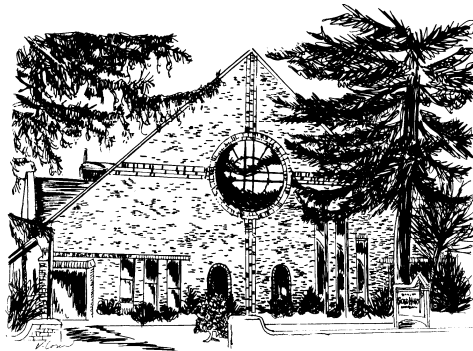


# Sacred Heart Church



260 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060-1404

Telephone: 609-267-0209 • FAX: 609-267-9293 • Website: [www.parishofsacredheart.org](http://www.parishofsacredheart.org)

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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(609) 261-0181

Deacons: Deacon Jim Casa  
[fisherking13@comcast.net](mailto:fisherking13@comcast.net)  
Deacon John Hoefling  
Deacon Stan Orkis  
Deacon William Rowley

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Michele O'Toole ext. 301  
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## Sacred Heart School

250 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060

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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

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### **Parish Registration**

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

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

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

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

### **Baptismal Preparation**

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

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

### **Sacramental Sponsorship Letter**

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

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

### **The Sacrament of Marriage**

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

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

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

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

### **Funerals**

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

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

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

### **Bulletin Articles**

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

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

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**  
February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup>

**MONDAY**

7:00am **Ignancy & Maria Goliszewski** Req. By the Redder Family

8:30am **Marcia Cavan** Req. By Her Family

**TUESDAY**

7:00am **Fed Winkler** Req. By His Family

8:30am **William McGee, Jr.** Req. By Richard Clawges

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00am **Carmela Riccitiello** Req. By Mike & Eileen Burmeister

8:30am **Antonio Gregorio & Dos Santos Seguiria** Req. By Bill & Yodi Langan

**THURSDAY**

7:00am **Mark Wills** Req. By Helen & Jeff Campbell

8:30am **Dr. Carlos Borromeo** Req. By The Lim Family

**FRIDAY**

7:00am **Nancy Hall** Req. By Sandy Roth

8:30am **Margaret Brock** Req. By Russ & Joan Carvin

**SATURDAY**

8:30AM **Gemma Millare** Req. By Gloria Anasco

**Carmela Boggi** Req. By Adele Beauvais

4:30PM **James F. Lynam** Req. By William J Moran & Kathleen M. Moran

**SUNDAY**

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

9:30am **The Special Intentions of the Adult Choir** Req. By Bernadine Eppolito

11:30am **Veronica Klein** Req. By Terry Dimen & Family

7:00pm **Margaret Brock** Req. By Diane Sampson

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



*Will Burn for the Special Intentions of:  
Dolores Chepega*

**Eucharistic Adoration**



**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:** Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**Weekly 2/17– 2/18 \$ 14, 581.99**

**Home Missions \$ 1, 506.00**

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

**stations  
of the  
cross**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays during Lent Stations of the Cross will be held at 4:00pm and 7:00pm in the Church.

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**Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart,**

I am truly happy to inform you that the total amount of the Christmas Collection taken up this year was \$ 58, 293.00. May the Lord bless all of you for your overwhelming generosity to Sacred Heart Church. Your steadfast, faithful support of our wonderful parish and your consistent, prayerful participation are most inspiring and I am sincerely grateful to all of you.

I also wish to extend my sincere appreciation to all those who took part in our liturgical celebrations throughout the joyful season of Christmas. A special word of gratitude to those who helped to make them such beautiful experiences of the presence of God in our lives as we gathered to celebrate the birth of His beloved Son: Deacons, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Music Ministers, Readers, Ushers, those who cleaned, prepared and decorated our Church, those who assisted in counting our collections, our dedicated Parish Staff, and so many faithful volunteers.

May I offer a very sincere expression of my gratitude to so many of you for your beautiful Christmas cards and kind wishes, delicious treats and baked goods, and thoughtful and generous gifts.

I pray that 2018 will be for you, your loved ones and all the members of our parish family a year that is filled with God's gifts of grace, mercy and peace as together we praise and thank Him for the abundant treasure of His love.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless you all.

*Father John*

**THE SEASON OF LENT**

During the holy season of Lent, from Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, to Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, you are strongly encouraged to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion daily, to receive the Sacrament of Penance, to attend Lenten devotions and the Stations of the Cross, to read the Scriptures prayerfully, and to perform acts of self-denial and works of mercy.

**PRAYER:**

Daily Mass is celebrated at 7am & 8:30am. Weekend Mass and Confession times can be found on the front of the bulletin. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena is held every Wednesday at 7:15pm in the chapel. Stations of the Cross are held at 4pm & 7pm every Friday during the Lenten Season. Eucharistic Adoration is Monday through Friday from 9am to 9pm in the Parish House Chapel.

**FASTING:**

The days of fast and abstinence are ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY. The other Fridays of Lent are DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.

**ALMSGIVING:**

Give of your time, talent and treasure. Donations of canned or boxed food to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry can be made by placing the items in the collection bins in the vestibule of the church. Monetary donations are accepted at the Parish House or you may mail them to The Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Fridays during Lent Stations of the Cross will be held at 4:00pm and 7:00pm in the Church. LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE MONDAY, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**  
Following a brief prayer service and examination of conscience, priests from around the region will be available to hear private confessions.

A general absolution will not be given

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Connie Vazquez, Vinnie Vazquez-Garcia,  
Anne Marie Whelan, Josephine Dowches,  
Michael Fitzpatrick, Donald McGhee,  
Jenise Labron, Vickie Robles, Porfirio Robles,  
Megan Dezur, Richard Dow, Clarence Pugh, III,  
Margaret & Gaylord Jeffers, Joel Rivera,  
Fred Hammer, Stephanie James, Eric Wall,  
Caellie Boyd, Nicholas Gonzalez, Dawn Vota,  
Betty Doviak, Ed Ciletti, Michael Dow, Marie Chirico,  
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,  
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, Jenny Hand,  
Annabelle Ochipinti, Arthur Netti, Loretta Minakee,  
Christine, Patricia Parker, Wilma Peterson, Morgan  
Ackerman, Raymond Bishop, Dylan Crespo, Patricia  
O'Connor, Sharon Carroll, George Schneider,  
Marie Donahue, Peggy Stewart, Don & 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.F.

**SERRA VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE**



***Prayer for Vocations***

O God, You have called us to salvation and  
have sent Your Son to establish the Church for  
this purpose, and You have provided the  
sacred ministers. The harvest is ever ready but  
the laborers are scarce. Inspire our youth to  
follow Jesus in the priesthood and religious life.  
Amen.

*Bishop John C. Reiss*

***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](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.





### OBEDIENCE AND ITS REWARD

In today's readings, Abraham is ready to offer his only son, Isaac, to the Lord. Saint Paul speaks of God "not sparing His own Son"; and Jesus is transfigured before His apostles and then admonishes them to silence until He has risen from the dead.

Obedience and sacrifice are prominent here. So, too, in the Book of Genesis and the words of the Lord, "...I will bless you abundantly... all this because you obeyed my command."

Like the disciples, we have our own mountain top experiences that confirm us in our faith. What is God saying to us in these moments?

"Lord, help us to be attentive to the present moment and respond to your call in all the circumstances of our lives."

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

Peanut Butter, Canned Soups, Cereal, 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!*



**10th Annual**  
**St. Patrick's Day**  
**BEEF & BEER**  
Sacred Heart School Auditorium  
**Beer, Wine, DJ, Dinner and Dancing!**  
\*No one under 21 yrs of age permitted\*  
**MARCH 17 7pm**

10th Annual  
St. Patrick Day's  
Beef and Beer  
March 17, 2018  
7 pm  
\$30 Per person  
Sacred Heart School Auditorium

Beer, Wine, DJ, Dinner and Dancing  
\*No One under 21 years of age permitted  
Please contact Rob Kelly  
[ptapresident@sacred-heart-school.org](mailto:ptapresident@sacred-heart-school.org)  
609-203-1951



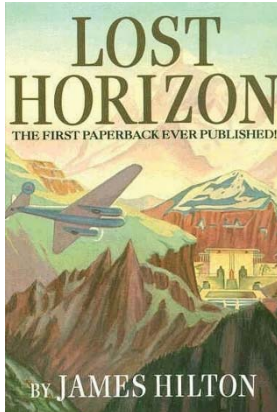
### HEALING MASS

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 March 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Church.**

**After the 7:00pm Stations of the Cross**  
– Healing Mass, and praying over the sick.  
For more information please contact  
Lina Sumanga at 261-2674

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## *The Lost Horizon Project*



Deacon Jim Casa

The Lost Horizon Project comes to a close in March when we will gather to see Frank Capra's classic film, *Lost Horizon* and you are invited to come, enjoy and fully participate. Ronald Coleman (the British Tom Hanks of his day) and Jane Wyatt star in this lavishly produced movie about the enchantment paradise of Shangri-La where time stands still. Let us go further. In our current times where the threats of the Cold War seemed to have resurfaced, haven't you ever dreamed of a place where there was peace and security, where living was not a struggle but a lasting delight? Good question, easy answer: "Duh."

The film, *Lost Horizon*, is a contemplation of what happens when regular folks are given the opportunity to live forever in a kind of heaven that exists here on earth - in our present time. The huge question becomes...would we stay? Would you? Give it some thought.

We will see *Lost Horizon* at 7:30pm on March 9th at the Sacred Heart School Library and then we will enjoy a spirited discussion about the novel and movie. Come on March 9th - come to Shangri-La.

### **You're invited . . .**

Need a quiet space, an oasis of hope, a place to pray? Join other women for a weekend retreat. San Alfonso Retreat House  
Long Branch, NJ

Theme: "Living from the Heart"

This retreat will help us to ponder the state of our hearts in light of our own stories and the plentiful love of God. Friday, March 2, 5:00 PM  
Through Sunday, March 4, 1:30 PM

Cost: \$220

For more information and registration:  
June Madden

609-261-3642 or [jjnmadden@comcast.net](mailto:jjnmadden@comcast.net)

### **Calling all knitters!**



Sacred Heart is interested in starting a Yarn Ministry. We are looking for knitters who would be interested in knitting for our fellow parishioners in need. We would ask the knitters to knit small prayer patches with spare yarns. We will collect the patches and distribute to those in need of prayer. Our ministry group will also accept yarn donations if you are no longer using your stash and would like them to be used to help others. Please reach out to Laura Jean Beierschmitt @ 609-560-0956 or [laurajean42@comcast.net](mailto:laurajean42@comcast.net). to request the pattern and learn more about The Yarn Ministry. There will be a box in the vestibule where you can drop off spare yarn.

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## Sacred Heart School American Red Cross Blood Drive!



Wednesday February 28, 2018  
4pm – 9pm

250 High Street Mount Holly, NJ  
08060

Please email Lauren for an  
appointment at

[lmurphy@sacred-heart-school.org](mailto:lmurphy@sacred-heart-school.org)

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

#### **PARISH**

### **Chicken Dinner**

Saturday, April 7, 2018

In the Sacred Heart Auditorium



### **CEMETERY NEWS**



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

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

## Principal Search



### PRINCIPAL JOB DESCRIPTION

Holy Cross Preparatory Academy, a Catholic co-educational high school in Delran New Jersey is accepting applications for a dynamic person for the principal position as the high school transitions from a diocesan sponsored Catholic school to a newly independent Catholic high school.

The candidate who accepts this position is to be a practicing Catholic.

Candidates should hold a minimum of a Master's Degree in Education or a related field and have a minimum of five years teaching experience and three years administrative experience.

Preference will be given to candidates with appropriate state certification in Education Administration/Leadership.

For further information and application details, visit [www.newholycross.org](http://www.newholycross.org)

Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2018 or until the position is filled.

## Mt. Holly St. Patrick's Parade

5K Run & 1 Mile Family Fun Walk

SATURDAY,

March 3, 2018 at 11am

(Parade starts at 1pm)

Benefits Mount Holly Recreation Programs

COURSE THROUGH HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MT. HOLLY





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**Living the Good News Today**

*"Transfigure us, O Lord."*

Several years ago, while attending an annual benefit for Franciscan Mission Service (FMS) in Washington, DC, my husband Jeff and I participated in the silent auction which was offered to raise funds to support the missionaries who were serving in countries in Africa, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. There were opportunities before and during the event to browse the tables with the interesting donations, including hand-crafted items from the countries where prior missionaries had served.

We decided to place a bid on an interesting offer by a young Franciscan friar who was living at the Franciscan Monastery (Holy Land custody) and working on his Ph.D. in Islamic studies. As a young adult, this friar had developed close relationships with the staff and the people who came annually to discern the call to serve in the missions, both overseas and urban. His silent auction offer was to give a private tour of the Franciscan Monastery, a celebration of the Mass, and sharing a meal that he would prepare. Later in the evening, we were delighted to learn that we had won this silent auction!

Not too long afterwards, we contacted the friar and asked him if we could redeem our silent auction gift by bringing some members of our Secular Franciscan fraternity on a pilgrimage to Washington, DC, and to experience the ministry of the friars whose custody takes care of the Christian sacred places in the Holy Land and the Middle East. He graciously agreed to do this for us, and we chose the date—the feast of St. James the Apostle on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

When we arrived at the monastery as a group, we had the opportunity to experience their second annual Holy Land festival taking place in the beautiful outdoor courtyard. Before lunch, we went to the chapel to celebrate Mass. Because the feast day of St. James has the same Gospel story (St. Matthew's version) that we hear this weekend, we included the hymn "*Transfigure us, O Lord*" in our liturgical music for the Mass. The friar was quite pleased with our singing!

It is a good practice to pay attention to our hymnal during every Mass where we sing as a community of love. Perhaps this weekend, we will find ourselves singing hymn #501 (*Transfigure Us, O Lord*) by the composer Bob Hurd. This song is so prayerful and full of longing—the desire to know the love of God and to share it. The Lenten season is a journey of authentic transformation in which we let go of our own selfish desires and seek that which God desires for us, which comes from a love beyond all telling.

In his Message for Lent 2018, Pope Francis cited a description from the 13<sup>th</sup> century Italian poet Dante Alighieri's work *The Divine Comedy* "that pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice in frozen and lifeless isolation." Since charity is one of the three pillars of the Lenten journey (with prayer and fasting), the Holy Father posed questions to help us be vigilant:

- How can charity turn cold within us?
- What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

Pope Francis highlights how easy it is for communities to allow love to grow cold (yes, it only happens if we **LET** it happen): selfishness, spiritual sloth, pessimism, self-absorption, constant conflict, and preoccupation with worldly appearances instead of zeal for the Gospel. In hymn #501, we find a powerful antidote to icing--a prayerful way to be conscious of God's love and have a desire to imitate that love--with a fiery intensity that never grows cold!

There are four verses to the hymn—rich meditations on what our discipleship is about. Following Jesus is not an easy journey, especially when the flame of charity can appear to diminish in our hearts. The refrain of the hymn can help our daily Lenten prayers to persevere—simple words to Christ to have a heart full of love like His:

***Transfigure us, O Lord***

- Be more aware of those living in darkness, the hungry, the sick, and those who are unloved

***Break the chains that bind us***

- Be willing to forgive others and to seek pardon for the wrongs that we ourselves have done.

***Speak Your healing Word***

- Listen everywhere for the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who leads all to His living water and Eucharistic feast.

***Where You lead we'll follow***

- Willingly take up our cross daily and follow Jesus, so that we may share in His paschal feast.

***Transfigure us, O Lord***

- Commit to time and space for Jesus to light the path before us through diligent prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

As a music minister for our parish, I always feel joy in my heart when I hear people whistling or humming a song from the Mass that we just celebrated, because the melody and lyrics have captured the Word of God to take with us into our lives for the entire week. As we recall the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor, then, let us make this pledge to Him:

*"Where You lead, we'll follow. Transfigure us, O Lord."*

Teresa S. Redder, OFS

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**WEEKLY PLANNER**

**SUNDAY February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
***Second Sunday of Lent***



Penitential Rite RCIA 9:30am Mass  
 RCIA Adults 10:00am LIB  
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm Church

**MONDAY February 26<sup>th</sup>**

Religious Ed. Summer Program 5 pm - 6 pm  
 Summer Program Parent's Meeting 5:15pm  
 Church  
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm – 8:00pm PHMR  
 KOC Basketball 7:30pm AUD

**TUESDAY February 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**WEDNESDAY February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm  
 Sacred Heart School American Red Cross  
 Blood Drive 4:00pm to 9:00pm AUD  
 OLPH 7:15pm Chapel  
 KOC General Council Meeting 8pm PHMR

**THURSDAY March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Basketball 6:30pm AUD  
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR  
 Music Practice 6:00pm Church  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm Church  
 Introduction to the Bible 7:30pm PHCR

**FRIDAY March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

School Liturgy 8:30am  
 Stations of the Cross 4:00pm and 7:00pm  
 Family Ministry Lenten Supper Event 6pm AUD

**SATURDAY March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Mount Holly St Patrick's Parade & 5k



Mass Music Practice 3:30pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
***Third Sunday of Lent***



RCIA Adults 10:00am LIB  
 Holy Cross La Cross at 11:30 Mass then AUD  
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm Church

**MONDAY March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Cub Scouts 5:00pm – 8:00pm PHMR  
 Sacred Heart School Beginners Band Concert  
 7:00pm AUD

**TUESDAY March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm  
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR  
 SVDP 7:00pm Center  
 High School Youth Group 7:00pm AUD

**WEDNESDAY March 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

**THURSDAY March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Basketball 6:30pm AUD  
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR  
 Music Practice 6:00pm Church  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm Church  
 Introduction to the Bible 7:30pm PHCR

**FRIDAY March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Basketball 6:30pm AUD  
 Stations of the Cross 4:00pm and 7:00pm  
 Lost Horizon Book/Movie 7:30pm LIB

**SATURDAY March 10<sup>th</sup>**

First Communion Retreat AUD-Church-School  
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm