

# 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

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

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

Principal: Ms. Kathryn Besheer ext. 340

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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

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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**  
March 6<sup>th</sup> – March 12<sup>th</sup>

**MONDAY**

7:00am **Ella Grace Boudwin** Req. By Her Family

8:30am **Roxanne Burckhardt** Req. By Eileen Rost

**TUESDAY**

7:00am **Marciana Gonzales** Req. By Jessie & Maridel Tuazon

8:30am **Marnie Cunningham** Req. By The Vecchio Family

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00am **William Sapp** Req. By The Redder Family

8:30am **Erin O'Toole** Req. By The Donohue Family

**THURSDAY**

7:00am **The Special Intentions of Millie Petrillo** Req. By The Altar Rosary Society

8:30am **Mrs. Audrey Sutton** Req. By Joe & Charlotte Canale

**FRIDAY**

7:00am **Josephine Muller, OSF** Req. By Secular Franciscans of Holy Assumption

8:30am **Emil Malovetz** Req. By Kay & Andy Weiss

**SATURDAY**

8:30AM **Regina Carvin** Req. By Joan Carvin  
**The Special Intentions of Jane Ciletti** Req. By Ed Ciletti

4:30pm **Dolla Fernandes** Req. By Allwyn & Sandra Mascarenhas & Family

**SUNDAY**

7:30am **Suzanne Taranto, OFS** Req. By Holy Assumption Fraternity

9:30am **Catherine Byham** Req. By Robert & Leila Ostrowski

11:30am **The People of the Parish**

7:00pm **Geri Nahlen Fonzaga** Req. By The Surrency & Schofield Families

**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:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**Weekly 2/26 – 2/27 \$ 14, 037.22**

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

**FEDERAL DONOR RECORDKEEPING RULE ON CHARITABLE DEDUCTION**

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

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

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



*Will Burn in Loving Memory of:  
The Deceased Members of  
The O'Conner Family*

**Banns of Marriage**



*I Brittany Gazelle & Robert Gray*

## Lenten Guidelines



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### Entering the desert: Fast and abstinence

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“These forty days of Lent, O Lord, with you we fast and pray.” This line from a popular hymn we sing in our parishes during the season of Lent contains a very important truth. During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead — from *Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> until Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>* — it is with YOU, Lord, with YOU we fast and pray. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience of the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert — alone, fasting and in intense prayer — beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days. We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. “With YOU we fast and pray” is our song. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. “With YOU, too, we fast and pray.” Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics:

1. **The days of fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**
2. **All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to abstain (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of days, which must be considered serious.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year — often called “Easter duty” — for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 5<sup>th</sup> to Trinity Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage Catholics to get to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance, grace and joy for us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.  
Bishop of Trenton*

**Don't forget to...**

**SPRING FORWARD!**

**In the USA, at 2 a.m. on 12 March 2017, clocks will be forwarded one hour, marking the beginning of Daylight Saving Time**

**March 4 – March 5 2017  
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**THE SEASON OF LENT**

During the holy season of Lent, from Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, to Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, you are strongly encouraged to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion, 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, April 3<sup>rd</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.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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

As a parish family we remember all who are struggling or suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially those who have requested our prayers.

**Please pray for the men and women now serving in the military, especially the loved ones of our parishioners who are serving overseas:**

L.Cpl. Noah Stimiloski U.S.M.C.  
Capt. Robert J. Boccio, U.S.A.F  
Michael Bakker, Isaac Paredes  
Douglas Schwenck, Army Reserve  
Richard DeLorge U.S.M.C  
Peter Liedman, Dorinia Dibuono  
Capt. James Rankin U.S.M.C  
SSgt Daniel E. Naro, Sgt. Alison Lyport  
Sgt. Stephanie Robertson, U.S. Army  
Sgt. Russell Norton, NG Army  
Cpl. Marshall Norton, U.S.M.C  
Corporal Maxwell Hughes, U.S.M.C  
Lt. Matthew Carr, U.S.M.C  
Lt. Victoria Holbert, U.S.M.C



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**The Knights of Columbus**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**March 26, 2017 @ 3 P.M. In the Auditorium  
Benefit Concert to assist in the Paving the  
Parking Lot Fund**

Come out to an Afternoon of Celtic Maritime and Traditional American music with the one and only *Charlie Zahm* and accompanying him will be the violin virtuoso *Tad Marks*.

A free will offering will take the place of a traditional set price. All proceeds will go to help fund the Sacred Heart parking lot

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

**Youth Ministry**

**Family Night Lenten Supper & Stations of the Cross - March 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm**

Join us for a pizza dinner and pre-Stations activities on Friday, March 10th. We'll join parishioners at 7:00pm for Stations of the Cross. More information coming soon, pre-registration required for dinner.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marge McGinley, our Pastoral Administrator and for the gift she has been to all of us over these last 26 years on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm followed by dinner in the auditorium.** She will be retiring at the end of May. All are invited! We will be making a book with well wishes, thoughts, prayers and pictures, so if you would like to add something to the book, please drop off your pictures to Merry Marcellino in the parish house. You may drop off your well wishes or email them to Merry and also if you wish to RSVP please email Merry at [ministry@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:ministry@parishofsacredheart.org). or call 609-267-0209 x 305.

**SERRA VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE**



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**HOLINESS IS A CHALLENGE** for us all, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners — and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint.

*Serra for priestly and religious vocations*

*Thank you for praying for vocations.*

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

**CEMETERY NEWS**



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

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

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One in the Body of Christ

As we enter the season of Lent we are called to conversion, to concentrate on examining and reevaluating our priorities. In Ash Wednesday's Gospel according to St. Matthew, Jesus admonishes His disciples by explaining the manner in which we are "to perform righteous deeds...give alms...pray...fast..."

The entire Church is called to this challenge. The communal aspect of Lent reminds us that we are one in the body of Christ. The good works of each member reflect on the entire Church. The good works we do, the sacrifices we make, and the alms we give are a matter of justice. Looking at our good Lenten works this way is living our Christianity to its fullest.

"Lord, whenever we give, may we give from the heart just as you told us to do... without asking for any return but your blessing."

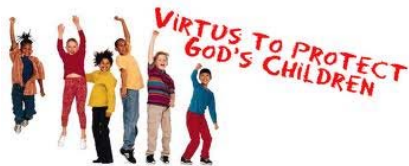
**The SVDP Pantry is in need of the following:**

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

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

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

**VIRTUS TRAINING**



**"Protecting God's Children."**

This three hour mandatory workshop is for any volunteers who anticipate working with children in our parish's programs. This includes: Religious Education, school volunteer, sports programs, ministries such as altar servers, children's choirs. All volunteers working with children must be fingerprinted as well.

The workshops will be held in the Library on:  
**Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 9:30pm**

If you plan to work with children (in a paid or volunteer position) please be sure to sign up for one of these workshops.

Please call Merry Marcellino at 702-1848 ext. 305 to register for a workshop.

**PARISH  
CHICKEN DINNER**

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



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

Catering by: Mirabella's

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

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

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

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

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

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



9th Annual BEEF & BEER MARCH 18 - 7pm  
in the Auditorium  
Beer, Wine, DJ, Dinner and Dancing!  
\*No one under 21 yrs. of age permitted\*  
\$30 a ticket

Tickets must be purchased in advance!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Come to see, ***The Letters:  
The Untold Story of Mother  
Teresa***

The St. Teresa of Calcutta Project comes to a close with the showing (and discussion of) the film, ***The Letters***. Based on the true story of St. Teresa, ***The Letters*** explores the life's work of the Nobel Prize recipient and one of the greatest humanitarians of all time. Her selfless devotion to helping the poor changed hearts, transformed lives and inspired millions throughout the world. Told through a series of personal letters written to her longtime friends and spiritual adviser, this powerful film is an unforgettable journey of faith, courage and compassion. ***The Letters*** is a perfect piece to start our own Lenten journeys.

Come on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, to the Sacred Heart Library to see the film; Deacon Jim Casa will then lead an open discussion about the life of St. Teresa.

***Annulment Information Sessions***

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors ***Annulment Information Sessions*** annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. For more information, call 609 406-7434 or e-mail [moore@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:moore@dioceseoftrenton.org).

Below is the schedule of sessions:

| County                      | Date & Time              | Parish                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Burlington County (English) | March 2<br>7:30-9:00 pm  | St. Mary of the Lakes, Medford  |
| Mercer County (English)     | March 9<br>7:30-9:00 pm  | St. Ann, Lawrenceville          |
| Monmouth County (English)   | March 15<br>7:30-9:00 pm | St. Thomas More, Manalapan      |
| Monmouth County (Spanish)   | March 21<br>7:30-9:00 pm | Mother of Mercy, Asbury Park    |
| Ocean County (English)      | March 29<br>7:30-9:00 pm | St. Barnabas, Bayville          |
| Mercer County (Spanish)     | April 6<br>7:30-9:00 pm  | Our Lady of the Angels, Trenton |

Join St. Paul Street Evangelization

"The moment has come to commit all of the Church's energies to a new evangelization." (Saint John Paul II)  
St Paul Street Evangelization is a grassroots, nonprofit Catholic evangelization organization, dedicated to responding to the mandate of Jesus to preach the Gospel to all nations by taking our Catholic faith to the streets. As an on-the-street Catholic evangelization organization, St Paul Street Evangelization provides a non-confrontational avenue for you to share Jesus Christ and the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith with a hungry culture. Contact Team Leader Pete Bender at [pbender2171@gmail.com](mailto:pbender2171@gmail.com) or call 609-832-2191 about joining a team already operating in the local area.



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**ISN'T KNOWLEDGE A WONDERFUL THING!!**

**Lent – a Season to help remind us that we all need  
a Savior**

When we enter into a Catholic Church one of the first things we notice, one of the sacramentals that sets us apart from our Christian brothers and sisters, is the crucifix. The crucifix is different than a cross, which is what most Christians have in their worship areas. The crucifix has as its central focus the long suffering body of Jesus Christ. Why?

As Catholic Christians we are reminded everyday by our crucifix that Jesus indeed loves us beyond measure. He gave his very life for each one of us. Yes, we celebrate the Resurrection! Yes, we know that Jesus died and rose and ascended into heaven. Yet, we never forget the depth of His love – His passion and death - as we encounter the cross bearing His broken body.

The season of Lent is a six week period of the Church when we remember and recount what Our Lord gave up for all of us. This season draws all of us, beginning with Ash Wednesday, when the sign of the cross is placed on our foreheads with ashes, that this life on earth is temporary. Our everlasting life should always be our ultimate purpose and therefore our primary focus.

Many people choose to “give up” something during this season to help them remember what Christ “gave up.” So you’ll hear people say that they are giving up chocolate for Lent. Then every time they walk past that candy bar or that chocolate cookie, they offer a prayer for the hungry or they take the money they would have spent on that chocolate and help another person with that funding. Our “giving up” should have some type of outgrowth – does it lead us to a deeper relationship with God and therefore a deeper love for others?

Lent is a season when we look at how we can address those sinful struggles within us. It is a time when we take our responsorial psalm from this weekend and internalize it: “Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.”

Perhaps we will search our inner souls and discover that we could be a bit more merciful to those in our orbit here on earth.

All of us struggle with sin, need forgiveness, find ourselves asking for God’s mercy and the mercy of others, and today’s readings let us know that we are

not alone. From the time of Genesis, the Book of Creation, we encounter the first human beings falling short of embracing God’s love for them, failing to trust that God’s plan is what’s best for all of us.

During the Lenten Season the church encourages us to embrace the cross through different means of sacrifice: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Look to the cross and see your Lord, see the Savior of the world! You’ve already taken the first step if you are attending Mass. Lent is about how each one of us might deepen our relationship with our loving God. Let’s think about it and then let’s act on it.

*Marge McGinley, Pastoral Administrator*



**Reader Training for Mass**

Did you ever think about proclaiming the Word of God as a Reader at our Masses? Lent is a great time to think and pray about an invitation to become more involved in the parish. We will hold a workshop for those who might be interested in becoming a liturgical Reader on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Church. For more information or to register for the workshop, please contact Marge McGinley at [mcginley@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:mcginley@parishofsacredheart.org) or (609) 267-0209, ext. 306.

**The Altar Rosary Society needs a few extra hands** – Perhaps you have heard the saying, “Many hands make light the work.” Well, there are many small altar linens that are used at our Masses. These linens are ironed so they look neat and clean during our Masses and there are many volunteers that make that happen. Turn on a good TV show, put up the ironing board and the iron and before you know it, you’ve ironed enough cloths for the week. We could use your help as little as once a month. For more details please call Carol Ward at (609)267-4811. Your Church family needs you!


**March 4 – March 5 2017  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**WEEKLY PLANNER**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

SUNDAY March 5th  
First Sunday of Lent  
Rite of Sending/Election RCIA 9:30am Mass  
Adults RCIA LIB  
Holy Cross Lacrosse at 11:30am Mass &  
Auditorium  
Mass Music Practice 6:30pm Church

SUNDAY March 12<sup>th</sup>  
Second Sunday of Lent



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

MONDAY March 6th  
Bible Study 9:30 PHCR  
Children's RCIA 5:00pm PHMO  
Cub Scouts 5:00pm – 8:00pm  
Basketball 6:30pm Gym  
Virtus Instruction 6:30pm LIB

MONDAY March 13<sup>th</sup>  
Bible Study 9:30 PHCR  
Children's RCIA 5:00pm PHMO  
Cub Scouts 5:00pm – 8:00pm  
Basketball 6:30pm Gym

TUESDAY March 7<sup>th</sup>  
Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm  
Basketball 6:30pm Gym  
SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center  
Altar Rosary 7:00pm PHCR  
Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHMO

TUESDAY March 14<sup>th</sup>  
Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm  
Basketball 6:30pm Gym  
SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center  
Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR  
Knight of Columbus 7:30pm LIB  
Columbiettes 7:30pm LIB

WEDNESDAY March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm  
Basketball 6:30pm Gym  
OLPH 7:15pm Chapel  
Baptism Prep Class 7:30pm Church  
Bible Study 7:30pm PHMR

WEDNESDAY March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm  
Basketball 6:30pm Gym  
OLPH 7:15pm Chapel  
Bible Study 7:30pm PHMR

THURSDAY March 9<sup>th</sup>  
**RE Summer Program Section 1 5pm- 6pm**  
Music Practice 6:00pm Church  
Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR  
Basketball 6:30pm Gym  
Adult Choir 7:30pm Church

THURSDAY March 16<sup>th</sup>  
**RE Summer Program Section 1 5pm- 6pm**  
Music Practice 6:00pm Church  
Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR  
Basketball 6:30pm Gym  
Adult Choir 7:30pm Church

FRIDAY March 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sacred Heart School Stations 1:45pm  
Stations of the Cross 4:00pm & 7:00pm  
Youth Ministry Family Night Lenten Supper &  
Stations of the Cross 6pm to 8pm Aud  
Mother Teresa Movie Night 7:30pm LIB

FRIDAY March 17<sup>th</sup>



Sacred Heart School Stations 1:45pm  
Stations of the Cross 4:00pm & 7:00pm

SATURDAY March 11<sup>th</sup>  
First Communion Retreat 9:00am-11:30am  
Auditorium and Church  
Mass Music Practice 3:30pm Church

SATURDAY March 18<sup>th</sup>  
PTA Beef and Beer 7:00pm AUD  
Mass Music Practice 3:30pm Church