

# Sacred Heart Church



260 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060-1404

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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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Principal: Ms. Kathryn Besheer ext. 340

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## Sacred Heart Religious Education

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Director of Rel. Ed: Mrs. Jessica Donohue ext. 307

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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

May 22<sup>nd</sup> h - May 28<sup>th</sup>

MONDAY

7:00am **Ful Gencio Antig** Req. By Pepita Mercado

8:30am **Jeanne Livingston** Req. By Her Family

TUESDAY

7:00am **Jessie Dimen** Req. Legion of Mary

8:30am **Rita Sgro** Req. By Her Family

WEDNESDAY

7:00am **Mark E. Hartnett** Req. By Teresa Redder

8:30am **Elizabeth Mehling** Req. By Her Son John Mehling

5:00pm Vigil **John Pacitti** Req. By Cross Roads Programs

THURSDAY The Ascension of the Lord

7:00am **Maria Goeres** Req. By Wilma Peterson

8:30am **Josef Ceralde** Req. By Mary Valencia

12:15pm **John Cassano** Req. By Charles & Dorothea Juliana

7:00pm **Stanley Kiczek** Req. By Gene Wnek

FRIDAY

7:00am **The Special Intentions of William Rowley** Req. By Legion of Mary

8:30am **Frank Tiberi** Req. By The Hardiman Family

SATURDAY

8:30AM **Robert Voorhees** Req. By Alice & Al Farkas

4:30PM **Peter & Angela Bruccoleri** Req. By Rosalie Trojanowski

SUNDAY

7:30am **Catherine Giulian** Req. By Dave & Rita Gillis

9:30am **The People of the Parish & Jane Ciletti** Req. By Her Husband Ed Ciletti

11:30am **E. D. Stringfield** Req. By Ed & Marge McGinley

7:00pm **Christopher Smith** Req. By Rebecca Westlake

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



*Will Burn in Loving Memory of:  
Donna French*

**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 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1;  
Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23;  
Mt 28:16-20 (Ascension);

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16;  
Jn 17:1-11a;

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**Weekly 5/13 – 5/14 \$ 15, 183.53**

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

**Wedding Banns**



*III Melanie Todd & Jacob Gressler*

**Ascension of the Lord**

**Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass Schedule**

**Vigil Wednesday**

**5:00PM**

**Thursday**

**7:00AM, 8:30AM**

**12:15PM and**

**7:00PM**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Connie Vazquez, Vinnie Vazquez-Garcia, Melissa Currie, Janice Staff, Nadia Nieves, Edward Stewart, Joey Eades, Paisley Trojanowski, Talia Rosko, Pat Adornetto, Megan Dezur, Bobby Sumanga, Garrett Schwab, Martin O'Connor, Christopher Pierce, Renate Conners, Freddie J. Faber, III, Arleen Bishop, Matthew Ottenwess, Tracy & Erica Schwab, Matthew McDonald, Lenore Scatuorchio, Kristal Faber, Alice Farkas, Justin Beckett, Robert Lally, Tonya DeMaio, Olga Aponte, McKenzie Hunter, Gail Reilly, Alva Marino, 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, Celeste Bunn, Annabelle Ochipinti, Loretta Minakee, Christine, Patricia Parker, Wilma Peterson, Doris Gallo, Morgan Ackerman, Tom Polinski, Raymond Bishop, Jenny Hand, Patricia O'Connor, George Schneider, Marie Donahue, Peggy Stewart, Dylan Crespo, 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.

**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.

**One Body in Christ – The Annual Catholic Appeal**

Once again, we are being asked to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Each year the Bishop seeks the support of all of the members of the Diocese to further the work of our ministries. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church. You can make this happen with a gift to the ACA. Please take a moment and truly reflect on any help you can give. Many of you have already received a letter in the mail asking for your prayers and support for this Appeal. Pledge cards can also be found at all entrances to the Church. Thank you for the prayer, time and attention that you give to this request.



*We extend a warm welcome to our newly baptized.*

**John Edward Tuman, Jr.**

*May the Lord give His angels  
 charge over you,  
 to guide you in all your ways.*

Psalm 91:11

**May our Lord Jesus, the Bread of  
Life, continue to bless and guide all  
those who celebrated their  
First Holy Communion  
on  
April 29<sup>th</sup> & May 6<sup>th</sup>**



Noah Abbamonte  
Haley Abruzzese  
Jaylen Alvarez  
Andrew Amoratis  
Evan Angradi  
Layla Antezana  
Ethan Asaro  
Edward Bennett, Jr.  
Hannah Betanzos  
Thomas Brauchle  
Matthew Burns  
Mia Caro  
Madison Ceralde  
Gianluca Colombo  
Anthony Corbo  
Joshua Cordwell  
Samantha Dezelich  
Kathleen Diaz  
Arianna Dolan  
Alexandria Dolan  
Jacob Earley  
Max Fair  
Landon Finsen  
Joseph Fischl  
Samantha Foley  
Logan Giallella  
Madeline Gilbert  
Jillian Godleski  
Aidan Golembiewski  
Katherine Guerra  
Alexia Havlick  
Tyler Jarvis  
Samantha Khalil  
Daniella Kwiatkowski  
Joseph Lampart

Johnna Lawson  
Addison Leaper  
Michael Lingrell  
Kevin Martin  
Jillian McNally  
Molly Meeks  
Zachary Merhar  
Michael Milewski, Jr.  
Rebecca Moise  
Brandon Nasuti  
Christian Nuzzo  
Liam O'Donovan  
Jeffrey Onyegbutulem  
Jacob Palentchar  
Luke Pointkouski  
Andrew Pugliese  
Gabriela Reyes  
Misael Reyes  
Emma Risell  
Keira Rivera  
Dionosio Rivera  
Blake Schoonover  
Benjamin Skuya  
Joseph Sprague, IV  
Chase Sudano  
Brody Tellefsen  
Colin Terry  
Brayden Vallee  
Evan Vallee  
Tyler Van Camp  
Sergio Velez  
Lucas Villegas  
Hannah Wilkerson  
Karina Willems

## Honoring Our Graduates

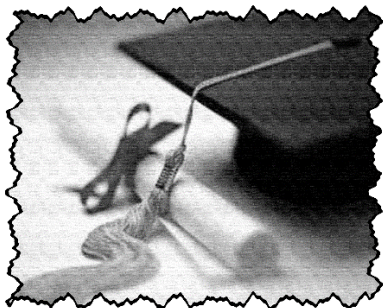


We would like to honor all those members of Sacred Heart who are celebrating graduations this year with a special insert in the parish bulletin for the weekend of June 10-11<sup>th</sup>. In addition to this insert, there will be a special petition and blessing for all of our graduates at the 11:30 Mass on that Sunday. If you would like a graduate included in our insert please submit the graduate's name, the school/institution from which they graduated this year, and any particular degrees received or special honors bestowed by notifying;

Michele O'Toole: 609-267-0209 ext. 301 or e-mail [bulletins@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:bulletins@parishofsacredheart.org) no later than **Thursday June 1st**.

We are truly proud of all our graduates. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless and guide them in the years ahead.

*Father John*



# GRADUATION

*Grow in the grace and knowledge of Our Lord*

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## SERRA VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE



### **Prayer for Vocations**

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters. Give those who have been called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Thank you  
for praying for vocations.**

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

**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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God's Invitation to New Challenge

The Gospel this Sunday has Jesus telling his Disciples that He would not leave them orphans and in a little while the world would no longer see Him. On Thursday, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. The Resurrected Jesus reveals Himself here in a new way, as the Christ, the ruler of the universe, with all authority in heaven and on earth. He utters the great missionary challenge to the eleven who remain faithful.

"...make disciples of all nations..." This commission is a universal call to all Christians with the final promise, "I am with you always." Let us ask God for the grace to respond to his call and invitation to accept new challenges wherever and whenever they may come into our lives. Great occasions for serving God come seldom but little ones surround us daily. "... but we should remember that Jesus doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called!" (*The Word Among Us*)

**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!**



**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](mailto: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.

**Sacred Heart School News**

**Sacred Heart School PTA**  
**Presents**  
**3rd Annual Golf Classic**



Ron Jaworski's Ramblewood Country Club  
Wednesday, June 21, 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](mailto:fundraisers@sacred-heart-school.org)

**"St Denis Recovery Ministry will be**  
**hosting a 12-Step Christian Recovery**  
**One-Day Retreat**  
**"Let Go, Let God"**

Acceptance-Surrender-God's Amazing  
Grace

Date: Saturday, June 10th  
Time: 10am-3pm Cost: \$10  
Church of St Denis: School Cafeteria  
90 Union Ave, Manasquan, NJ 08736

Lunch, fellowship, speakers, workshops,  
reflection-all in a 12-Step Christian  
Recovery setting.

Open to those in Recovery, those  
struggling with Addiction AND FAMILIES of  
those afflicted!"

Please don't hesitate to call me with any  
questions at 848-333-7085,  
Laura RSVP to 732-223-0287 or at  
[www.EventBrite.com](http://www.EventBrite.com)



## Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center  
Box 392 • Rancocas, NJ 08073

609-877-0509 or [FHOP@verizon.net](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net)

Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for directions and for our other offerings!

### WHAT IS CONTEMPLATION?

Tuesday, May 23 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

There comes a time in a relationship, even relationship with God, when words become unnecessary. Contemplation is a form of prayer where a person simply sits in the mutual exchange of love between God and him/her. It is both challenging and refreshing. Now may be the time for you to learn about it. Perhaps God is inviting you into this form of prayer in order to transform you into your deepest self in God. Donation: \$20, includes materials.

### THE LETTERS

Friday, June 2 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Mother Teresa, now St. Teresa of Calcutta, has an amazing life story. Please join us for "Friday Morning at the Movies." Relax, sit back and be inspired and amazed at Mother Teresa's courage and perseverance. Let her life story speak to your life story of courage, and see what God is saying to you now. Donation: \$20, includes lunch.

### 7 – DAY SILENT GUIDED RETREAT PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES WITH THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

Sunday, June 11, 7PM to Sunday, June 18, 10AM  
Brother Joseph Schmidt, FSC, the author of 2 wonderful books on St. Thérèse of Lisieux, offers this guided, meditative-writing retreat, based on her life and spirituality. Thérèse allowed her life to flow into her prayer and her prayer to flow into her life. In this way, she calls us to live the Gospel mandate of prayer and love in the ordinary experiences of life. This retreat will provide daily group instruction and individual spiritual direction in a method of praying our experiences. Commuters welcome! Donation: \$450; \$60 non-refundable deposit.

To register, call 609-877-0509. Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for our other offerings!



## Will You Walk For Me? Walk-a-thon for Good Counsel Homes South Jersey

Supporting homeless pregnant women and children with a safe, loving home, food, medical care, education, job skills, social skills, counseling, spiritual guidance, parenting, nutrition, computer classes and so much more!!

When: Saturday June 3, 2017

Registration: 8:30am- 10am

Walk: 9am - 12 Noon

Where: Memorial Park, Cinnaminson NJ  
2300 Block Lenola Road

For more information, to obtain forms or to sponsor a walker go to:

[www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org)

Or contact

Questions: Mary Ann Lorimer  
#215.989.0021

[Lorimerma@aol.com](mailto:Lorimerma@aol.com)



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**Living the Good News Today**

*“For it is better to suffer for doing good...”*

I am always inspired by the messages that Pope Francis offers to the entire world, but most especially to Christians who look to Christ as the Light of the world. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Father offered these words on his Twitter account: *“Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds, and to have the patience to carry our own cross.”* In this simple sentence, the pope reminds us that it will not be easy to “walk the talk,” because integrity and justice demand that our deeds must match our words. That is why St. Peter reminded the early Church in his epistle *“for it is better to suffer for doing good.”* We may not always earn compliments for doing good.

Coincidentally, May 15<sup>th</sup> was also the United Nations’ annual observance of the 2017 International Day of Families. This year’s event focused on the role of families in promoting education and overall well-being of their members. We first learn about goodness and morality in our homes through our families.

Last September, Philadelphia hosted the Church’s World Meeting of Families, which concluded with the visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia for the closing liturgy. The family is the basic unit of society. No matter where people live, all families face various challenges that test them. It is especially more difficult for families to thrive where there is acute poverty, famine, or violence (e.g., war, organized crime/gangs, or government corruption).

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) partnered with two international relief agencies (LUMOS and Maestral International) to submit a proposal to the MacArthur Foundation for a \$100 million grant over a six-year period. To strengthen families, they focused on the theme “Changing the Way We Care.” As part of their proposal, CRS had to make a problem statement: *“Poverty, disease, and natural disasters have driven millions of children out of family care, with an estimated eight million now living in residential care centers, or orphanages, around the world. Residential care causes long-term negative effects on children’s physical, intellectual, and psychosocial development. Well-meaning people donate millions of dollars to orphanages without realizing that 80 to 90 percent of these children have a living parent.”*

In February, the MacArthur Foundation announced that CRS had been chosen as one of eight semi-finalists for the grant. Each of the other proposals offered an approach to different world problems. There were more than 7000 registrants who submitted 1904 proposals for consideration. Of these, 801 passed the Foundation’s initial review. After selecting the eight semio-finalists, Julia Stasch (MacArthur Foundation

President) noted: *“These eight ambitious proposals exemplify the passion, range, and creativity of the hundreds of applications. We hope that the competition inspires individuals and organizations to be bold and think big, because solutions are possible.”*

I listened to the CRS video on their website to be inspired by this project. As the team noted that 80-90% of children who are institutionalized in orphanages have a living parent, they expressed concerns for the long-term weakening of the child’s human potential. CRS had a vision of an alternative way of protecting children that allowed them to stay in the constructive circle of a nurturing family:

- Supporting parents/caregivers to be able to care for their children;
- Helping orphanage staff transition to providing family and community services; and
- Working with donors to direct their philanthropy towards supporting children in families as opposed to residential care.

When we experience suffering or witness the suffering of others, the experience appeals deeply to our faith to find courage and strength. It also compels us to act with conviction for the good of others. The founder of CRS’s partner LUMOS was J.K. Rowling, the internationally known author of the Harry Potter books. After reading an article in a British newspaper that revealed small children being caged in cribs in orphanages, she raised 1.95 million British pounds through the sale of a book to launch efforts to ensure that it would be a global priority for babies to bond with loving parents in a safe and stable environment rather than have parents believe that orphanages were their only viable recourse. Maestral International, the other partner to CRS, likewise has a vision statement for a world *“where every child is able to reach his or her full potential.”*

The eight semi-finalists have much work ahead. The MacArthur Foundation will reduce the competition to five finalists in September. We must pray and support CRS in this undertaking, knowing that in every outreach undertaken by CRS, the focus has always been on following Jesus faithfully—deeds that match the Word of God. In this weekend’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us that those who love Him will keep His commandments (to love God and to love one another as He loves us). If we suffer for doing good, we know that we have made the better choice—always—because Jesus has assured us that:

*“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”*

Teresa S. Redder, OFS

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**WEEKLY PLANNER**

SUNDAY May 21st  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Hospitality Sunday after Morning Mass Parish House  
SVDP Bake Sale in the Pantry  
Youth Ministry at 11:30am Mass then Auditorium until 3:00pm  
Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

MONDAY May 22nd  
Cub Scouts 5:00pm – 8:00pm  
Sacred Heart Sch. Spring Band Concert 7pm

TUESDAY May 23rd  
SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center  
Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR

WEDNESDAY May 24th  
OLPH 7:15pm Chapel  
**5:00pm Vigil Mass for  
The Ascension of the Lord**

THURSDAY May 25th  
**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**Mass Times**  
**7:00am**  
**8:30am (SHS at Mass)**  
**12:15pm**  
**7:00pm**

FRIDAY May 26th

SATURDAY May 27th  
PTA Car Wash 10am to 1pm  
Mass Music Practice 3:30pm

**MARGE MCGINLEY'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](mailto: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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

SUNDAY May 28th  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

MONDAY May 29th



**Mass 9:00am**  
**Prayer Service Immediately following at the Sacred Heart Cemetery**  
**School, Parish Office, and Chapel are Closed**

TUESDAY May 30th  
SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center  
Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR  
KOC Basketball 7:00pm Gym

WEDNESDAY May 31st  
OLPH 7:15pm Chapel

THURSDAY June 1st  
Mass Music Practice 6:00pm Church  
Boy Scouts 7:00pm  
Adult Choir 7:00pm

FRIDAY June 2nd  
School Liturgy 8:30pm  
Healing Mass 7:00pm  
Sacred Heart School's Eighth Grade Social AUD

SATURDAY June 3rd  
Blood Drive Sigh-ups at all Masses in Pantry  
Mass Music Practice 3:30pm

**GATHERING LOCATION KEY**

- AUD-** Auditorium/Gym
- LIB-** Library
- PHCR-** Parish House Conference Room (Between the Library and the Chapel)
- PHMO-** Parish House Ministry Office (Merry's office)
- PHMR-** Parish House Meeting Room (Under the Library)