

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

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

Fall Program Class Times

Grades 1st - 8th Tuesday: 5:30pm to 6:45pm

Grades 1st - 8th 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

October 21 – October 22 2017
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
October 23rd – October 29th

MONDAY

7:00am **Catherine Hager** Req. By The Redder Family

8:30am **Brendan Ruppenthal** Req. By Tom & Barbara Fox

TUESDAY

7:00am **Frank Pellegrino** Req. By Tom & Barbara Fox and Family

8:30am **Cass Hager** Req. By Millie & Barb Stellwag

WEDNESDAY

7:00am **Anastacia Cabildo** Req. By The Amper Family

8:30am **The Special Intentions of Yodi Langan** Req. By Bill Langan

THURSDAY

7:00am **Catherine Mulea** Req. By John & Marie Milano & Family

8:30am **Alan S. Chaby** Req. By Yodi Langan

FRIDAY

7:00am **Theresa Karpowicz** Req. By The Redder Family

8:30am **Robert Voorhees** Req. By Marc & Arlene Baldwin

SATURDAY

8:30AM **Gloria & Arthur Fardone** Req. By Their Daughter Maryanne

Patricia Surrency Req. By Ninfa & Margie Lao

4:30PM **Anna Fox** Req. By Tom & Barbara Fox

SUNDAY

7:30am **Carmen Peña** Req. By Eliza Peña

9:30am **Patrick Perinchief** Req. By His Family

11:30am **George Buller** Req. By His Family

Phillip Coppola Req. By His Family

7:00pm **The People of the Parish**

The Devotional Candle in the Chapel of the Two Hearts



*Will Burn in Loving Memory of:
Susan Bauer*

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: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

SUNDAY OFFERING

Weekly 10/14 – 10/15 \$ 14, 752.98

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

Wedding Banns



*III Anthony Coppola & Paula Matos
I Curtis Kirkpatrick & Kayla Williams*

Baptisms

We extend a warm welcome to our newly baptized.

**Lila Christyanne Skelly
Adriana Grace Saleh
Carmen Joseph Mendell**

*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,
Deacon Jim Casa, Vickie Robles, Megan Dezur,
Yolanda Bonanno, Stephanie James, Eric Wall,
Nicholas Gonzalez, Dawn Vota, Betty Doviak,
Pete Giambalvo, Ed Ciletti, Karen Tusim,
Michael Dow, Don McGhee, Marie Chierico,
Karen McDonald, Melissa Currie, Janice Staff,
Christine Taintor, Pat Adornetto, Nadia Nieves,
Trey Nieves, Talia Rosko, 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, Daniel DeMaio,
Doris Gallo, Matthew Wernoch, Kay Weiss,
Casey Davitt, Fredrick Naphys, Margaret Brock,
Clara Hynes, Herbert Cucchini, 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, 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 Paredez
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
Sgt. 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.

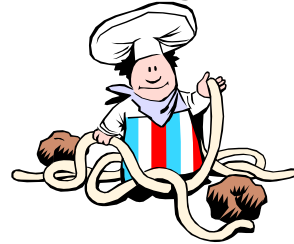
Volunteer Appreciation Day

For all volunteers at Sacred Heart! We are having a Volunteer Appreciation Day to celebrate you and the wonderful talents you bring to Sacred Heart! Join us Saturday, November 4th at the 8:30am Mass, followed by a lovely breakfast in the auditorium. All volunteers are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Merry Marcellino at 609-702-1848 x 305 or email, ministry@parishofsacredheart.org

SAVE THE DATE!!

PARISH PASTA DINNER

Saturday, November 4th 2017
In the Sacred Heart Auditorium
Price coming soon!



ALTAR SERVER **A JOB SO BIG ONLY A KID CAN DO IT**

Training for Altar Servers

Would you like to be an Altar Server?

If you are in at least fourth grade, and registered in Sacred Heart Parish, 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

SERRA VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE

Jesus, High Priest and Redeemer forever, we beg you to call young men and women to your service as priests and religious. May they be inspired by the lives of dedicated Priests, Brothers, and Sisters. Give to parents the grace of generosity and trust toward you and their children so that their sons and daughters may be helped to choose their vocations in life with wisdom and freedom.

Lord, you told us that *the harvest indeed is great but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.* We ask that we may know and follow the vocation to which you have called us. We pray particularly for those called to serve as priests, brothers and sisters; those whom you have called, those you are calling now, and those you will call in the future. May they be open and responsive to the call of serving your people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Thank you
for praying for vocations.**

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

**Diocesan Pilgrimage on
November 4th**

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. will be on November 4th.

Christ the Redeemer Church still has some seats available on their bus if you are interested in going. Please call Ivette Cordero at 609-877-9197 to find out more information.

Our Lady Queen of Peace also has seats on their bus to the National Basilica in Washington D.C. for November 4th. If you would like information about their bus, please call Carol at 609-267-0230 x 16.



Christ's Presence in the World
In his opening address and greeting, St. Paul's letters usually have a "thanksgiving", a short passage where he gives thanks to God for his recipients. In today's letter, St. Paul gives thanks to the Thessalonians' "work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope..." He explains to them that the reason for their fidelity is the fact that they received the Good News as a way of living rather than a mere code of conduct.

Today, we who belong to the Church are meant to be a reflection of Christ's presence in the world: preaching the Gospel, spreading the kingdom of God, building up the community of the faithful, and then reaching out to those who are most in need. If we do these things, we are the full, clear presence of Christ in the world.

"Holy Spirit, help me to see the opportunities You give me today. Help me to be attentive to you. I believe that you want to work wonders in my life and in the lives of the people around me. Use me Lord!"

The SVDP Pantry is in need of the following:

Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Meals in a Can, Canned Soup, 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!

Thank You!

Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Council 1179

The Knights of Columbus would like to Thank the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church for their generous support to the Right To Life Baby Shower.

Thru your generosity, a total of \$ 1856,00 was donated along with a great amount of clothing, blankets, toilet and changing material, formula and diapers.

These gifts will be shared with First Way of Burlington / Willingboro and also Good Council of Marlton.

Sacred Heart PTA News

Join us for our Designer Bagz Bingo



**October 21st, 7 pm at
Sacred Heart Auditorium
Fundraiser to Benefit**

Sacred Heart School's Class of 2018!

Tickets \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door

Includes 11 games for fabulous designer bags!

Light refreshments provided

For more information/to buy tickets, please pick
up a flyer from our PTA bulletin board in the

front vestibule, or email Jessica at

SHSBagzBingo@gmail.com

Hope you can join us! ☺



October 28, 2017

7:30 am - Pick up packets

8:00 am - 1 Mile Fun run start

8:30 am - 5K Walk/Run start

Cost: \$20 - [1 Mile Fun Run](#)

\$25 - [5K Walk](#)

\$30 - [5K Run](#)

Online registration ends on:

Fri, Oct 27, 2017 6:00 PM EDT

Come join us for the 4th annual Sacred Heart
School Halloween Hustle 5k run/walk and 1
mile fun run!

Enjoy a run or walk through beautiful historic
Mount Holly.

All proceeds will be used to fund scholarships,
educational programs and technology
upgrades.

Thank you for your support!

Please use the following link to register for this
event: <https://www.shshalloweenhustle.com/>

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center

Box 392 • Rancocas, NJ 08073

609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

Please check www.FHOP.org for directions
and for our other offerings!

**LETTING GO EVERY SEASON BRINGS A
CHANGE** Wednesday, Oct. 25 9:30AM–1:00PM

"Leaves don't drop, they just let go and make a
place for seeds to grow. "Every season brings a
change; a seed is what a tree contains. To die and
live is life's refrain." (Carrie Newcomber) Autumn
leaves, letting go, living fully into this mysterious
pattern of our life journey is the focus of our day of
reflection, prayer and sharing. Using nature as our
guide, we will have an opportunity to enter more
consciously into the hidden transformation that God
evokes in us as we respond to the subtle invitations
of God to join with creation in letting go. Donation:
\$20, includes lunch.

THEN SINGS MY SOUL

Wednesday, November 1 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

"The aim and purpose of all music is none other
than the Glory of God and the refreshment of the
soul." (J.S. Bach) Deep within each of us is an
Eternal Song waiting to be sung. Come spend the
day in the embrace of music, song, in harmony with
others and within ourselves as together we pray our
way to the love that longs to sing our soul into
being. We will engage in a variety of music/prayer
experiences. No musical training is necessary to
attend. "There is nothing in the world so much like
prayer as music is." (William P. Merrill) Donation:
\$20, includes lunch.

CLASSIC IGNATIAN MEDITATIONS

Thursday, November 2 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

At the heart of the Spiritual Exercises are two
classic meditations by St. Ignatius: The Principle
and Foundation and The Contemplation for
Learning to Love Like God. I would love for you to
experience them and their amazing power for
consolation, clarity and peace. We will spend the
day praying with them. You will receive additional
materials to further your prayer. Give it a try! You
won't be sorry. What a great way to pray on All
Souls Day! Donation: \$25, includes lunch and
materials.

To register, call 609-877-0509. Please
check www.FHOP.org for our other offerings!

Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Update

Family Ministry



Join us on **Sunday, October 22nd - 2:00-4:00pm** for our first, Fall Faith Festival! All ages are welcome to join us!

It will be an "open house" style event where families can travel to over 10 different fall/faith themed stations and make crafts, do activities and learn about our faith together.

Cost is \$5 per person (lots of goodies to take home!) and RSVP is preferred but walk-ins are welcome (if space/supplies are available)

This will be a great event for youth of all ages, grandparents too! Please invite the whole family!

Please see attached flyer or go to the link here for more information!

<http://www.parishofsacredheart.org/documents/2017/9/FM%20Fall%20Faith%20Festival%202017.pdf>

Middle School Youth Group



Our theme this year is "WHO AM I?" - Inspired by Psalm 139, We'll take a deeper look at what makes us unique, how we are called to be who God has created us to be, and to share the gifts that we have been given.

Meetings are open to any 6th-8th grader from Sacred Heart Church, guests welcome! Meetings held on Friday evenings from 6:30-9:00pm. There is no registration for meetings but youth (including guests) must have a completed registration when attending for the first time. At meetings, we will begin with dinner. After dinner will be a variety of spiritual, service and social activities.

Registration form found here -

<http://www.parishofsacredheart.org/documents/>

[2016/8/Youth%20Group%20Registration%20Form-1.pdf](http://www.parishofsacredheart.org/middle-school-youth-group)

More meeting details always available on the website. <http://www.parishofsacredheart.org/middle-school-youth-group>

High School Youth Group



High School Youth Group (HSYG) is meeting **TWICE A MONTH!!!**

Join us on the **1st Tuesday for Open Gym - 7:00-8:30pm** (Games & Hang Out - Very Casual!)

Join us on the **3rd Tuesday in the Library - 7:00-8:30pm** for Discussion and Activities based on our theme this year, "Set Apart"!

All 9th-12th grade youth are invited and encouraged to try it out!

Please bring a registration form to the first meeting you attend!!! (one per family per year required) -

<http://www.parishofsacredheart.org/documents/2016/8/Youth%20Group%20Registration%20Form-1.pdf>

All the meeting dates can be found on the attached flyer...or on the parish website -

<http://www.parishofsacredheart.org/high-school-youth-group>

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 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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PLEASE JOIN US AT GOOD COUNSEL'S
BANQUET
THURSDAY, October 26, 6:00-9:00pm



THE MERION, 1901 US ROUTE 130, CINNAMINSON YOU are invited to attend Good Counsel's Eleventh Annual Fund Raising Banquet to benefit the homeless, pregnant mothers of our Riverside home. Our key note speaker is Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, and Founding Father of Franciscan Friars of The Renewal. Come and hear one of the many success stories of one of Good Counsel's moms and how, through your financial support, she now has hope for her future. Reservations are required. Please contact Mary Ann Lorimer for information: 215-989-0021 or lorimerma@aol.com. Ask friends to join you and we will reserve a table of 10 just for you! A free will offering will be taken during the dinner. Celebrate the miracles of our Riverside home with us. We look forward to seeing you.

MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER, 3501 Solly Avenue in northeast Philadelphia is offering a Tuesday evening program "Contemporary Questions About The Last Things" on November 7, 14, and 21, beginning at 7 pm and concluding at 8:30 pm. In November, we remember our beloved dead and celebrate All Saints Day. Many people think that death is the end of one's existence. They may live for the moment or work to usher in the kingdom here on earth, but they are not living with the hope of final resurrection. What difference does Christian hope make? What is the goal of our human existence? Why do Catholics reject reincarnation, and how is this related to the Incarnation and to our growth in faith and holiness? This short course will consider these and related topics (e.g. assisted suicide, purgatory, cremation.)
Presenter: Sr. Sara Butler, MSBT, S.T.L., Ph.D. has taught dogmatic theology for over 30 years

Fee: Free Will Offering
Please call 267-350-1830 for more information or to register.

Altar Rosary News

Join us as one of the FIRST to see Sight and Sounds
Newest and Greatest Production in
2018
"JESUS"
MARCH 15TH!



A Little More adventurous?
Our Travels in 2018 include April in Sunny Portugal
Or
September in Cowboy Country!
Call Terry Rensman
At 609-284-2517
For more details on all the trips!
Hope you will find one that appeals to you!

Eucharistic Ministers Needed at Lourdes

The Pastoral Care Department at Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring Communion to our patients one or two days a month in the morning or afternoon. Orientation will be provided at your convenience and will include accompanying the Chaplain or Eucharistic Minister visiting patients. If you are interested, call Sr. Pat Bove at 609-835-3202 for more information.

Irish Synergy Girls Leadership Event

Attention 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Girls
Irish Synergy Girls Leadership Event
Camden Catholic High School (300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002)
Sunday, October 29, Mass 9 a.m. Workshop & Guest Speaker 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
This year's guest speaker is Ginny Marino, CEO, Girl Scouts of Central and Southern NJ
<http://www.camdenatholic.org/schedule/irish-synergy-girls-leadership-event/>

Living the Good News Today

"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?"

Last Monday (October 16th), the United Nations (UN) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) observed World Food Day with the theme *"Change the Future of Migration. Invest in Food Security and Rural Development."* Marking this event, Pope Francis addressed the UN FAO office in Rome, where he made an appeal for international cooperation to:

- Guarantee enough food production and fair distribution for everyone;
- Ensure the right of every human being to feed himself according to his needs without being forced to leave his home and loved ones.

Since his election as pope in 2013, the Holy Father has been a champion for the poor, the homeless, migrants, victims of civil wars, orphans, prisoners, and many others who would have no voice to name their dire circumstances. Having witnessed firsthand the lasting effects of injustice as a bishop in South America, Pope Francis knows that it takes courage to live the Gospel in a culture that too often lives counter-culturally to what Christ proclaims. Even though each generation has moved forward with great advances in knowledge and technology, the truth of the Gospel remains the same today as it was for the apostles and first disciples. Christ teaches us the Way to live the Gospel. Like Christ, we must be prepared that people will question us when we get serious about our living.

In this weekend's Gospel, the Pharisees once again plot against Jesus and try to entrap Him. Knowing that they offered a question from malice, Jesus asks them, *"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?"* The Pharisees' behavior of duplicity has existed throughout human history. Jesus was a man of integrity, fidelity, courage, and simplicity. He spoke the truth clearly and confidently, driven by a love of God that superseded any human need to be accepted by secular opinion. It must have stung the Pharisees to be called hypocrites!

The Gospel makes it clear that we have responsibilities to civil law, but we must also pay attention and be accountable to God's law. As each person is uniquely blessed with talents, we must use them wisely in the world to build up God's Kingdom.

Several months ago, I wrote about Catholic Relief Services (CRS) being named in February as one of the eight semi-finalists for the *"100 & Change"* grant competition, awarded every three years to an applicant with a proposal to make a significant global difference. CRS, who had teamed with Lumos and Maestral to offer *"Change the Way We Care,"* was selected in September

as one of the four finalists to compete for the \$100M grant money to be awarded in December.

The *"100 & Change"* competition is championed by the Douglas D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, whose names are frequently listed under the endowment for the arts and Public Broadcasting System. When the founder died in 1978, he was one of the three wealthiest men in the US, with a net worth >\$1 billion. He left 92% of his estate to start the Foundation, which has awarded \$6 billion in grants since 1978. On the foundation's website, there was a description of what they promote for the world:

"The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation supports creative people, effective institutions, and influential networks building a more just, verdant, and peaceful world. MacArthur is placing a few big bets that truly significant progress is possible on some of the world's most pressing social challenges, including over-incarceration, global climate change, nuclear risk, and significantly increasing financial capital for the social sector."

From its inception, the CRS proposal recognized from its firsthand experiences that 80-90% of children living in global orphanages had a living parent. Many children had been institutionalized because of conflicts, natural disasters, religious persecution, famine, devastating diseases that are curable, and severe income constraints that affected the ability of parents to provide food, clothing, and shelter. These were the same key themes that Pope Francis made in his address to the UN FAO on World Hunger Day, urging governments to work together to make peaceful solutions to conflict and to protect the environment.

Do hypocrites test us today? Is there indifference because tricky questions trouble us? Have we experienced questions tainted by malice? If there is denial, reality can jolt us and force its way into our hearts, seeking compassion and action. Vatican News Service offered a powerful reminder from the pope:

"As a token of his visit and message, Pope Francis gifted to the UN food agency a marble sculpture of Aylan, the three-year-old Syrian toddler of Kurdish origin, whose image in the media made global headlines after his body washed up on a Turkish beach in September 2015 after he drowned in the Mediterranean Sea. The Vatican explained that the sculpture, featuring a weeping angel over the little boy's corpse, symbolized the tragedy of migration."

Imagine the possibilities in the world if our faith influenced our actions: diplomacy, legislation, and mutual respect! God continues to speak to us, as the Prophet Isaiah reminded us in the first reading:

"I am the Lord; there is no other."

Teresa S. Redder, OFS

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WEEKLY PLANNER

SUNDAY October 22nd
 The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Adult R.C.I.A Library
 Family Youth Group 2:00pm to 4:00pm AUD
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

MONDAY October 23rd
Summer Program Rel. Ed. 5:00pm-6:00pm
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm PHMR
 KOC Basketball 7:30pm AUD

TUESDAY October 24th
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR
 SVDP 7:00pm Center
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD

WEDNESDAY October 25th
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD
 OLPH 7:15pm Chapel
 Bible Study 7:30pm LIB

THURSDAY October 26th
 Music Practice 6:00pm Church
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm
 Boy Scout Parents 7:00pm LIB
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm Church

FRIDAY October 27th
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD

SATURDAY October 28th
 Halloween Hustle 7:30am AUD
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm
 Girl Scouts Dance 6:00pm - 8:00pm AUD

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY October 29th
 The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Adult R.C.I.A Library
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

MONDAY October 30th
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm PHMR
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD
 Altar Server Training 6:30pm Church

TUESDAY October 31st
 Sacred Heart Sch. Halloween Parade 1:45pm
Vigil Mass for All Saints 5:00pm
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR
 SVDP 7:00pm Center
 No Religious Education Classes

WEDNESDAY November 1st
All Saints Mass Times
7:00am, 8:30am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm
 No Religious Education Classes

THURSDAY November 2nd
All Souls Day 8:30am Mass Followed by the
 Blessing of Sacred Heart Cemetery (*Weather
 Permitting*)
 Music Practice 6:00pm Church
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm Church

FRIDAY October November 3rd
 School Liturgy 8:30am
 Healing Mass 7:30pm

SATURDAY November 4th
 Volunteer Appreciation Day 8:30am Mass
 Followed by Breakfast in the Auditorium
 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)