

# Sacred Heart Church



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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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## Sacred Heart Religious Education

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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

**August 26 – August 27 2017**  
**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **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)

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**  
August 28<sup>th</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup>

**MONDAY**

7:00am **Paul J Marmina, Jr.** Req. By Teresa & Jeff Redder

8:30am **Thomas A. Dunn, Sr.** Req. By The Gusz Family

**TUESDAY**

7:00am **Maria Rocca** Req. By Ted & Pat Jalkiewicz

8:30am **James DiGiovane** Req. By Kathleen & John Gusz

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00am **Liz Krupicka(S.I.)** Req. By The Redder Family

8:30am **Rhonda Younglove** Req. By Her Family

**THURSDAY**

7:00am **Fred & Mollie Zimmer** Req. By Frank Casano's Family

8:30am **Francesco DeLucia** Req. By His Family

**FRIDAY**

7:00am **Thomas Dunn** Req. By The Schatzel Family

8:30am **Caitlin Palmieri** Req. By Jim & Marcella Grando & Family

**SATURDAY**

8:30AM **Leo Benedict Dungan** Req. By Chuck & Kathy Garrett

**Raquel Hernandez** Req. By Francis & Christopher Grupico & Family

4:30PM **Timai Rodrigues** Req. By Allwyn & Sandra Mascarenhas & Family

**SUNDAY**

7:30am **The People of the Parish & Rosina Agudelo** Req. By Loren & Stefan Santamaria

9:30am **The Special Intentions of David Carvin** Req. By Joan Carvin

11:30am **Josephine Muller** Req. By Marian Baldwin

7:00pm **Sherry Ferguson** Req. By Barb & Millie Stellwag

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



*Will Burn for the Special Intentions of:  
All the Students of Sacred Heart Parish*

**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 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**Weekly 8/19 – 8/20 \$ 12, 546.41**

*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.*

**Hannah Clare Wolleben  
Thomas Nelson Dickinson, Jr.**

*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, Vinnie Vazquez-Garcia,  
Yolanda Bonanno, Nicholas Gonzalez,  
Betty Doviak, Pete Giambalvo, Ed Ciletti,  
Karen Tusim, Sue Ringenary, Michael Dow,  
Don McGhee, Marie Chierico, Karen McDonald,  
Melissa Currie, Janice Staff, Christine Taintor,  
Pat Adornetto, Nadia Nieves, Trey Nieves,  
Edward Stewart, Paisley Trojanowski, Talia Rosko,  
Megan Dezur, Bobby Sumanga, Garrett Schwab,  
Frank Anton, Christopher Pierce, Renate Conners,  
Freddie J. Faber, III, Arleen Bishop, Maria Wolfe,  
Matthew Ottenwess, Tracy & Erica Schwab,  
Matthew McDonald, Lenore Scatuorchio,  
Kristal Faber, Alice Farkas, Justin Beckett,  
Robert Lally, Tonya DeMaio, Olga Aponte,  
McKenzie Hunter, Gail Reilly, Alva Marino,  
Wayne Potts, Stephanie Martin, Corey Kaiser,  
Stella Grundahl, Rebecca Bozarth, Daniel DeMaio,  
Matthew Wernoch, Kay Weiss, Casey Davitt,  
Fredrick Naphys, Margaret Brock,  
Herbert Cucchini, Clara Hynes, Daniel Toussaint,  
Zoey Reed, Mason Damico, David McCoy,  
Lois Pedrick, John Rubino, George Sampson,  
Evan Martinez, Sabrina Kaiser, Camila Doris Perez,  
Celeste Bunn, Annabelle Ochipinti, Arthur Netti,  
Loretta Minakee, Christine, Patricia Parker,  
Wilma Peterson, Doris Gallo, Morgan Ackerman,  
Raymond Bishop, Jenny Hand, Patricia O'Connor,  
George Schneider, Marie Donahue, Peggy Stewart,  
Dylan Crespo, Sharon Carroll, Don Hartman,  
Mary Hartman, 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:**

TSgt. Paul J. Stoshak U.S.A.F.  
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.



**Labor Day**

**MASS**

September 4<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church at **9:00am**. The Parish Office, Adoration Chapel and School will be closed.

**THE 2018 PARISH MASS BOOK**

Our Mass Intentions Book for the year 2018 will be available for announced Masses as of

**Wednesday September 6, 2017.**

Remembering our deceased loved ones in a special way at Mass is a beautiful expression of faith in eternal life. As you bring your intentions to the Parish Office please be mindful that there will be other parishioners who, throughout the year, may wish to remember their deceased loved ones and the special intentions of the living in the same way. Your understanding will be greatly appreciated.

We also still have weekday Mass openings in our 2017 Mass Intentions Book.

There are 7:00am and some 8:30am Masses still available. We also have openings for the Devotional Candle in the Chapel of the Two Hearts.

**Religious Education Office:  
Closed Monday, August 27 –  
Wednesday, August 29  
Regular Office Hours resume on  
Thursday, August 30 (9 am – 2 pm  
daily)**





## Summer Office Hours

### Parish Office Summer Hours:

**Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Monday – Thursday Office Hours:

9am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 5:00pm

**Friday Office Hours: 9:00am – 1:00pm**

**No Afternoon hours**

Monday – Friday Evenings: 6pm – 9pm

Sunday: 8:30am- 1pm

Saturday: 9am-12pm and 1pm–5pm



### Bishop's Anniversary Blessing

Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2017 October 22 - Burlington/Mercer: All couples celebrating their **1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary** during the 2017 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 must register to attend the Mass and Blessing at St. Mary Cathedral on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 3 pm (registration deadline is September 11, 2017). Please contact the Parish Secretary, Michele O'Toole 609-267-0209 ext. 301 or email [secretary@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:secretary@parishofsacredheart.org)

### SERRA VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE

#### *Prayer for Vocations*



Loving God,

You speak to us and nourish us  
through the life of this Church  
community.

In the name of Jesus, we ask you to  
send your Spirit to us so that men and  
women among us, young and old,  
will respond to your call to service and  
leadership in the Church. We pray  
especially, in our day, for those who  
hear your invitation to be a priest,  
sister, or brother.

May those who are opening their  
hearts and minds to your call be  
encouraged and strengthened  
through our enthusiasm in your  
service. Amen.

*Thank you  
for praying for vocations.*

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

### HEALING MASS

You are invited to attend the Healing Mass  
every First Friday of the month at  
Sacred Heart Church. **The next Healing  
Mass will be held Friday September 1<sup>st</sup> in  
the Church. 7:30PM** – Healing Mass, and  
praying over the sick. For more information  
please contact Lina Sumanga at 261-2674

**Training for  
Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion,  
Readers & Altar Servers**



**Have you ever considered being an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion?**

We will be holding a workshop on **Monday, September 18th at 7:00pm** in the Church for those who might be considering this calling to serve the people of God. You must be over 18 and if you are married your marriage must be a valid marriage according to the Catholic Church. We do offer you the Mass which is most convenient for your schedule, although we desperately need people to serve at the 7pm Mass. Please give Marge Norton a call at 609-914-0553 or email at [marge16norton@gmail.com](mailto:marge16norton@gmail.com) to rsvp for this workshop or to gather more information.

**Would you like to be a Minister of the Word (Reader) at Mass?**

If you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and feel called to help spread the Word of God, this is a great ministry for you. We will have a workshop for new readers on **Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** for all those who might be interested. Please give Lisa Welsh a call at 856-816-4040, or email to [lwelsh1961@comcast.net](mailto:lwelsh1961@comcast.net)

**Would you like to be an Altar Server?**

If you are in at least fourth grade, please attend the Altar Server Training that will be held in the Church at **6:30pm on Monday, October 30, 2017**. Anyone in the fourth grade or higher is welcome to join this ministry. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Patrice Tolmayer at 609-267-2582 or [ptolmayer@aol.com](mailto:ptolmayer@aol.com)



**“Keys of the Kingdom”**

The role of Peter as the rock upon which the Church is founded makes today’s Gospel passage one of the most important in our readings. In this Gospel, the entrusting of the keys of the kingdom is an echo from Isaiah and an extremely powerful symbol of the authority given to the apostles.

“Having demonstrated his capacity for leadership by proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah, Peter could now lock or unlock, admit or exclude. In the context of our own lives, we too, hold the keys: by setting a good example we can help open the doors of faith for others; by making poor choices, we may be instrumental in locking others out, along with ourselves.”

Living Faith

May we, as members of the Church, share the Good News through our words and actions, thereby becoming the face of Jesus in a world hungry for meaning.

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

Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Jelly, Meals in a Can, Canned Soup, Canned Fruit, Tuna, Baked Beans, and Canned Vegetables.

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

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





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 2017 through June 2018, 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 Stellweg, 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!*

**One Body in Christ-The Annual Catholic Appeal** Once again, we are being asked to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Each year the Bishop seeks the support of all of the members of the Diocese to further the work of our ministries. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church. You can make this happen with a gift to the ACA. Please take a moment and truly reflect on any help you can give. Many of you have already received a letter in the mail asking for your prayers and support for this Appeal. Pledge cards can also be found at all entrances to the Church. Thank you for the prayer, time and attention that you give to this request.

## Sacred Heart Altar Rosary News

Check it out

### Are you interested in some information on our upcoming Trips in 2018?

Join us on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
in the Library.

A Representative from Collette Tours  
will be there

To present information on our April 2018 Trip  
to Sunny Portugal

Also get information on other adventures  
ahead.

Questions: Call Terry Rensman  
609-294-2517

Also



Join the Sacred Heart Altar Rosary  
To experience The Christmas Spectacular  
Show at Sight and Sound in  
Beautiful Lancaster County Pa.  
November 16, 2017

Experience a performance as only Sight and  
Sound can deliver

Start the Christmas Season Right!

The trip includes:

- ★ Buffet Meal at *Shady Maple Restaurant*
- ★ Round Trip Motorcoach Transportation
- ★ All Taxes and Gratuities (*Except Driver*)
- ★ Cost: \$105.00

*Make your Reservation today for this most  
popular show!*

For Reservations and more information  
Call: Terry Rensman  
609-284-2517



Come to see

## *The Grapes of Wrath*

*The Grapes of Wrath* ranks No. 21 on the American Film Institute's list of the 100 greatest American films, this 1940 classic remains a luminous example of Hollywood classicism from the peerless director of mythic Americana, John Ford. Adapted from John Steinbeck's classic novel, the film tells a simple story about Oklahoma farmers leaving the depression-era dustbowl for the promised land of California, but it's the story's emotional resonance and theme of human perseverance that makes the movie so richly and timelessly rewarding. It's all about the humble Joad family's cross-country trek to escape the economic devastation of their ruined farmland, beginning when Tom Joad (Henry Fonda) returns from a four-year prison term to discover that his family home is empty. He's reunited with his family just as they're setting out for the westbound journey, and thus begins an odyssey of saddening losses and strengthening hopes. As Ma Joad, Oscar-winner Jane Darwell is the embodiment of one of America's greatest social tragedies and the "Okie" spirit of pressing forward against all odds (as she says, "because we're the people").

*The Grapes of Wrath* is much more than a classy, old-fashioned history lesson. With dialogue and scenes that rank among the most moving and memorable ever filmed, it's a classic among classics--simply put, one of the finest films ever made.

Movie night will be Friday, September 15 at 7pm in the Sacred Heart School Library. Deacon Jim Casa will host an open discussion of *The Grapes of Wrath* after the screening of the film. Bring a friend.

**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.

**Volunteer Chaplain Aides** and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly. There are openings for trained lay visitors every day. Following a 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.

The 18 hour Training Course will be offered in the Conference Center at the Virtua Memorial Hospital, 175 Madison Avenue, Mount Holly, on October 25, and October 27, 2017, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, with continental breakfast at 7:30am. If you want to find out if volunteering is for you or if you want to sign up for the course, please phone or email for an information package with details of the course and the process of volunteering in the hospital. Please phone Chaplain Marge McGinley 609-914-6365 or email your name and address to [mmcginley@virtua.org](mailto:mmcginley@virtua.org)



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**Living the Good News Today**

*"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."*

Although I did not share many childhood experiences of outdoor adventures with my parents and siblings, my younger brother's extracurricular activities in Boy Scouts led to my own passion for camping. After I started college, I purchased my own tent and would take my two youngest brothers and one of our neighbors on our annual summer camping adventures.

After my marriage, I continued these adventures with my husband Jeff and our four children (and now with our grandchildren). Whenever we have talked about our camping trips, though, we have often heard people tell us that their ideas of "camping" involve air-conditioned, bug-free rooms, real beds, and bathrooms with flush toilets! 😊

So many things happen in the world around us that make us aware of the differences in people—their likes and dislikes and how strongly they feel about them. For many employers, diversity and inclusion are valued as a way of promoting respect and understanding among colleagues. However, there can be many external factors that influence our willingness to learn from someone else's experiences. How easy it is to ignore someone who prefers to do something we would never remotely consider! This happens even in volunteer ministry, where there is so much need.

When Jesus chose the twelve apostles, He selected ordinary, uneducated people to share His public ministry. From their backgrounds as fishermen, a tax collector, and even a zealot, they learned from Jesus about the reign of God. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples, *"But who do you say that I am?"* When Peter replies, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,"* Jesus declares His intentions to build His Church upon this rock, promising him:

*"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."*

The image of a key always reminds me of the tight security at the county jail where I minister. There are many heavy doors throughout the jail that can be operated electrically through remote stations within the prison's control centers and also opened manually with a large, heavy key. On occasion, I have been escorted into our prison gatherings by an officer who used the large key to unlock a particular door. The possession of the key brings with it responsibility and the protection of resources. By using this image of the key to heaven, Jesus conferred a special role on St. Peter entrusting His Church to his care and protection. As popes have succeeded St. Peter, they have taken on this responsibility to teach the Church about our faith and to make sure that the Church witnesses to Christ in our moment in history.

Last weekend, Jeff and I watched a PBS special on American Experience called *"Last Days in Vietnam,"* chronicling the chaotic evacuation of Americans and South Vietnamese allies from Saigon in April 1975. Through interviews with Americans (military, diplomatic, and press), this documentary showed the moral dilemma faced by the US ambassador as the president issued an order for Americans to leave Saigon immediately. Vietnam had been in a civil war for 30 years. Many Sacred Heart parishioners may remember the late Fr. Jack McVeigh in 2005 recounting his firsthand experience of being at the embassy on the day that the Marine helicopters took just 2-3 Americans and a full cargo of Vietnamese people out with each flight. As the well-trained North Vietnamese army (150,000 strong) marched on Saigon, it was estimated that a half million people were fleeing as refugees and put their trust in America to help them.

Are we aware that the key to the kingdom of heaven is with us? Jesus taught His apostles about the commandment to love and the way to practice a compassionate and merciful heart towards others. The Church has handed on this tradition for generations. During the documentary, the Marine security detail, Marine helicopter pilots, and Navy personnel at sea were confronted with a diverse sea of suffering humanity, many of whom had been their co-workers and friends while the US fought by their sides. The videos of the crammed helicopters and the thousands of people taken on board ships allowed us to see the key of heaven's mercy that opened the door to freedom for so many refugees.

On the feast of Mary's Assumption (August 15<sup>th</sup>), Pope Francis issued his Message for the 104<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2018 (January 14<sup>th</sup>) in which he stated: *"Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age. The Lord entrusts to the Church's motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future."*

In his message, Pope Francis invited us to use the coming months to focus on four verbs that are important keys to reveal the kingdom of heaven: welcome, protect, promote, and integrate. These actions may require a solidarity with others whose diversity may challenge us, especially when the Holy Father asks us to reach out to the political and social actors whose efforts can make a great difference in building good will on an international level. With the key entrusted to the Church, we simply remember that:

*"Lord, Your love is eternal."*

Teresa S. Redder, OFS

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**WEEKLY PLANNER**

**SUNDAY August 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary time  
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

**MONDAY August 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm to 8:00pm

**TUESDAY August 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR  
 SVDP PHMR 9:00am to 2:00pm  
 SVDP 7:00pm Center

**WEDNESDAY August 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 OLPH 7:15pm Chapel  
 SVDP PHMR 6:00pm to 8:00pm

**THURSDAY August 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm

**FRIDAY September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 Welcome Back Sacred Heart School Faculty  
 and Staff  
 New Student Orientation

*Parish House Summer Office Hours*  
*Friday Office Hours: 9:00am – 1:00pm*  
*No Afternoon hours*

Healing Mass 7:30pm

**SATURDAY September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY September 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

**MONDAY September 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Labor Day**  
**Mass at 9:00am**  
**All Parish Offices and Chapel are**  
**CLOSED**

**TUESDAY September 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 First Day of School  
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHMO  
 Altar Rosary PHCR  
 SVDP 7:00pm Center

**WEDNESDAY September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 Altar Rosary Trip Planning Mtg. 6:15pm LIB  
 OLPH 7:15pm Chapel  
 Baptism Prep Class 7:30pm Church

**THURSDAY September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 Music Practice 6:00pm Church  
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm Church

**FRIDAY September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY September 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm

**GATHERING LOCATION KEY**

- AUD-** Auditorium/Gym
- LIB-** Library
- PHCR-** Parish House Conference Room (Between the Library and the Chapel)
- PHMO-** Parish House Ministry Office (Merry's office)
- PHMR-** Parish House Meeting Room (Under the Library)