

# 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

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Roberto Padilla  
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Deacon Stan Orkis  
Deacon William Rowley

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Website: [www.sacred-heart-school.org](http://www.sacred-heart-school.org)

Principal: Ms. Kathryn Besheer ext. 340

Admin. Assist. Margo Lihvarcik ext. 316

## Sacred Heart Religious Education

Telephone: 609-267-6319

Email: [rel.ed@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:rel.ed@parishofsacredheart.org)

Director of Rel. Ed: Mrs. Jessica Donohue ext. 307

Admin. Assistant: Mrs. Amy Raimondi ext. 324

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. 9:00am – 2:00pm

### **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

### 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)

February 18 – February 19 2017  
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**  
February 20<sup>th</sup> - February 26<sup>th</sup>

**MONDAY**

7:00am **Sally Haddad, OFS** Req. By Jeff & Teresa Redder

8:30am **Lynn Laine** Req. By Kay & Andy Weiss

**TUESDAY**

7:00am **Michael Baylog** Req. By His Family

8:30am **Louis Liberatore** Req. By Anthony & Yolanda Bonanno

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00am **Victor Figueroa** Req. By Rachel Shein

8:30am **Ida Pirolli** Req. By Sandy Roth

**THURSDAY**

7:00am **Miles Peterson** Req. By His Family

8:30am **Jack Broderick** Req. By The McCormick Family  
**Elinda Sarreal** Req. By Her Daughter Marie Delara

**FRIDAY**

7:00am **The Special Intentions of Vinnie & Connie Vasquez** Req. By Wilma & Audrey Peterson

8:30am **Joan Urban** Req. By Wilma & Audrey Peterson

**SATURDAY**

8:30AM **Jennie Vecchiolla** Req. By Ann & George Kingston

4:30pm **Victor Mushinski** Req. By The Hilgetag Family

**SUNDAY**

7:30am **The People of the Parish & Marlane DeMara** Req. By The Russo & Gsell Family

9:30am **Marcia Cavan** Req. By The Cavan Family

11:30am **Nick Sheremetta** Req. By The Motyczka Family

7:00pm **Raymond Mathis** Req. By The Feigeles Family

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



*Will Burn In Loving Memory of:  
Albert M. Polk, Sr.*

**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:** Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11, Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

**Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday:** Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**Weekly 2/11 – 2/12 \$ 13,392.42**

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

**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**



**ASH**

**WEDNESDAY**

**7:00AM MASS** With Distribution of Ashes

**8:30AM MASS** With Distribution of Ashes

**12:15PM LITURGY OF THE WORD** With Distribution of Ashes

**4:00PM LITURGY OF THE WORD** With Distribution of Ashes

**7:00PM MASS** With Distribution of Ashes

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Connie Vazquez, Vinnie Vazquez-Garcia,  
Paisley Trojanowski, Megan Dezur,  
Walter Grzeszczuk, Matthew Ottenwess,  
Talia Rosko, Lenore Scaturchio, Barbara Kane,  
Kristal Faber, Alice Farkas, Justin Beckett,  
Robert Lally, Tonya DeMaio, Olga Aponte,  
McKenzie Hunter, Gail Reilly, Alva Marino,  
Paul J. Marcinko, Fred Zimmer, Wayne Potts,  
Stephanie Martin, Pat Adornetto, Corey Kaiser,  
Baby Stella Grundahl, Rebecca Bozarth,  
Matthew Wernoeh, Kay Weiss, Maria Wolfe,  
Casey Davitt, Fredrick Naphys, Margaret Brock,  
Herbert Cuccuini, Daniel Toussaint,  
Baby Zoey Reed, Mason Damico, Lynn Kellogg,  
David McCoy, Lois Pedrick, John Rubino,  
George Sampson, Evan Martinez, Trey Nieves,  
Gisela Harrell, Camila Doris Perez,  
Annabelle Ochipinti, Loretta Minakee,  
Patricia Parker, Jane Ciletti, Sabrina Kaiser,  
Wilma Peterson, Christine, Morgan Ackerman,  
Celeste Bunn, Tom Polinski, Raymond Bishop,  
Jenny Hand, Walter Klarmann, Patricia O'Connor,  
George Schneider, Marie Donahue, Peggy Stewart,  
Dylan Crespo, Doris Gallo, Sharon Carroll,  
Teddy Smith, Arthur Netti, Clara Hynes,  
Don Hartman, Mary Hartman, Daniel DeMaio,  
Frank Anton, 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:**

L.Cpl. Noah Stimiloski U.S.M.C.  
Capt. Robert J. Boccio, U.S.A.F  
Michael Bakker, Isaac Paredes  
Douglas Schwenck, Army Reserve  
Richard DeLorge U.S.M.C  
Peter Liedman, Dorinia Dibuono  
Capt. James Rankin U.S.M.C  
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  
Lt. Matthew Carr, U.S.M.C  
Lt. Victoria Holbert, U.S.M.C

**FEDERAL DONOR RECORDKEEPING RULE ON CHARITABLE DEDUCTION**

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 included a section relative to charitable deductions. The rules require that people claiming charitable deduction back up those deduction claims with cancelled checks; records from banks or credit card companies; or written notices from the charity or not-for-profit institution. The burden is on the donor to maintain or obtain the required records.

The parish will provide a record of contributions, upon request, which will satisfy the IRS requirements. Contributions of cash can only be used as a deduction if church envelopes are used enabling the parish to identify the donor. Please call **Deneen Thomas at 609-267-0209 ext. 303** or e-mail [accountant@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:accountant@parishofsacredheart.org)

**The Knights of Columbus**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**March 26, 2017 @ 3 P.M.**

**Benefit Concert to assist in the Parking Lot Fund**

The Knights of Columbus Raffle Tickets to assist the Seminarians of the Trenton Diocese can still be obtained through members of the council or by contacting Dan Fox Grand Knight 609-261-8257. The Grand Prize is a \$5000 Vacation Gift Card. Drawing is on June 16, 2017

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marge McGinley, our Pastoral Administrator, and for the gift she has been to all of us for 26 years on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm followed by dinner in the auditorium.** She will be retiring at the end of May. All are invited! We will be making a book with well wishes, thoughts, prayers and pictures, so if you would like to add something to the book, please drop off your pictures to Merry Marcellino in the parish house. You may drop off your well wishes or email them to Merry at [ministry@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:ministry@parishofsacredheart.org)

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SERRA VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE



**A STUDY COMMISSIONED** by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good Priest or Sister? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs.

*Serra for priestly and religious vocations*

*Thank you  
for praying for vocations.*

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



Holiness Linked to  
Love of Neighbor

The Term “holy” is mentioned in all the readings today. The call of the Lord’s disciples to be “perfect” or blameless is the call to be holy, imitating God’s holiness fulfilled in Jesus.

Inherent in the word “Perfect” is the notion of the mercy that disciples are to extend to others who journey on the path to holiness, but occasionally falter.

When verbal backhanding erupts in every forum of modern life, the instruction we are given is to use our inner strength in a noble way. Jesus’ call is for us to respond with respect and dignity.

**The SVDP Pantry is in need of the following:**

Cereal, Meals in a can, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Canned Vegetables and **Canned SOUP.**

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

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL**  
**Thank you!**

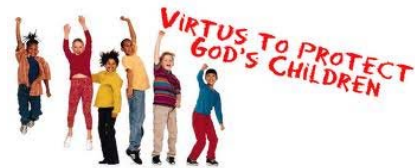
CEMETERY NEWS



Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day decorations may be placed one week prior to the holiday and must be removed two weeks after the holiday.

Please call Paula Pietrow, Cemetery Manager, at 609-267-0209 x 304 if you have any questions.

**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 Library on:  
**Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 to 9:30pm**  
**Monday, March 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.

**PARISH**  
**CHICKEN DINNER**

Saturday, April 1st at 6pm  
In the Sacred Heart Auditorium



Dinner includes: salad, Sweet Potato Crusted Chicken, Herb Roasted Chicken Breast, Oven Roasted Potato Medley, Roasted Winter Vegetable Medley, rolls, beverage and dessert.

Catering by: Mirabella's

Price is \$13 per person, children under 6 are free

If you are attending, please call the Parish House at 609-702-1848 ext. 488 or by email [bcurtis@HIG.net](mailto:bcurtis@HIG.net)

Please give us your name, the number of people in your party, and the number of children under the age of 6.

We need volunteers. If you are able to help, please use the contact information above.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Our evening Bible Study facilitated by John Madden, M.A. in Theology and Ministry, will be combining scripture study and reflections on the Sunday readings during Lent.

Over the course of five sessions, we'll explore the sweeping saga of God's people and their sacred journey in a *Panorama of the Old Testament* by surveying a variety of books found in the Hebrew Scriptures. We'll uncover interwoven themes, the background of familiar characters and God's overall plan of salvation. It will be a perfect way to begin a great adventure or step back and see where you have been in your study of the Bible.

We will close each session with an in-depth review of the forthcoming Sunday scripture readings, inviting reflection and sharing, as we explore ways to apply the lessons contained in those readings in the ensuing week.

As in the past we'll use the materials provided by Little Rock Scripture Study, which will be distributed at the first session, and participants should bring their own bibles (or missalettes like *Living with Christ*, *The Daily Word* or anything similar) for the Sunday readings.

DATES: Wednesdays March 8, 15, 22, 29 & Apr.5

TIME: 7:30 till 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Parish House Meeting Room under the Library.

COST: \$15.00 for the Study Set (Commentary and Study Guide)

To enroll please contact John at (609) 261-3642 or [ijnmadden@comcast.net](mailto:ijnmadden@comcast.net) not later than February 21, 2017 to allow enough time for ordering the materials.

**Boy Scout Troop 32**

Please help support local Boy Scout Troop 32 continue to expand their outdoor program! The boys are hosting their 4th annual all-you-can eat spaghetti dinner on March 5th from 4:00-7:00 at the Mt. Holly Moose Lodge. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children (3-11) and seniors. Any questions or to purchase tickets, please contact us at 609-534-0753.

The Boy Scouts will be selling tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner after Mass next weekend, February 18 & 19th

**OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT** The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org) The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

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***The St. Teresa of Calcutta Project***

by Deacon Jim Casa

As we continue to experience this dreary, wet, damp overcast, yucky winter, we can find a ray of light that will warm the heart and soul, the *St. Teresa of Calcutta Project*. This winter, through the 'read the book - see the movie' effort, we are focusing on the life of the beloved and admired, St. Teresa. There is no doubt that this will be an inspiring effort for all of us. So, what to do? Begin your reading of Malcolm Muggeridge's book about St. Teresa called, *Something Beautiful for God*.

Her ministry: In 1949, a young woman visited St. Teresa and wanted to volunteer. The young lady came from a family of means, wore fancy clothing with a lot of jewelry. St. Teresa told the young woman to go home and think very seriously about the work. Sometime later, the young woman returned; now, she was wearing plain clothes, and no jewelry.

"Come," said St. Teresa. The young lady was ready to be a servant in this difficult work.

Save the date - - - On Friday, March 10 (7:30pm), we will screen the beautiful film, *The Letters: The Untold Story of Mother Teresa* and then enjoy a lively discussion about both, *Something Beautiful for God* and *The Letters*. Look to the bulletin for updates on the *St. Teresa Project*.

"It is said that humility is truth. The path that will make us more like Jesus is the path to humility."  
- St. Teresa of Calcutta



**Faith to Move Mountains Campaign**  
For more information about Faith to Move Mountains. Please see today's insert.  
Website [www.faithtomovemountains.org](http://www.faithtomovemountains.org)

**Save the Date!**  
**Sacred Heart School PTA**  
**St. Patrick's Day**



**9th Annual BEEF & BEER MARCH 18 - 7pm**  
**in the Auditorium**

**Beer, Wine, DJ, Dinner and Dancing!**  
**\*No one under 21 yrs. of age permitted\***  
**\$30 a ticket**

**Tickets must be purchased in advance!**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions:** [kelly.trojanowski@comcast.net](mailto:kelly.trojanowski@comcast.net)  
**or call (609) 784-8575**

**HOLY CROSS ACADEMY ANNOUNCES ITS  
SPRING MUSICAL "SHREK"**

7th and 8th graders interested in acting, singing, dancing are invited to join our ensemble!

No audition necessary! Contact Director & Choreographer  
at [Brenda.Bacon@holycrossacademy.org](mailto:Brenda.Bacon@holycrossacademy.org).

7th & 8th grade cast members will join us at the end of February/beginning of March. Rehearsals will be Sundays, Mondays & Wednesdays from 6:30-9:30pm.

Performances are April 5th at 10:00am, April 7th at 7:00pm, April 8th at 2:00pm & 7:00pm, and April 9th at 2:00pm  
Be a part of the Arts at Holy Cross! Contact us Today!

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**Offerings at Francis House of Prayer**

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center

Box 392 • Rancocas, NJ 08073

609-877-0509 or [FHOP@verizon.net](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net)

Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for directions and for our other offerings!

**ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT 40 DAYS OF GRACE AHEAD!**

**THE TRINITY AND YOUR TRANSFORMATION**

Wednesday, March 1 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

We love beginning Lent together with this retreat at Francis House because it provides a gentle structure for the six-week journey ahead. This year we will use Richard Rohr's, *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* as focus of our Lenten retreat and the motivation for our practices of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Make this Lent a special time of grace for you! Liturgy is also included with the reception of ashes within it. Donation: \$35, includes lunch and \$20 book for your use all during Lent.

**THOUGHTS MATTER**

Thursday, March 2 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

"My thoughts make all the difference in my world." Believe it or not, we have the ability to choose our thoughts. This freedom is essential to our spiritual well-being and emotional health. This morning retreat will help us learn to notice our thoughts as they arise and choose to accept them or replace them. With prayer and practice, we can choose our thoughts and receive a mind at peace, stilled and available for conscious thinking at will. What a wonderful Lenten practice! Donation: \$20, includes lunch & materials.

**GLORIFY GOD BY IMPROVING YOUR HEALTH**

4 Mondays March 6, 13, 27 & April 3 9:30 to 11:00AM

Our human bodies are the most intricate and amazing of God's creations! They were created to be beautiful, healthy, strong, and resilient. Given half a chance, your body will heal itself. Come learn how you can make small changes in your nutrition and lifestyle to create big and lasting results in your health and wellbeing. We will discuss a different topic each week, and you will create a unique plan for yourself to improve every aspect of your life – mind, body, and soul! Led by Colleen McNally, Certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach. Donation: \$60. Includes materials.

**To register, call 609-877-0509.** Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for our other offerings!

**Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice**

***Consider the Conversation 2: Stories about Cure, Relief, and Comfort***

**DATE:** Friday, February 24, 2017.

**LOCATION:** Sacred Heart Auditorium, Mt. Holly, NJ

**SPONSORS:** *Via Lucis*, Samaritan Healthcare &

Hospice's Ministry for Catholic Patients and Families, in collaboration with the Dioceses of Trenton and Camden.

This thought-provoking program includes a screening of the Emmy-nominated *Consider the Conversation 2: Stories about Cure, Relief, and Comfort*, a 2014 PBS documentary created by Catholic filmmakers Michael Bernhagen and Terry Kaldhusdal

The program's goal is to encourage meaningful conversations between husbands and wives, doctors/healthcare professionals and patients, clergy/lay ministers and parishioners, and parents and children. This powerful evening promises to provide inspiration, resources, and new-found insights to help participants think, talk, and act on advanced care issues, and to facilitate living life to its fullest up to its final moment.

Open to family members and healthcare professionals. Cost: \$15 in advance; \$20 at door; includes a light dinner. Program will provide 2.5 Nursing continuing education credits, 2.5 Social Work credits, and 1.75 Catholic Chaplaincy credits; application pending for Mortuary Science credits. For more information or to register:

<https://www.samaritannj.org/news-events/hospice-events/catholic-hospice-workshop>



## ISN'T KNOWLEDGE A WONDERFUL THING!!

### “Is walking in holiness logical?”

I remember years ago walking into a college Math course with fear and trepidation as a returning adult student. The first day of the course the professor said to us, “For the rest of your lives, whenever you encounter a problem in life, reduce it to Math and you’ll find the solution.” I remember smiling at the thoughts of applying Math to every decision but much to my surprise, throughout my lifetime this professor’s wisdom has come to my mind over and over again in solving problems.

As we go through life we have a choice everyday especially as followers of Jesus Christ. We can choose to think in scarcity or abundance. If we see the world as having only enough resources to take care of a very limited number of people, then we will think in scarcity and think always to limit what we share. If we think in abundance, or perhaps we should say, trust in abundance, then our sharing of ourselves, our time and our treasure is done with great generosity.

Today’s readings speak to us about living “holy” lives. When we first encounter this world and think about applying the word “holy” to our own lives, you may feel that same “fear and trepidation” I mentioned related to my Math course. Perhaps Holiness can be seen through the same eyes. Growing in holiness is a lifetime event. In the second reading St. Paul helps us by reminding us that our very body is “the temple of God, and that the Spirit of

God dwells in you?” He then reminds us to take care of our bodies. Our Gospel brings us to the great challenge of holiness which defies logic – or does it?

In our Gospel we read, “You have heard that it was said, you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father...”

Growing in holiness is about connecting with our Lord in prayer and finding Him in His people. Growing in holiness is spending time with God in our everyday world. Recognizing those who are different than us, who at times have differing opinions, who may even value things we do not --- and choosing our first step – Love!

Our first step of love allows us to give others an opportunity to explain, a moment for us to understand and at times even gift another person with acceptance. For us all to take this first step in holiness we will have to prayerfully invite an attitude of abundance into our lives. When we think in abundance, we come to depend on Our Lord as we share ourselves and our treasure. As we grow in holiness and when making decisions let us think of the abundance of God’s love and let us all allow His love to abundantly lead our thoughts. The math of God generously bestows upon our lives relationships that bless us every day – unending “coincidences” or “winks from heaven, and a constant Companion so that life can be lived without fear.”

*Marge McGinley, Pastoral Administrator*

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**WEEKLY PLANNER**

**SUNDAY February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner ticket sale after  
 Mass in the Pantry  
 Adults RCIA LIB  
 Knights of Columbus Hoop Shoot  
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm Church

**MONDAY February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**President's Day**  
**Parish Office, Chapel and School Closed**  
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm – 8:00pm

**TUESDAY February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm  
 Basketball 6:30pm Gym  
 SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center  
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR  
 High School Youth Group 7:00pm- 8:30pm LIB

**WEDNESDAY February 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm  
 Basketball 6:30pm Gym  
 OLPH Prayer 7:15pm Chapel

**THURSDAY February 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 Music Practice 6:00pm Church  
 Virtus Training 6:30pm LIB  
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR  
 KOC Basketball 7:00pm Gym  
 Adult Choir 7:30pm Church

**FRIDAY February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice Presentation  
 3:00pm to 6:00pm AUD

**SATURDAY February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 Basketball 8:30am Gym  
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm Church

**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 Library)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Adults RCIA LIB  
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm Church

**MONDAY February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 Bible Study 9:30 PHCR  
 Children's RCIA 5:00pm PHMO  
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm – 8:00pm  
 Basketball 6:30pm Gym  
 First Reconciliation 7:00pm Church

**TUESDAY February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO Religious Education Classes**  
 Basketball 6:30pm Gym  
 SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center  
 Rite of Election Practice RCIA 7:00pm Church  
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR

**ASH WEDNESDAY March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Mass Times 7:00am, 8:30am & 7:00pm**  
**Distribution of Ashes at the end of Mass & Liturgy of the Word Service**  
**12:15pm & 4:00pm**  
**NO Religious Education Classes**

**THURSDAY March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Family Literacy Night 7:00pm School  
 Music Practice 6:00pm Church  
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR  
 Basketball 6:30pm Gym  
 Adult Choir 7:30pm Church

**FRIDAY March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 Stations of the Cross 4:00pm & 7:00pm  
 Women's World Day of Prayer 7:30pm Church  
 Basketball 6:30 Gym

**SATURDAY March 4<sup>th</sup>**



**Mt. Holly St. Patrick's Day Parade**  
**High Street will be closed approximately**  
**10:00am to 3:00pm**  
 Basketball 8:30am Gym  
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm Church