

# Sacred Heart Church



260 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060-1404

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Office Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9:00am - 5:00pm (Closed for Lunch 12:00pm-1:00pm)

Evening Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 6:00pm - 9:00pm • Sunday 8:30am - 1:00pm

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 4:30pm (Vigil)**

**Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 7:00pm**

Weekday: Mon.-Fri. 7:00am & 8:30am

Saturday: 8:30am

## Confessions

**Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:00pm**

(Reconciliation Rooms are to the right of the Eucharistic Chapel)

## Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. John P. Czahur ext. 308

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Admin. Assistant: Mrs. Amy Raimondi ext. 324

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### **Fall Program Class Times**

Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday: 5:30pm to 6:45pm

Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: 5:30pm to 6:45pm

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### **Parish Registration**

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please register at your earliest convenience by stopping by the Parish House during the office hours.

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

We welcome new life into the Church through the sacramental sign of Baptism which is celebrated **every Sunday of the month at 1:00pm** with the exception of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We encourage parents who wish to have their child baptized to call the Parish Secretary, Michele O'Toole, at 609-702-1848 ext. 301 or stop in and pick up a Baptism packet.

Once the Baptismal Preparation class is attended, the form completed and the Godparent Eligibility Certificates are turned in then a date for your child's Baptism will be set.

### **Baptismal Preparation**

Catholic Godparents are required to complete an Eligibility Certificate and have the certificates signed by the pastor of the parish where they are currently registered and practicing their faith.

We offer a Baptismal Prep Class for parents as a way of preparing them for their child's journey of faith. Classes are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. Please contact the Parish Secretary to register.

### **Sacramental Sponsorship Letter**

This is a form required to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. To receive this form the following requirements must be met:

- If married, be in a valid marriage according to the laws of the Catholic Church.
- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Completed the Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- Be a registered, active participant of a Parish.

### **The Sacrament of Marriage**

Couples wishing to celebrate and consecrate their love in the Sacrament of Marriage are asked to call the Parish Secretary, Michele O'Toole at 609-702-1848 ext. 301.

**Arrangements are to be made with the Pastor a year in advance of the requested date.** At least one person should be a registered member of the parish. All couples are required to attend preparation sessions.

### **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

Any Catholic who is seriously ill, advanced in age, or who feels the need for the comforting presence of the Church's sacramental prayer life may be anointed. Please contact the Parish Office at 609-702-1848 ext. 301 during office hours. In the case of an emergency, please call and follow the instructions listed on our telephone message.

### **Funerals**

In all cases, the family of the deceased parishioner should contact the funeral home directly. They will contact the Church to make further arrangements. For information regarding our Parish Cemetery, please call the Cemetery Office at 609-702-1848 ext 304

### **Care of the Sick, Homebound and Elderly:**

The sick, the homebound and the elderly are valued members of our parish. Please call the Parish House at 609-267-0209 ext. 305 for a visit.

### **Bulletin Articles**

Articles for the Bulletin need to be submitted **No Later than Friday** to appear the next weekend (**9 days prior**). Articles can be emailed to

[bulletins@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:bulletins@parishofsacredheart.org)

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

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**September 5<sup>th</sup> – September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**MONDAY LABOR DAY**

9:00am **Dolores Nanfeldt** Req. By Joan Tolmayer

**TUESDAY**

7:00am **Peter Santella** Req. By Jeanne Karman  
 8:30am **Andrew Weiss** Req. By Kay & Andy Weiss

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00am **Joseph & Dorothy McCarthy** Req. By The Schmid Family

8:30am **Savellia A. Polk** Req. By Her Family

**THURSDAY**

7:00am **Rose SanPedro, OFS** Req. By Jeff & Teresa Redder

8:30pm **Nellie Klemmer** Req. By Donald & Donna Loveman

**FRIDAY**

7:00am **Tom Bello, OFS** Req. By Holy Assumption Secular Franciscans

8:30am **Alice Rowley** Req. By William Rowley

**SATURDAY**

8:30AM **Mildred Jackson** Req. By Jeanne Karman  
**Wayne Potts** Req. By Debra Potts  
**Grace Perniciaro** Req. By Frank, Joan, and Jason Tipold  
**Jean Carnall** Req. By The Broccoli & Bothwell Families

4:30pm **Marcel Blachowski** Req. By His Family

**SUNDAY**

7:30am **Patricia Lewis** Req. By David & Rita Gillis

9:30am **Catherine D'Errico-Spiess** Req. By Her Family

11:30am **The People of the Parish**

7:00pm **Barbara DeGeer Earle** Req. By Her Family

*The Devotional Candle in the  
 Chapel of the Two Hearts*



*Will Burn in Loving Memory of:  
 Albert & Savellia Polk*

**Eucharistic Adoration** – Come and spend time in the quiet with Our Lord in the Chapel of the Two Hearts located next to the Parish House.

Our Chapel is open for you and Jesus to spend some time during the following hours:  
 Monday through Friday 9:00am to 8:30pm  
 Saturday 9:00am to noon.

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11,  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;  
 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 (18-23)  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49  
**Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**Weekly 8/27 – 8/28 \$ 11, 835.25**

*Thank you for the faithful and generous support that  
 you continue to give to our Church.*



**BAPTISMS**

*We extend a warm welcome to our newly  
 baptized.*

**Liliana Jeane Sgrignouli**

*May the Lord give His angels  
 charge over you,  
 to guide you in all your ways.  
 Psalm 91:11*

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Connie Vazquez, Eleanor Voorhees,  
Alice Farkas, Gail Reilly, Alva Marino,  
Catherine Lehman, Paul J. Marcinko,  
Mollie Zimmer, Fred Zimmer, Wayne Potts,  
Stephanie Martin, Pat Adornetto, Corey Kaiser,  
Baby Stella Grundahl, Rebecca Bozarth,  
Matthew Wernoch, Kay Weiss,  
Marlane DeMara, Maria Wolfe, Casey Davitt,  
Barbara Dziemian, Fredrick Naphys,  
Natalia Lucia Rosko, Margaret Brock,  
Herbert Cucchini, Daniel Toussaint,  
Baby Zoey Reed, Mason Damico, Lynn Kellogg,  
David McCoy, Stanley Kiczek, Helene McCann,  
Lois Pedrick, John Rubino, George Sampson,  
Evan Martinez, Trey Nieves, Gisela Harrell,  
Bertha Harris, Camila Doris Perez,  
Loretta Minakee, Toribia Cadavez,  
Patricia Parker, Sabrina Kaiser, Wilma Peterson,  
Morgan Ackerman, Celeste Bunn, Tom Polinski,  
Raymond Bishop, Walter Klarmann,  
Patricia O'Connor, George Schneider,  
Catherine Byham, Marie Donahue, Jenny Hand,  
Christine, Peggy Stewart, Dylan Crespo,  
Sharon Carroll, Jane Ciletti, Teddy Smith,  
Arthur Netti, Doris Gallo, Clara Hynes,  
Don Hartman, Mary Hartman, Daniel DeMaio,  
Liam Stellwag, Frank Anton, William Lawrence,  
Annmarie Laraia Bette, Michelle Schafle Reed,

As a parish family we remember all who are struggling or suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially those who have requested our prayers.

**Please pray for the men and women now serving in the military, especially the loved ones of our parishioners who are serving overseas:**

Cpl. Jimmy Graham U.S.M.C.  
Capt. Robert J. Boccio, U.S.A.F  
Michael Bakker, Isaac Paredez  
Douglas Schwenck, Army Reserve  
Richard DeLorge U.S.M.C  
Peter Liedman, Dorinia Dibuono  
Capt. James Rankin U.S.M.C  
LTC John Gourley, U.S. Army  
SSgt Daniel E. Naro, Sgt. Alison Lyport  
Sgt. Stephanie Robertson, U.S. Army  
Sgt. Russell Norton, NG Army  
Cpl. Marshall Norton, U.S.M.C  
Corporal Maxwell Hughes, U.S.M.C



**Labor Day**

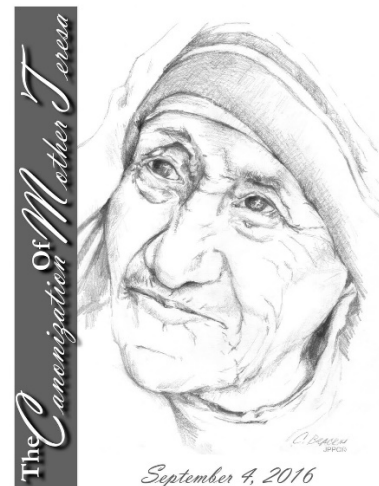
**MASS**

September 5<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church at **9:00am**. The Parish Office, Adoration Chapel and School will be closed.

**Please join us on Saturday September 17, 2016 at 4:30pm as we kick off Youth Ministry at Sacred Heart!**

We will gather for Mass at 4:30pm, followed by a social in the Auditorium. All are Welcome! We will have light refreshments, games, music and all the details and flyers about upcoming Youth Ministry events! This is a free event to help promote all the great things that will be happening this year in Youth Ministry! Kick off the new school year with great faith, lots of fun and the chance to make new friends! See the parish website for more details! All are welcome!

Interested in Youth Ministry - check out the brochure in the Church or go online and read about all the upcoming events!



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Hello Sacred Heart Parishioners!

The start of our 2016-2017 Fall Religious Education Program is almost here! Classes begin on September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and will run Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 through next year. We are still taking registrations, and will do our best to accommodate scheduling requests, which are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. (If you still need to register a child for classes, please contact the office using the information below.)

We are also looking for volunteers to join us this year - the catechists (teachers), aides, and hall monitors in our program are all volunteers who generously give their time and talent to our parish and to the children in our program. We are especially looking for catechists for our Tuesday classes - it is important to note that you do not need to be a teacher or to have teaching experience to be a catechist! We offer classes here at Sacred Heart which address all aspects of teaching the faith in a classroom setting, and there are online courses catechists can take as well. We have a catechist class scheduled for October 15 at 9 am in the Sacred Heart library, and invite anyone interested in teaching or being an aide to register by contacting the Religious Education Office.

If you are interested in teaching in our Religious Education program, or if you would like to get more information about any of our volunteer opportunities, please get in touch and we will be very happy to answer any questions you may have and tell you more about our program. Our volunteers are a truly wonderful group who exemplify the Gospel message, and their contributions to

our program are so important in the faith formation of our children. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us and ask that you keep our program – children, families, and volunteers – in your prayers as we begin another year of learning about our beautiful Catholic faith!

Mrs. Jessica Donohue  
Director of Religious Education

**Religious Education Office Contact Information:**

For information regarding registration/re-registration, please call 609-267-6319 or email [rel.ed@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:rel.ed@parishofsacredheart.org).

For information regarding volunteering and/or registering for our upcoming catechist class, please call 609-267-6319, ext. 307 or email [jdonohue@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:jdonohue@parishofsacredheart.org).

**VIRTUS TRAINING**

**“Protecting God’s Children.”**

This three hour mandatory workshop is for any volunteers who anticipate working with children in our parish’s programs. This includes: Religious Education, school volunteer, sports programs, ministries such as altar servers, children’s choirs. All volunteers working with children must be fingerprinted as well.

The workshops will be held in the Parish House on:

**Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>,  
9:00am to 12:00pm**

**Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 9:30pm**

**Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 9:30pm**

If you plan to work with children (in a paid or volunteer position) please be sure to sign up for one of these workshops.

Please call Merry Marcellino at 702-1848 ext. 305 to register for a workshop.

**SERRA VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE**



**Prayer for Vocations**

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son.

Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious. By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Thank you for praying for vocations.*

To learn more about the Vocation Prayer Chalice, please call Ann (609)-267-5836

**Sacred Heart Cemetery  
A final resting place  
of peace and dignity**

Purchasing your cemetery property now, before your family actually needs it, offers you and your loved ones the opportunity to make that important and inevitable decision together. It is a kindness to those people you love to have arrangements made in advance.

Sacred Heart Cemetery is situated on a well maintained parcel of land in Hainesport, NJ, on Marne Highway (Rt 537) at the Mt Holly Bypass (Rt. 541).

The cemetery is owned and operated by the Church of the Sacred Heart of Mt Holly. Persons buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery must be Catholic or a relative of a Catholic. The cost of one full grave is \$800 and one cremation plot is \$500, which includes perpetual care. Terms are \$50 down with monthly payments until paid in full.

If you have an immediate need, or wish to discuss arrangements for future needs, please call Paula Pietrow, Cemetery Manager at 609-267-0209x304 or email: [cemeterymgr@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:cemeterymgr@parishofsacredheart.org)



**Champion of Truth and Justice**

In today's Gospel Jesus has given strict conditions for discipleship: renunciation of all one's possessions. Saint Vincent de Paul said, "We must worry more about enlarging the kingdom of God than adding to our own possessions."

On August 22, 1977 Blessed Pope John Paul II declared the beatification of Frederic Ozanam, founder of SVDPs: "We declare that henceforth the venerable Frederic Ozanam can be called Blessed and that his feast day can be celebrated each year on September 9<sup>th</sup>."

Blessed Frederic believed that the order of society is based on two virtues: justice and charity. However, justice presupposes a lot of love already, for one needs to love a man a great deal in order to respect his rights, which limit our rights, and his liberty. Justice has its limits whereas charity knows none.

"Charity is the Samaritan who pours oil on wounds of the traveler who has been attacked. It is justice's role to prevent attacks."

**The Pantry is in need of the following:  
Canned Vegetables, Canned Potatoes,  
Canned Soup, Cereal, Canned Tuna, and  
Meals in a can,**

If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks payable to:

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

**Bible Study**

**Monday Mornings 9:30am**

We invite you to join us for another Little Rock Bible Study. On Monday mornings with Deacon Bill Rowley, you can learn about **Spirituality of the Gospels**

DATES: September 12<sup>th</sup> - October 24<sup>th</sup>

(No class on Columbus Day Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>)

TIME: 9:30am till 11:00 am.

PLACE: Parish Library

To enroll: Please contact Merry Marcellino 609-267-0209 ext. 305.

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### **Bishop's Anniversary Blessing**

Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2016; October 16 - Burlington/Mercer: All couples celebrating their **1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary** during the 2016 calendar year are invited to gather with family and friends to share the Eucharist, renew your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Burlington and Mercer County register to attend the Mass and Blessing at St. Mary Cathedral on Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 3 pm (registration deadline is September 30, 2016) please contact the Parish Secretary, Michele O'Toole 609-267-0209 ext. 301 or email [secretary@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:secretary@parishofsacredheart.org)



Mass of Healing  
for Infant & Pregnancy Loss  
The Elizabeth Ministry of St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton Square, NJ  
Invites you to join in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Thursday, October 13th, 2016 at 7pm.

Where: St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church 4620 Nottingham Way Hamilton Square, NJ

All Are Welcome!

Whether you have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, neo-natal death or regretted abortion, or if you know someone who has had any of these experiences, please join us as we celebrate the lives of our children who left us too soon.

Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the Gathering space of the Church.

For more information, please contact  
Carol Moscarello 732 691-6001 or  
Doreen Griffin-Gallway 609 672-3799

“Those we cannot hold in our arms, we hold forever in our hearts.”

### **PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE IHM SISTERS!**



The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary gave service to our school for many, many years. The sisters are now inviting us to assist them by contributing \$25.00 and purchasing a chance to be entered in many drawings from October 2016 through June 2017, 300 drawings \$50 to \$1000. You will also be remembered in a monthly Mass for benefactors and in the prayers of the IHM Sisters. Barb Stellwag, one of the faithful members of the Silver Circle, will be selling tickets from **now until October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Proceeds Benefit the Sister's Retirement Fund. Please call Barb if you would like to support this cause. Barb's phone number is **609-702-1146**. Thank you for your kind support of the IHM Sisters!

### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Sacred Heart Church, Riverton,  
7:00—8:00 PM**

*A Night of Prayer for Families and Friends*

We are gathering Wednesday, October 5

To celebrate The Feast of the Holy Rosary at Sacred Heart Church, Riverton, 7:00—8:00 PM

Father Christopher Picollo, Pastor of  
St. Katherine Drexel Parish, Burlington will be  
our Presider

*A collaborative effort of parishes:*

*St. Charles, Cinnaminson,; Church of the Resurrection, Delran; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Moorestown; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Maple Shade; Jesus the Good Shepherd, Riverside; Sacred Heart, Mt. Holly; St. Katherine Drexel, Burlington; Sacred Heart, Riverton*

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**VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AIDES** are needed at Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County in Mount Holly. There are openings for trained lay visitors every weekday between 9am and 5pm. Following the training and orientation process, an aide may donate two to four hours each week to visit patients, offering them friendship and spiritual comfort. Eucharistic Ministers are also needed seven days a week to bring Communion to Catholic patients. Marge McGinley, our Pastoral Administrator and a Chaplain at Virtua Memorial Hospital, will be one of the presenters at this workshop.

The 18-hour Training Course will be offered at Virtua Memorial Hospital on Thursday and Friday, October 20 and 21, from 8am to 5pm, with continental breakfast at 7:30am and lunch is provided. Please phone for an information package with details of the course and the process of volunteering in the hospital. Chaplain Rich Simon, at 267-0700 ext. 43281 or email your name & address to [rsimon@virtua.org](mailto:rsimon@virtua.org) or e-mail Marge McGinley at [mcginley@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:mcginley@parishofsacredheart.org) or call 609-267-0209, ext. 306.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

***Have you ever thought about joining the Knights of Columbus?***

If you are a practicing Catholic gentleman who may have an interest in the Knights of Columbus, please contact Daniel Fox, Grand Knight, at 609-261-8257, or feel free to stop any Knight to learn about who we are and what we do!

Visit us on **Facebook** as we capture our activities and news. Go to Facebook.com, type: Knights-of-Columbus-1179-Santa-Maria-Council



**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR UPCOMING**



**WELLNESS FAIR... VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: COLUMBIETTES #1179 FOR INFORMATION AND UPDATES....**

***The Still Alice Project***

by Deacon Jim Casa

Alzheimer's is the sixth-leading cause of death in America.

There are more than 5 million Americans living with the disease.

This has been a hot summer so far; so take some time for yourself to read Lisa Genova's, *Still Alice*, a powerful and riveting novel about 50 year old Alice Howland, a successful university professor who is diagnosed with the early onset of Alzheimer's disease. This is a compelling story that will make you aware of how a family finds the strength to pull together. Indeed, *Still Alice* has the power to change lives.

***Still Alice Project Reflection 3:***

When Alice's three children find out they could be tested for the genetic mutation that causes Alzheimer's only Lydia decides she does not want to know. Why does she decline? Would you want to know if you had the disease?

On Sunday, October 2, we will watch the inspiring film version of *Still Alice*, starring Academy Award winning actress, Julianne Moore, in the title role. We will gather at the Burlington County Library Auditorium in Westampton. I will co-facilitate a panel discussion with Lee Gillis, CALA, the Executive Director of Brookdale Senior Living as we lead an open 'question/answer session' with: a family who has a member suffering with the disease; an Alzheimer patient and an elder care attorney. Our purpose will be to present not only a lively chat about *Still Alice* but to also offer valuable and practical information about Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

So, continue in your reading of *Still Alice* and save the October 2nd date. Usually, I say to enjoy your reading experience; however, with *Still Alice*, enjoying is not an appropriate word. My hope is that your reading of *Still Alice* will increase your understanding and awareness of these diseases. Indeed, this will be a special program. Look for updates on the *Still Alice Project* in future bulletins.



**ISN'T KNOWLEDGE A WONDERFUL THING!!**  
**“Choosing the right path!”**

Years ago I was in a Bible Study with an amazingly knowledgeable and spiritual leader. Her love of God and of scripture led our small group down a path of discovery of relationship as we encountered and began to appreciate the gift of God’s love in our individual and communal lives. One day I asked her, “As we come to know God and love Him more deeply, do decisions become easier? I asked this question somewhat rhetorically because it seemed logical to me. Her answer surprised me after she took a moment to ponder. This very wise leader explained to us that as our love of Our Lord grows we find ourselves having to choose between two “good things” which is, at times less clear or well-defined. Where exactly is God inviting me?

Our readings today all present ways to look at where we may be invited by God to journey in our lives. The book of Wisdom reminds us that we are limited by our humanity, our bodies and our minds are not divine. However, with our access to the Holy Spirit through prayer, “And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight,” life’s decisions will be a little easier.

Oftentimes, decisions made by others in our lives impact our paths. Every decision we make in our lives will propel us down a path. The fascinating and encouraging fact is that at any point in our lives we can choose or re-commit to the Way of Christ. Sometimes it is just a slight re-focusing of our priorities and other times it’s a dramatic change in life choices.

St. Paul went to prison in choosing to follow Christ. In today’s second reading we encounter St. Paul choosing to further sacrifice by sending his fellow disciple to assist in the effort of conversion.

Our Gospels of late really address the fact that at the time of Jesus many family members were torn apart by the decision to follow the way of Jesus. His message of love was so extreme – so self-sacrificing – that family members advised against it to the point of disowning one another. Following the path of Jesus is difficult in our culture at times but in many cultures across the world, to follow Christ does indeed mean persecution and/or death.

As we all look to remain on the Path – to follow The Way, perhaps throughout the day we can ask ourselves the simplest question. This question is taught to children as we attempt to simplify the message of God’s love and the responsibility of responding to His love. Begin your day with a simple prayer:

*Holy Spirit please lead me to choose Your love  
in all things today.*

Then throughout the day take your spiritual pulse – was that a loving choice? If yes, gratitude to God. If not, why? With a prayer, ask forgiveness, forgive yourself and re-direct so you’re ready for the next choice. Staying on the Path is not easy, but “with God, all things are possible.”

*Marge McGinley, Pastoral Administrator*



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**WEEKLY PLANNER**

SUNDAY September 4<sup>th</sup>  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Legion of Mary Information/Welcome Drive  
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm Church

MONDAY September 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Labor Day**  
**Mass at 9:00am**  
**All Parish Offices and Chapel are**  
**CLOSED**

TUESDAY September 6<sup>th</sup>  
 First Day of School Half Day  
 EM/Reader Ministry Schedule Meeting  
 Morning 9:00am or Evening 7:00pm LIB  
 Altar Rosary Meeting 7:00pm PHCR  
 SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center  
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHMO

WEDNESDAY September 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Children's Choir 5:00pm Church  
 Baptism Prep Class 7:30pm Church  
 OLPH Prayer 7:15pm Chapel

THURSDAY September 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Music Practice 6:00pm Church  
 Altar Server Parent's Meeting 7:00pm LIB  
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR  
 KOC Basketball 7:00pm Gym  
 Adult Choir 7:30pm Church

FRIDAY September 9<sup>th</sup>

SATURDAY September 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm

**GATHERING LOCATION KEY**

- AUD-** Auditorium/Gym
- Chapel- Adoration Chapel of 2 Hearts-** Entrance faces High St., on side of Parish House closest to the School
- LIB-** Library
- PHCR-** Parish House Conference Room (Room behind the Library)
- PHMO-** Parish House Ministry Office (Marge & Merry's office)
- PHMR-** Parish House Meeting Room (Under the Library)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

SUNDAY September 11<sup>th</sup>  
 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Hospitality Sunday  
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm Church

MONDAY September 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Bible Study 9:30am PHCR  
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm to 8:00pm PHMR  
 Band Parent Meeting 7:00pm Aud  
 Children's RCIA 5:00pm PHMO  
 Pre Catechumen meeting 7:00pm PHMO  
 AOH Meeting 7:30pm LIB

TUESDAY September 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Virtus Training 9:00am LIB  
**First Day of Religious Ed. Fall Program**  
 Minnie Vinnies 2:30-3:30pm LIB/PHMR  
 SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center  
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHMO  
 Knights of Columbus 7:30pm PHMR  
 Columbiettes 7:30pm LIB

WEDNESDAY September 14<sup>th</sup>  
**First Day of Religious Ed. Fall Program**  
 Children's Choir 5:00pm Church  
 Basketball 6:30pm GYM  
 OLPH Prayer 7:15pm Chapel

THURSDAY September 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Music Practice 6:00pm Church  
 Virtus Training 6:30pm LIB  
 Basketball 6:30pm GYM  
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR  
 Adult Choir 7:30pm Church

FRIDAY September 16<sup>th</sup>  
 School Liturgy 8:30am  
 Basketball 6:30pm Gym

SATURDAY September 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm  
 Youth Ministry Kick-off 4:30pm  
 Mass followed by a Social in the Auditorium  
 Boy Scout Popcorn Sale after Mass

