

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

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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

December 23 – December 24 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
December 25th – December 31st

MONDAY CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30am **The Deceased Members of the Kingston & Vecchiolla Families** Req. By George & Ann Kingston

9:30am **The Deceased Members of the Maculaitis & Kaczmarek Families** Req. By The Maculaitis Family

11:30am **Bartolome Cadavez** Req. By His Family

TUESDAY

7:00am **The Special Intentions of Ann Kingston** Req. By Her Family

8:30am **Chester Winiarski** Req. By Bernadine Eppolito

Father John Wessel Req. By Msgr. Dubell

WEDNESDAY

7:00am **Raquel Hernandez** Req. By Bill & Yodi Langan

8:30am **William J. Morrison** Req. By The Morrison Family

THURSDAY

7:00am **Rev. Martin Staunton** Req. By The Redder Family

8:30am **Umeh Moumah** Req. By His Family

FRIDAY

7:00am **The Special Intentions of the Posadas Family** Req. By Terry & Jess Dimen

8:30am **James Caruso** Req. By The Caruso Family

SATURDAY

8:30AM **The Special Intentions of Joseph Tan** Req. By Yodi & Bill Langan

Maria Trojak Req. By The McGhee Family

4:30PM **Hazel M. Lynam** Req. By William & Kathleen Moran

SUNDAY The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30am **The People of the Parish**

9:30am **Janet Ferguson** Req. By Lisa Kouhi & Family

11:30am **Paul Ellis Loveman** Req. By Co-Workers and Donna Jeffers

MONDAY The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

4:30pm **Tim & Michael Gaffney** Req. By Their Grandmother

7:30am **Oscar Mehling** Req. By John Mehling

9:30am **Debra King** Req. By Eleanor Voorhees & Family

11:30am **Adeline Laliberte** Req. By Edie Santos & Family

The Devotional Candle in the Chapel of the Two Hearts



*Will Burn in Loving Memory of:
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fox &
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Ferrara*

Readings for the Week

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

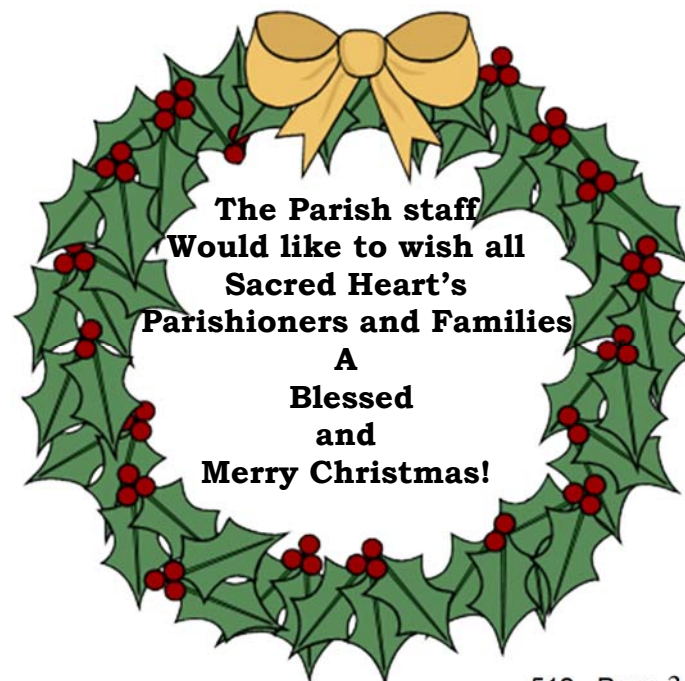
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

SUNDAY OFFERING

Weekly 12/16 – 12/17 \$ 14, 710.00

Christmas Flowers \$ 986.00

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



December 23 – December 24 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A Blessed Christmas

While all the world, Lord God,
lay wrapped in deepest silence,
and night had reached its midpoint,
your all-powerful Word came down.

As year by year the beauty of this night returns,
growing old with the aged and renewed in the
wonder of children,
so may we, grown old in sin
but reborn to grace,
proclaim with our lives
what we chant with our lips:
Glory to you, our God, in the highest heaven,
peace on earth and in the depths of every
heart.

Dear Parishioners,

*May you know in your hearts and
your homes this Christmas the joy of
salvation that our Lord Jesus brings to us by
His birth. May the gift of His eternal love be
your greatest treasure throughout the New
Year.*

Father John

Please remember in your prayers:

Connie Vazquez, Vinnie Vazquez-Garcia,
Josephine Dowches, Vickie Robles, Megan Dezur,
Richard Dow, Fred Hammer, Stephanie James,
Carmen Capri, Porfirio Robles, Eric Wall,
Caellie Boyd, Nicholas Gonzalez, Dawn Vota,
Betty Doviak, Ed Ciletti, 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 Connors,
Freddie J. Faber, III, Arleen Bishop, Maria Wolfe,
Matthew Ottenwess, Tracy & Erica Schwab,
Matthew McDonald, 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, Clara Hynes,
Herbert Cucuini, 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.
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
Sgt. Marshall Norton, U.S.M.C.
Corporal Maxwell Hughes, U.S.M.C.
Lt. Matthew Carr, U.S.M.C.
Lt. Victoria Carr, U.S.M.C.
Capt. Anthony D'Errico II, U.S.A

**CHRISTMAS MASS
SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve

4:00PM CHURCH & AUDITORIUM (The children's choir will begin singing at 3:30pm in the church)

6:00PM & MIDNIGHT CHURCH
(The choir will begin singing at 11:15pm)

Christmas Day

7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM

There will be no 7:00pm Mass on the following days.

**December 24th, Christmas Day,
December 25th**

or New Year's Eve and New Year's day, January 1st



OPLATEK – The Christmas Wafer



Christmas wafers are now available in the vestibule of the Church. Please take one home with you.

To use in your home...

Traditionally On Christmas Eve the eldest member of the family takes the Oplatek and turns to the person on his/her right and says, "I wish for you this Christmas...(whatever the wish is). That person breaks off a piece of the wafer and eats it then turns to the next person and the process is repeated.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to assist with the expenses of decorating our Church for Christmas, please mark your offering "Christmas Flowers." If you use weekly collection envelopes one is provided in your packet. Your envelope may be placed in the collection basket or you may bring or mail your donation to the Parish House.

Your generosity will be appreciated.



"Christmas is an event which is renewed in every family, parish and community which receives the love of God made incarnate in Jesus Christ. Like Mary, the Church shows to everyone the "sign" of God: the Child whom she bore in her womb and to whom she gave birth, yet who is the Son of the Most High, since he "is of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 1:20).

— Pope Francis, *Urbi et Orbi* Message, December 25, 2015



A Christmas Blessing

May there be harmony in all your relationships. May sharp words, envious thoughts, and hostile feelings be dissolved. May you give and receive love generously. May this love echo in your heart like the joy of church bells on a clear December day. May each person who comes into your life be greeted as another Christ. May the honor given the Babe of Bethlehem be that which you extend to every guest who enters your presence.



**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY the
MOTHER OF GOD**

VIGIL

DEC. 31ST (New Year's Eve)

4:30PM

JANUARY 1ST

(New Year's Day)

7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM

**NO CONFESSIONS AND NO 7:00PM
MASS**

**Come and rejoice together as we
welcome in the New Year with the
proclamation of the Word and the
nourishment of the Eucharist. Mass
times are listed above.**

SERRA VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE



Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth: send, we beg You, laborers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your Word with all boldness; so that Your Word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

***Thank you
for praying for vocations.***

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

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.



The Family of Humankind

The scripture readings today mention "house": the house of Jacob, the house of David, the Lord's house, the house the Lord will establish for David, a house that will endure forever. We could substitute the word "family" for the word "house".

We are not alone in our relationship with God. We must respond in the context of family: natural family, parish family, world family, and the family of humankind.

Angel Gabriel visits Mary betrothed to Joseph of the house of David. Through this event may we hear God tell us that Jesus the Savior is born into the family of David to unite all humankind into one family – making every living soul a brother or sister to every other living soul.

As we commemorate the birth of Jesus, "Let us invoke Mary most holy, that she may enlighten us and help us to learn the great lessons of Christmas; may the mystery of the incarnation of God in her be a source of joy and stimulus for kindness, charity and mercy."

Saint John Paul, II

Blessings during this entire Christmas Season!

The SVDP Pantry is in need of the following:

Mac & cheese, meal in a can, baked beans, rice (1lb or 2lb bags, please), toilet tissue, bar soap.

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

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL
Thank you!

Sacred Heart PTA

Presents:

Family Spaghetti Dinner Night
Italian Cuisine Experience



Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, January 20th, 2018

4pm - 8pm

In the Sacred Heart Auditorium

FOOD PREPARED BUFFET

STYLE – NO WAIT!

\$12 PER ADULT

\$6 PER CHILD

INCLUDES SOFT DRINK, CHOICE

OF PASTA (PENNE,

CAVATELLI, OR RAVIOLI),

SAUCE (MARINARA,

ALFREDO, OR BLUSH),

SAUSAGE & MEATBALLS,

SALAD, GARLIC BREAD, AND

DESSERT. BYOB.

TAKE OUT IS AVAILABLE

Save the Date!

Sacred Heart School's Evening of
HOPE for Catholic Education

Second Annual



February 3rd, 2018

Open Cocktail Hour Begins at

6:00pm

Deerwood Country Club

845 Woodlang Road

Westampton, New Jersey 08060

Proceeds will benefit Sacred Heart
School Annual Fund

Formal Attire

\$100 per person: \$175 per couple

Please RSVP by January 20, 2018

For Questions, contact Sacred
Heart School at 609-267-1728

Or email:

Diamondgala@sacred-heart-school.org

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!

SETTING THE DIRECTION FOR 2018

Tuesday, January 2 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

What better way to spend this holiday! Start out the year with a morning retreat to set the direction for your year. Well begun is half done, they say, and establishing a direction is essential for the journey. Where am I going in 2018? What is the desire of my heart, and God's as I begin again? What difference will 2018 make for the world? Donation: \$20, includes lunch.

UNCEASING PRAYER

THE WAY OF THE PILGRIM

Wednesday, January 3 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Life is above all, a pilgrimage! Most of us find ourselves praying on the run, pleading for help as we move about from one urgent task to the next. During this retreat we will follow the advice of the pilgrim in the classic *"The Way of the Pilgrim"* whose mastery of the Jesus Prayer fulfilled his desire for unceasing prayer. Donation: \$30, includes book and lunch.

BE STILL MY SOUL

FINDING SERENITY IN STRESS

Thursday, January 4 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

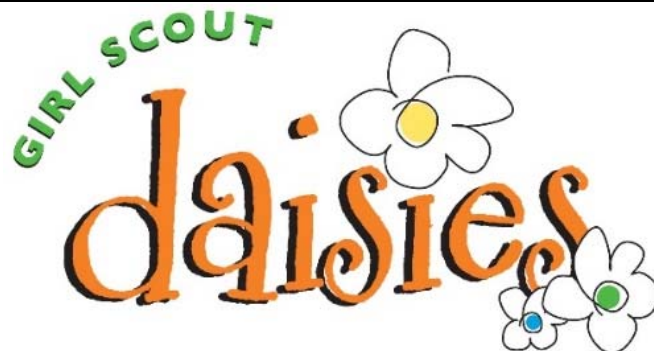
Is stress to be banished or befriended? Can I be serene and stressful simultaneously? Can I find the serene place within me which can embrace my stressful soul and let me live more peacefully? Donation: \$20, includes lunch.

GROWING IN ACCEPTANCE & COMPASSION FOR MYSELF & OTHERS

January 12-14 7:00 PM Friday to 1:00 PM Sunday





During this weekend retreat, we will notice how our different personality types cause us to suffer...and others, too. We get a feel for who we are at our best and at our worst and how God's grace liberates and frees us to be our best selves. The main goal of the weekend is to grow in understanding, acceptance and compassion for ourselves and others. Donation: \$150/\$50 non-refundable deposit. Residents and commuters welcome. All meals and materials provided.

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



New Daisy Troop Pack #27140 has formed and it is right here at Sacred Heart, and we would like to invite your daughter (K-1) to join us!

She can...

-  Make new friends as part of a troop
-  Earn petals (the special Daisy version of badges earned by older Girl Scouts) as she embraces the Girl Scout Promise and Law
-  Make a difference in her community
-  Explore nature and the outdoors

Please join us in the Sacred Heart Meeting Room below the Sacred Heart Library. Next Meeting will be **January 3rd** 6:00pm to 7:30PM

Every meeting will be filled with giggles, energy, and excitement! For information please email, call, or text: Ann Putnam, annzputnam@gmail.com or 910-545-8142
Bonnie Dennis, bldennis83@gmail.com or 804-539-5802

**December 23 – December 24 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

WEEKLY PLANNER

SUNDAY December 24th
Parish House & Chapel Closed



**CHRISTMAS EVE
MASS TIMES
4:00pm CHURCH & AUD.
6:00pm & 12:00am MIDNIGHT CHURCH**

MONDAY DECEMBER 25th



**CHRISTMAS DAY
MASS TIMES 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM
NO EVENING MASS
PARISH OFFICE, CHAPEL and
SCHOOL CLOSED**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 26th
PARISH OFFICE, CHAPEL and
SCHOOL CLOSED**

WEDNESDAY December 27th
SCHOOL CLOSED
No Religious Ed. Classes
Basketball 6:30pm AUD
OLPH 7:15pm Chapel

THURSDAY December 28th
SCHOOL CLOSED
KOC Basketball 7:30pm AUD
Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR
Music Practice 6:00pm Church
Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm Church

FRIDAY December 29th
SCHOOL CLOSED

SATURDAY December 30th
Mass Music Practice 3:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY December 31st
Parish House & Chapel Closed
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
No 7:00pm Mass

**VIGIL MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
4:30pm**

**MONDAY January 1st
Parish House & Chapel Closed
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER
OF GOD
MASS TIMES
7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am
No Evening Mass
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018!**

TUESDAY January 2nd
Sacred Heart School Classes Resume
Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
High School Youth Group 7:00pm AUD
Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHMO
SVDP 7:00pm Center

WEDNESDAY January 3rd
Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
Baptism Prep Class 7:30pm Church
OLPH 7:15pm Chapel
Daisy Troop Meeting 6:00pm-7:30pm PHMR

THURSDAY January 4th
Music Practice 6:00pm Church
Basketball 6:30pm AUD
Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR
Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm Church

FRIDAY January 5th
Sacred Heart School Liturgy 8:30am
Healing Mass 7:30pm

SATURDAY January 6th
Basketball 8:30am AUD
Mass Music Practice 3:30pm

SUNDAY January 7th
**Lessons & Carols 3:00pm
Church**