

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)

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Fall Program Class Times

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

Grades 1st - 8th 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

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

May 8st – May 14th

MONDAY

7:00am **Ida Harley** Req. By Phil & Elaine Ryan

8:30am **Roscoe Odell** Req. By Joan Tolmayer

TUESDAY

7:00am **Marion C. Redder** Req. The Redder Family

8:30am **The Special Intentions of Eliza Peña** Req. By Diane Sampson

WEDNESDAY

7:00am **Jack Thorngren** Req. By Yodi & Bill Langan

8:30am **Thomas A. Paglione** Req. By Eric Swiderski

THURSDAY

7:00am **Racquel Hernandez** Req. By The Legion of Mary

8:30am **Michael Lario** Req. By Charles & Dorothea Juliana

FRIDAY

7:00am **James Cutshaw** Req. By His Family

8:30am **Stanley Kiczek** Req. By David & Janet Fago and Family

SATURDAY

8:30AM **Daniel T. Schweikert** Req. By His Family

4:30PM **The People of the Parish & Jillian Curtis** Req. By Donna Gabel

SUNDAY

7:30am **Ida & Harry Danley** Req. By Their Children

9:30am **Theresa Kanyuck** Req. By Her Family

11:30am **Joe Gerdemann** Req. By Ed & Marge McGinley

7:00pm **Mike Margargee** Req. By Mike & Stephanie Hartman

The Devotional Candle in the Chapel of the Two Hearts



*Will Burn in Loving Memory of:
Daniel T. Schweikert*

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: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

SUNDAY OFFERING

Weekly 4/27 – 4/28 \$ 12, 054.29

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

Wedding Banns



*II Nicole Urso & Antonio Russo
I Melanie Todd & Jacob Gressler*



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Please remember in your prayers:

Connie Vazquez, Vinnie Vazquez-Garcia,
Edward Stewart, Joey Eades, Paisley Trojanowski,
Talia Rosko, Pat Adornetto, Megan Dezur,
Bobby Sumanga, Christopher Pierce,
John McMullen, Renate Connors,
Freddie J. Faber, III, Arleen Bishop,
Matthew Ottenwess, Martin O'Connor,
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, Paul J. Marcinko, Fred Zimmer,
Wayne Potts, Stephanie Martin, Corey Kaiser,
Stella Grundahl, Rebecca Bozarth,
Matthew Wernoch, Kay Weiss, Maria Wolfe,
Casey Davitt, Fredrick Naphys, Margaret Brock,
Herbert Cucuini, Daniel Toussaint, Zoey Reed,
Mason Damico, Lynn Kellogg, David McCoy,
Lois Pedrick, John Rubino, George Sampson,
Evan Martinez, Trey Nieves, Gisela Harrell,
Sabrina Kaiser, Camila Doris Perez,
Annabelle Ochipinti, Loretta Minakee,
Patricia Parker, 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,
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 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
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.



MAY CROWNING – The month of May is the traditional month of Mary – Come, celebrate and share in our love for the Blessed Mother. This Sunday, May 7th immediately following the 11:30am Mass we will process to Our Lady's statue on the front lawn of the Parish House. There we will prayerfully honor Mary through song and the presentation of a crown for her. In our Catholic tradition we honor Mary as the first disciple, the first person to say "yes" to the mission of her Son Jesus Christ. If you are able to say "yes" to this invitation to take about 20 minutes and remember Mary's role in the Holy Family and share our gratitude for her love, *come to our May crowning.*

FLOWERS TO HONOR THE BLESSED MOTHER



Anyone who wishes to place fresh flowers near the statue of Mary in the Church during the month of May is most welcome to do so.

Please be sure to mark the bottom of your vase with your name and phone number so we may contact you to pick up your vase when the blooms have faded.

Easter Season Mission has been postponed to next year due to a change in scheduling.

We had originally scheduled a few days of mission during the Easter Season but that had to be postponed. It is our hope that the same mission speaker will be re-scheduled for next year's Easter Season.

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SERRA VOCATION PRAYER
CHALICE



The Good Shepherd

In the second reading today, we hear Peter describe Jesus as the shepherd and guardian of souls. In the Gospel account, Jesus is both shepherd and gate. The flock of sheep follows only the shepherd's voice.

Of all the images of Jesus throughout the ages, the image of Him as the Good Shepherd demonstrates so strikingly His tenderness and compassion and His startling degree of love and concern for His sheep for us. The Good Shepherd's devotion is completely unselfish; He will die for the sheep rather than abandon them.

As members of the church, we are to follow Jesus as our model. Our leadership roles can be seen and found in our daily lives as we nurture others and respond to their various needs. How have we been shepherds to others- the poor, the needy, the lost, the abandoned?

The SVDP Pantry is in need of the following:

Jelly, Canned Soup, Canned Fruit, Tuna, Baked Beans, and Canned Vegetables. If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks payable to:
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL
Thank you!

MARGE'S RETIREMENT PARTY!

As Marge's Thanksgiving Mass and retirement party approach, we are working on more details and we need a count for the caterer and for supplies. If you are planning to attend, and have not responded, please RSVP Merry at ministry@parishofsacredheart.org. or call 609-267-0209 x 305. You can also go to our "Home" page on the website and click on the Save the Date link to RSVP. The Mass is **Sunday, June 4th at 3:00pm followed by dinner in the auditorium.** She will be retiring at the end of May. All are invited! Your presence will be a wonderful gift to Marge so indeed, no other gifts are necessary. Always remember Marge's passion for helping the poor, so donations to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society are greatly appreciated.

PRAYER IS A MOVING FORCE in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations.

"Lord, your Church is in need. Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you. Call forth from this community, Sisters, Brothers, Deacons, Priests and lay leaders. Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment. May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world. Amen."

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

*Thank you
for praying for vocations.*

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!



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**ST. VINCENT dePAUL
SPRING BAKE SALE**

Home baked, cakes, pies, brownies, cookies, breads, candy and goodies will be sold in the St. Vincent dePaul Pantry after Mass on Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21.

If you would like to bake and donate an item for our sale,

please call: Ruth Staub 609-267-2203
or email: rcstaub15@yahoo.com

Please label donated items: (i.e., yellow cake/chocolate frosting, eggs, milk, nuts, etc) Also, make sure that your goodies are placed on a paper plate or tray.

Beauty and the Beast Auditions
Villa Victoria Academy announces that sign-ups are now open for any boys wishing to audition for the 2017-2018 musical production of Beauty and the Beast. You must be a boy between the ages of 14-18. The Auditions for Male Roles (Beast, Gaston, Ensemble) will be:

Friday, May 19, 2017 6pm-7pm

Saturday, May 20, 2017 12pm-1pm

*Please sign up using sign up genius
(www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080F4AA8A92BA2F94-disneys) or email Musical Director Katrina Tammaro at
ktammaro.villavictoria@gmail.com.

Callbacks will be Saturday, May 20, 2017 1pm-3pm.

Volunteering to assist in our Masses

As we attend Mass every week you may have noticed that it is often familiar faces that are proclaiming the Word of God and distributing Holy Communion. These dedicated ministers give us their schedule by phone, email or electronic scheduling so that we can work around their family and business commitments. This way they serve God on the altar and also fulfill the responsibilities in the rest of their lives. Would you consider lending a helping hand as a Reader of God's Word, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion or an altar server? We are asking you to pray about it? With our flexible scheduling would you be willing to hear and answer the call of the Holy Spirit if in fact, you are being called to assist?

Check your calendar and see if these dates work for you?

New Date Tuesday, May 9th at 7:30 in the Church we will have preparation for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Keep an eye for the upcoming date for Altar Server Training. All students 4th grade and up are welcome.

To RSVP please contact Marge McGinley at 609-267-0209, ext 306 or
mcginley@parishofsacredheart.org

Is your son or daughter interested in offering their time and talent as an altar server? Are they currently in the 4th grade or above? Please let them know that they are most welcome to attend:

An altar server training at Sacred Heart Church, Monday, May 15th at 6:30pm. This training will be about one hour and at least one parent is required to attend. If your child is going to attend please RSVP to Marge McGinley at 609-267-0209, ext. 306 or to
mcginley@parishofsacredheart.org.

Sacred Heart School News

Sacred Heart School PTA Presents 3rd Annual Golf Classic



Ron Jaworski's Ramblewood Country Club
Wednesday, May 17, 2017

11:30 Am Registration/1pm Shotgun Start
\$110 per Golfer

Includes:

Green Fees, Lunch and Golfer gift bag
Buffet Dinner to follow for \$30

More Information call 609-784-8575 or email
fundraisers@sacred-heart-school.org

Sacred Heart School PTA Presents Designer Bagz Bingo May 13th



Come Celebrate Mother's Day
In the Sacred Heart Auditorium
Tickets are \$30 in advance

\$35 at the door

Must be 18 years old to enter.

6:30pm Bag Preview

7:00pm Bingo Begins!

50/50 Raffle!

Extra Games for Sale!

Basket Raffles!

Ticket Price includes:

11 BINGO Games

Light Refreshments

To purchase Tickets in advance please
contact Rachel Schein

Email: rachel829@Comcast.net

Or by Phone: 609-352-7188

Sacred Heart School Scrap Metal Fundraiser



May 8 through May 12 ONLY

Time to clean the Garage!

Drop off any of your scrap metal during
the week.

Sacred Heart School will collect it in the
truck dumpster in the
Parking lot next to the Auditorium



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE



Mother's Day flowers will be
available to purchase after all
Masses on Mother's Day
weekend, May 13th & 14th
(except 7 PM Sunday).

Assorted Premium/Florist

Quality Flowers "Proven Winners".

There will be deck pots, along with
hanging baskets. *A beautiful way to
honor our Mothers!* Cost ranges from is
\$10 to \$25 each. Quantities will be
limited. If you would like to pre-order,
please contact Patty Gurba (call or text)
@ 609-784-6584. Proceeds benefit
Sacred Heart School, 8th Grade Class.
Thank you for your support.

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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.

IHM Nun Run

Join us on June 3, 2017 for the IHM Nun Run, a 5K run/walk at Villa Maria House of Studies, Immaculata, PA which is across the street from Immaculata University. Start time is 8:30 am. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the retirement home for the aged and infirmed Sisters of IHM. Registration information: www.ihmnunrun.org, May 30th is the last day to register. No race day registrations.

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our high-quality, new & gently used furniture and home décor shoppe located at 911 Main Street, Rear, Belmar; Phone: 732-894-9393.

Open Thursday – Saturday, 11-5; Sunday, 12-4

White wicker has arrived from a Mantoloking estate; stop in sooner than later if you're in the market for this type of furnishing.

VINCENT'S LEGACY: The newly formed Diocesan-wide furniture ministry wherein we help move in families in need w/furniture and home decor. There are many opportunities to become involved - it's not just about moving furniture! Are you good coordinating schedules and working on the computer? We need you! Email furniture@svdptrenton.org for more information. "Like us" on Facebook to be one of the first to see new pieces delivered each week and to hear about ur storewide sales events:

www.facebook.com/SelectiveSecondsFurniture



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!

7 – DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREATS

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

June 25 – July 2 (Sunday to Sunday)
July 16 – 23 (Sunday to Sunday)
July 26 – August 2 (Wednesday to Wednesday)
August 17 – 24 (Thursday to Thursday)
August 25 – Sept. 1 (Friday to Friday)
September 22 – 29 (Friday to Friday)

Receive the healing and transforming grace of seven days with God, savoring the silence and prayer that opens your whole being to God's Word and Presence. Daily Liturgy and Spiritual Direction and optional Contemplative Prayer periods are included. Donation: \$450; \$60 non-refundable deposit.

HAPPINESS IS A CHOICE

Tuesday, May 16 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

The great spiritual author, Joan Chittister, OSB, has written an entire book on happiness. We all want happiness. Where can we find it? Perhaps we think it's right around the bend, but the truth is happiness is within our very selves and is ours to choose! Donation: \$20, includes lunch and materials

SUNSET RETREAT AN EVENING OF PRAYER WITH TEILHARD

Tuesday, May 16 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Spend an evening connecting with God through the wonder of nature, the Word of God and the words of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. God's love and creative energy resonates through all things. Let this time be an uplifting moment to be quietly aware of and enjoy God's Presence. Donation: Love Offering

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

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Living the Good News Today

“Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

My husband Jeff and I recently returned from a 12-day mission experience in Kingston, Jamaica. On our last day of service, our team went to a favorite local restaurant for lunch, where we saw a bright red car with this prominent decal: 1-800-CORRUPT. I took a photo of it and then did a Google search to find out more about this phone number. It was genuine. The Jamaican Constabulary Force had established this toll-free number for anonymous callers to report corrupt actions of police officers and customs officials. So serious was the government’s concern about this issue that the minister of state referred to corruption as “*one of the great enemies of the state.*”

During our mission trip, we had the opportunity to interact with many local Church members and their volunteers. While we stayed at Immaculate Conception Convent (Franciscan Sisters of Allegany), the sisters hosted a week-long conference of women religious leaders who served the Antilles Islands in the Caribbean. The sisters’ five days of prayer and conference sessions ended with a Mass in which the presiding priest asked each religious leader to read a main point from their vision statement for the future. The sisters joyfully proclaimed their commitment to serve the poor, to educate native people in responsible ecological stewardship, to work tirelessly to defeat human trafficking, and to promote ethical conduct and responsible business practices among young adults.

On the evening before we saw the red car in the restaurant parking lot, Jeff and I shared dinner with two lay Franciscan Mission Service volunteers who are assigned to Kingston for two years. As we concluded our meal, we were visited by Sister Grace Yap, the Franciscan sister who had organized the conference the prior week. We had just finished previewing a Powerpoint presentation that the newest missionary had made to describe her assignment at the Porziuncola farm when Sister Grace joined us.

From the prior week, we already knew that Sister Grace had launched this organic farm, about two hours’ driving distance away in the Braes River community, to grow healthy native vegetables and fruits for the local people to eat and to sell as a means of livelihood. Sister Grace had also employed five at-risk young adults to learn organic/sustainable farming and ethical business practices. In return for their labor, these five young men received room and board as well as a modest wage. One of their crowning achievements had been to produce delicious honey that bees brought from the indigenous

logwood trees—an enterprise in which sister was pleased to declare that demand currently exceeds supply! ☺

In the reading from the *Acts of the Apostles* this weekend, St. Peter delivered an urgent message to the local people that resulted in the baptism of 3000 people: “*Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.*” We are now living almost 2000 years since he gave that warning. History has shown that corruption is a secular activity that continues to influence people’s daily lives, sometimes with grave consequences. One of the dispiriting effects of corruption is that people can succumb to feelings of defeat and conformity. How do we respond when we hear others saying aloud, “*Oh, what’s the use anyway?*” How has baptism helped us to believe that we can prevail against corruption with God’s grace?

As we sat with Sister Grace that night and listened to the many remarkable things that she had initiated for the poor Jamaicans, I had an incredible awareness of the light of Christ working through her. How many people would wonder why a religious, who had been professed more than 50 years, would devote herself to so challenging a mission? Just as the Antilles religious leaders had stood up and stated their vision statement with conviction, Sister Grace shared this with the four of us: “*Beginning with these five young men, I see a future in which corruption is defeated because our young people will experience alternatives that not only give life, but also are based on the goodness of God.*” What a powerful reminder for all of us that our charity (love) towards others requires us to hold fast to our faith and our hope! Corruption cannot defeat hope.

On April 28th, Pope Francis attended the International Peace Conference in Cairo and addressed the assembly with a global message that affirmed works such as Sister Grace’s: “*To counter effectively the barbarity of those who foment hatred and violence, we need to accompany young people, helping them on the path to maturity and teaching them to respond to the incendiary logic of evil by patiently working for the growth of goodness. In this way, young people, like well-planted trees, can be firmly rooted in the soil of history, and, growing heavenward in one another’s company, can daily turn the polluted air of hatred into the oxygen of fraternity.*”

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we witnessed the Franciscan sisters renew their profession to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ—to build a more fraternal and evangelical world. The refrain of their sending song (Companions on the Journey) lingers in my heart, capturing the extraordinary **incorruption** of Christ:

*“...and in the love we bear is the hope we share,
for we believe in the love of our God,
we believe in the love of our God.”*

Teresa S. Redder, OFS

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WEEKLY PLANNER

SUNDAY May 7th
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May Crowning after 11:30am Mass
Adults RCIA LIB
Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

MONDAY May 8th
Cub Scouts 5:00pm – 8:00pm

TUESDAY May 9th
SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center
Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR
Columbiettes 7:30 LIB
Knights of Columbus 7:30pm PHMR

WEDNESDAY May 10th
OLPH 7:15pm Chapel

THURSDAY May 11th
Mass Music Practice 6:00pm Church
Sacred Heart School May Crowning 9:30am Church
Sacred Heart School Concert 7:00pm AUD
Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR
Adult Choir 7:30pm Church

FRIDAY May 12th
Middle School Youth Group AUD 6:30pm

SATURDAY May 13th
Altar Rosary Bake Sale
Mass Music Practice 3:30pm
Designer Bag Bingo 6:30pm AUD

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)



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY May 14th
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Altar Rosary Bake Sale in the Pantry
Sacred Heart School Flower Sale AUD
Adults RCIA LIB
Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

MONDAY May 15th
Cub Scouts 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Religious Ed. Volunteer Dinner 6:00pm PH
Altar Server Training 6:30am Church

TUESDAY May 16th
SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center
Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR
High School Youth Group 7:00 LIB
KOC Basketball 7:00pm Gym

WEDNESDAY May 17th
OLPH 7:15pm Chapel

THURSDAY May 18th
Mass Music Practice 6:00pm Church
PTA Meeting 7:00pm LIB
Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR
Adult Choir 7:30pm Church

FRIDAY May 19th



SATURDAY May 20th
SVDP Bake Sale in the Pantry
Mass Music Practice 3:30pm
Girl Scout & Boy Scout Bridging Ceremony
AUD