSES - The Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux, Nesquehoning, PA. Sunday, October 2 (rain or shine), leaving at 8:30AM from Our Lady of Fatima



parking lot, 499 New Market Avenue, Piscataway. Cost: \$40, includes Mass, procession and helicopter rose drop. Registration deadline is September 16. Mail check to OLF Rosary Altar Society, 50 Van Winkle Place, Piscataway, NJ 08854. To register please

call Sue Ellen 732-968-5555 x1106 or Pat 732-752-3842. Food available for purchase at the Shrine.

ANNUAL MUM SALE - The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 will be selling the high quality mums in various colors at the South Plainfield Rescue Squad located at 2506 Plainfield Avenue, from 9AM, to 3PM, the following days: Saturday and Sunday, **September 24 & 25, and October 1 & 2.** 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.



ADULT CHOIR

TO RESUME REHEARSALS SOON

◆ The Adult Choir sings on Sundays and at other liturgies and paraliturgies from September - June. The Adult Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 8:00PM in the Church. The choir ordinarily sings at the 9:00AM or 11:30AM Mass on assigned Sundays. Come and share your talents (perhaps the talents your aren't aware you have) in this ministry to the church. Come join the fun and fellowship that is involved in our music ministry!



Please see the parish website for more information. If you have any questions about our Music Ministry, please feel free to see Dan Mahoney, 908-756-0633 x139, or via email Dan410@aol.com.



Respect for Life

Another school year begins. How many desks are empty due to the deaths of children when they were unborn babies? Who can comprehend the talents and gifts lost due to more than 58 million abortions since 1973?

2 NEW WEBSITES ... ONE LIFE SAVING MISSION

Life Choices Resource Center launches two new websites:
www.ChoicesOptionsforWomen.com & www.LifeChoicesRC.com

SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS

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

As indicated in previous reports, during the summer months we have a shortage of items on our shelves. The following items are always in need: **jelly, canned fruit, boxed potatoes, canned soup, pasta sauce, and laundry or dish detergent.** Your generosity, as always, is very much appreciated.

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

The primary source of funding is from the Poor Boxes located at all the doors of the Church. Also, at all doors, bins are provided for your donations of non-perishable food items.

Email: socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net



Keep Jesus Christ in your hearts and you will recognize His face in every human being. — Pope John Paul II



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 4

What changes do you have to make in your life to be one of Jesus' disciples?

REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS NOW OPEN. Our new program, **Growing in Faith Together** is a MONTHLY program. Sessions are held once a month and you choose whether you would prefer to attend Sunday afternoons or Wednesday evenings throughout the year. The day you choose will be the session your family will attend through the year. **Adults with children** must attend 10 of the 12 monthly sessions. This is not a drop-off program. At least one parent must attend with a child, though, of course, both parents are most welcome. And there is a light meal during each session! The registration form can be found on the parish website: churchofthesacredheart.net and at the Parish Center.

Adults without children are invited to participate in **Growing in Faith Together!** Attend sessions as you choose. Topics are on the parish website (Home Page click on the Faith Formation link) and will be listed in the bulletin. Suggested dinner donation is \$5 per person, payable at the door. No registration required.

For our new Whole Community Catechesis program we need volunteers who are willing to teach once a month either on Wednesday evening or Sunday afternoon.



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THE MIDDLEBROOK DEANERY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080

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MRS. CAROL WOODBURN, PRINCIPAL

THERE IS STILL TIME TO ENROLL IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - Catholic schools in the Diocese of Metuchen link faith-based values with academic excellence. It's a formula that leads to success in the classroom and in life. If you are new to the area or desire a different school experience for your child, we invite you to learn more about the Catholic school advantage. Our doors are open year round. The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Schools can connect you with a school in your area. Please call (732) 562-2443 or email education@diometuchen.org.

HOLY REDEEMER CEMETERY



Serving the funeral and burial needs of our Catholic Community with respect & dignity since 1919.

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1734 CLINTON AVENUE, SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080

908-822-5892

**Website: www.holyredeemercemetery.net
Email: shcemetery@comcast.net**

Graves, Mausoleum Crypts & Cremation Niches

Inquire about brass military insignia and photoceramic features.

LYNDA YELENOVSKY, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

◆ CEMETERY HOURS ◆

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

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

Website Update!

You can now access the cemetery website via the Church website: churchofthesacredheart.net, click on **Cemetery** and it will take you directly to the site. Please view and submit photos, comments, obituaries, military information, etc. **Thank you!**

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

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, and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. We can only write *Letters of Eligibility* for parishioners who meet these criteria.

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.

HELP WANTED - Holy Savior Academy is seeking an aide for their Aftercare Program. Duties include setting-up snacks, homework help, and general supervision of the students in the program. Hours are Mon, Thurs, Fri from 2:45PM to 6:00PM, with Noon to 6:00PM shifts on half days. If you are interested, please email Alice Bach with your contact information at abach@holysavioracademy.com

THIS IS OUR FAITH

Labor Day

"Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American Labor History's most dismal chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and 7-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages. People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks. Labor unions, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay. Many of these events turned violent during this period. The idea of a "workingmen's holiday," celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on ... but Congress would not legalize the holiday until 1894, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers' rights squarely into the public's view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives.... To break the strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers. In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories." <http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/labor-day>

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON LABOR

"At its core, Catholic Social Teaching is simply the attempt to spell out the ethical consequences of the confession, "**Jesus is Lord**," for the way in which we live. It is important to note that it is faith which is the starting-point for this reflection, not simply concern about particular issues facing society. Such reflection has been a feature of Christian faith since the first Easter. The first believers in Jerusalem had to learn how to relate their new faith to the faith of Judaism (Acts 2:42-7) and how it should change their attitudes to property (Acts 4:32-7), their pagan neighbors, their persecutors, to slavery. ...During the colonization of the Americas Spanish, Dominican and Jesuit theologians upheld the dignity of the indigenous peoples whose lands were being invaded and laid the foundation for much of the modern concern for human rights.

Rerum Novarum – "Of New Things" (1891)

These insights and sometimes sophisticated approaches did not become known as 'Catholic Social Teaching' until a series of papal Encyclical Letters on ethical issues was published, beginning in 1891. In that year, Pope Leo XIII wrote the Encyclical Letter, ***Rerum Novarum*** – "Of New Things" addressing the new issues facing European society as a result of the Industrial Revolution and the social transformation this brought about. In the encyclical, Pope Leo upheld the dignity of human work and ...laid down the basic principle of the priority of Labor over Capital: in other words, people are more important than property and everyone has a right to the basic necessities of life and a just wage (¶ 34). A concern for the dignity and value of the human person, and for the poor in particular, has proved to be an enduring feature of Catholic Social Teaching since the time of Pope Leo. The importance, historically, of ***Rerum Novarum*** was the new willingness of the Pope to engage with the rapid changes happening in contemporary society, drawing on the riches of Catholic Tradition to identify the moral issues involved. This is the core of all later Catholic Social Teaching." 2,000 Years of Catholic Ethics by Rob Esdaille.



Journeys for the Heart & Soul

SACRED HEART TRAVELERS



PARISH PILGRIMAGES

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE and The Shrines of Mexico

► October 29 - November 4, 2016 [Immediate Booking](#)

THE HOLY LAND In The Footsteps of Jesus

► March 19-28, 2017 [Early Booking Discounts](#)

For full details and itinerary visit us at
churchofthesacredheart.net (click on the icons)

SAVE THE DATE

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE

On Saturday, November 19, Bishop James Checchio will lead a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, concluding the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy & celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the creation of the Diocese by St. John Paul II. Our parish is sharing a bus to the Capitol with Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Parish, Middlesex. More details about the pilgrimage, including how to register, will appear in the bulletin in the coming weeks.



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

SUSTAINABILITY TIP – Cut the Beef and Dairy: It takes a lot of resources to raise cows and besides it has health benefits. This is especially relevant for those in other countries where they buy beef from somewhere like Brazil, where it was grazed on land that used to be tropical forest but was cleared for agricultural use. Deforestation is a top contributor to carbon emissions and thus climate change. *From Catholic Climate Covenant*

PAPAL QUOTE AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - THEME 6: Solidarity - We are one human

family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that if you want peace, work for justice. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

"**Solidarity** is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all. **On Social Concern** (*Sollicitudo rei Socialis*), #38", ENCYCLICAL LETTER, For the Twentieth Anniversary of *Populorum Progressio*, Pope John Paul II, December 30, 1987

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080



7th Annual Golf Outing

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016



*For detailed information and
to register ... phone*

908-822-5893

EMAIL:

golf@churchofthesacredheart.net

\$225.00 per Golfer
\$900.00 per Foursome

METUCHEN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

EDISON, NEW JERSEY

**FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION, VISIT US AT:
www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net**

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 meetings will resume
on September 14.** For more information call 908-822-5895, OR
contact Fr. John at 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.

CROP WALK

Sunday, October 23

**Help stop hunger here
and 'round the world.**



THE OFFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
24 HOUR PRAYER LINE - Our Diocesan Office for Persons
with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire
prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would
like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent
illness, please call & leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431.

LATE NIGHT CATECHISM AT OLMV - Our Lady
of Mount Virgin Parish, 600 Harris Avenue, Middlesex, is
hosting **Late Nite Catechism: Til Death Do Us Part** on
Saturday, Sept. 17 at 7PM in the Parish Center Auditorium. This
"Broadway quality" production is reasonably priced at \$30 for
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O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings
of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
offered throughout the world, in
reparation for my sins, for the
intentions of all my relatives and
friends, and also for the intentions of our
Bishop James and the Holy Father. Amen.



*"Anything we do, without offering it to God, is wasted."
St. John Vianney*

BISHOPS CALL FOR DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
in our communities to be celebrated on the feast of St. Peter
Claver, September 9. In light of recent incidents of violence and
racial tension in communities across the nation, the president of
the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has invited all dioceses
across the country to unite in a Day of Prayer for Peace. He has
also appointed a special task force to support bishops in marking
that Day of Prayer, and more broadly, in promoting peace and
healing during this time of great strain on civil society. On July 8,
in his initial and immediate response to the racially-related
shootings in Baton Rouge, Minneapolis and Dallas, Archbishop
Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, said: "I have stressed
the need to look toward additional ways of nurturing an open,
honest and civil dialogue on issues of race relations, restorative
justice, mental health, economic opportunity, and addressing the
question of pervasive gun violence," Archbishop Kurtz said. *Our
parish is also planning on bringing these prayers for peace and
unity to Our Lady of Guadalupe, The Patroness of the Americas,
during our parish pilgrimage, October 29 - November 4.*



WITNESSES TO FREEDOM

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

"It is not how much we do, but how much love we put into doing it."

"Mother Teresa of Calcutta was born **Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu** in Skopje, Macedonia, on August 26, 1910. At the age of twelve, she felt strongly the call of God. She knew she had to be a missionary to spread the love of Christ. She joined the Sisters of Loreto. From 1931 to 1948 Mother Teresa taught at St. Mary's High School in Calcutta, but the suffering and poverty she glimpsed outside the convent walls made such a deep impression on her that in 1948

she received permission from her superiors to leave the convent school and devote herself to working among the poorest of the poor in the slums of Calcutta. Although she had no funds, she depended on Divine Providence, and started an open-air school for slum children. Soon she was joined by volunteer helpers, and financial support was also forthcoming. This made it possible for her to extend the scope of her work.

On October 7, 1950, Mother Teresa received permission from the Holy See to start her own order, "The Missionaries of Charity", whose primary task was to love and care for those persons nobody was prepared to look after. Today the order comprises Active and Contemplative branches of Sisters and Brothers all over the world. They provide effective help to the poorest of the poor throughout Asia, Africa, and Latin America, and they undertake relief work in the wake of natural catastrophes such as floods, epidemics, and famine, and for refugees. The order also has houses in North America, Europe and Australia, where they take care of the shut-ins, alcoholics, homeless, and AIDS sufferers. The Missionaries of Charity throughout the world are aided and assisted by Co-Workers. By the 1990s there were over one million Co-Workers in more than 40 countries. Along with the Co-Workers, the lay Missionaries of Charity try to follow Mother Teresa's spirit and charism in their families.

Mother Teresa's work has been recognized and acclaimed throughout the world and she has received a number of awards and distinctions, including the Pope John XXIII Peace Prize (1971) and the Nehru Prize for her promotion of international peace and understanding (1972). She also received the Balzan Prize (1979) and the Templeton and Magsaysay awards."

During her lifetime, Mother Teresa was an icon of God's tender mercy, radiating the light of God's love to so many through the works of mercy, both material and spiritual. From heaven she continues to fulfil her mission as she "lights the light of those in darkness on earth." With her canonization by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016, the Church presents her as a model and intercessor of those who, like her, "long to light the fire of love and peace throughout the world." She can be taken as a patron saint especially for those who are most in need of God's mercy. By her example and through her intercession, may Mother Teresa inspire many to give their 'hearts to love and their hands to serve', *starting with those closest to them*. May we all continue to live and deepen our awareness of being in need of mercy and our willingness to extend mercy in our communities, in our families and in our service of the poor.

Mother Teresa's congregation has a convent, locally in Plainfield, NJ. This is a Contemplative Branch of Sisters. Please remember the Missionaries of Charity in your prayers. Donations of food, clothing, cash, etc. may be given to the Missionaries of Charity in Newark, since they are the Active Sisters. The address for the Missionaries of Charity in Newark is 168 Sussex Avenue, Newark, NJ 07103.

St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!

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