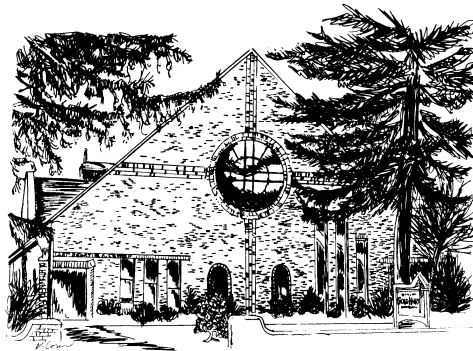


# Sacred Heart Church



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

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Deacon William Rowley

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## Sacred Heart School

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Principal: Ms. Kathryn Besheer ext. 340

Admin. Assist. Margo Lihvarcik ext. 316

## Sacred Heart Religious Education

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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

**July 1 – July 2 2017**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **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  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> – July 9<sup>th</sup>

MONDAY

7:00am **Walter Grzesczuk** Req. By Jeff & Teresa Redder

8:30am **Walter Klarmann** Req. By Laura Jean & Mark Beierschmitt

TUESDAY

9:00am **Pete & Betty Bouclier** Req. By The Redder Family

WEDNESDAY

7:00am **Mikutay Kaczmarek** Req. By The Maculaitis Family

8:30am **Paul Hagerty** Req. By Ed & Marge McGinley

THURSDAY

7:00am **Sally Haddad, OFS** Req. By Jeff & Teresa Redder

8:30am **Antonio Bernardo** Req. By The Legion of Mary

FRIDAY

7:00am **Anthony Michael Konrad** Req. By The Legion of Mary

8:30am **Dominick Tremarco** Req. By The Thomas Family

SATURDAY

8:30AM **Anna Harrison** Req. By Diane Tew

**The Special Intentions of Heinz Hess** Req. By Wilma Peterson

4:30PM **Jayne Marie Peña** Req. By Eliza Peña

SUNDAY

7:30am **Eleanor Campbell** Req. By Mary Verme

9:30am **George E. Sirak** Req. By Bruce & MaryAnn Sirak

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

7:00pm **Stanley Kiczek** Req. By His Wife Rene



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



*Will Burn in Loving Memory of:  
Walter & Mary Skulsky*

**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:** Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

**Tuesday:** Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8

**Friday:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17

**Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13;  
Mt 11:25-30

Wedding Banns



*I Devon Molaro & Robert Skorochocki*



**Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> Mass Time: 9:00am**

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Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church,

I am very happy to inform you that the total amount of our Easter collection this year at Sacred Heart was \$41, 264.00

I am so truly grateful to all of you for your abundant generosity to our Parish. I would also like to thank all of those who made special donations to help decorate our Church this Easter.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to those who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter Sunday Liturgies so beautiful and prayerful- our Deacons and faithful members of our Parish Staff and so many dedicated volunteers - Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Music Ministers, Readers, Ushers, Collection Counters, those who helped to clean, prepare and decorate our Church and Auditorium. They have assisted all of us to joyfully celebrate Our Lord's resurrection from death so that we might share in His Spirit of new life.

On behalf of our parish community, may I extend a very heartfelt and loving welcome to all those who were fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil and assure them of our continuing prayerful support.

A special word of thanks to the members of our R.C.I.A. Team for all their help in preparing our Catechumens and Candidates for full membership in our Church.

May the loving presence of our Risen Lord continue to dwell in your hearts and your homes. God bless you all.

*Father John*

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Connie Vazquez, Vinnie Vazquez-Garcia, Don McGhee, Karen McDonald, 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, Frank Anton, 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, Wayne Potts, Stephanie Martin, Corey Kaiser, Stella Grundahl, Rebecca Bozarth, Matthew Wernoch, Kay Weiss, Maria Wolfe, Casey Davitt, Fredrick Naphys, Margaret Brock, Herbert Cucchini, Clara Hynes, Daniel Toussaint, Zoey Reed, Mason Damico, Lynn Kellogg, David McCoy, Lois Pedrick, John Rubino, George Sampson, Evan Martinez, Trey Nieves, Sabrina Kaiser, Camila Doris Perez, Celeste Bunn, Annabelle Ochipinti, Arthur Netti, 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, Don Hartman, Mary Hartman, Daniel DeMaio, 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:**

Capt. Anthony D'Errico II, U.S.A.F.  
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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Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Parish Office, Chapel & School  
will be Closed



## Summer Office Hours

**Parish Office**  
**Summer Hours:**  
**All Offices and Chapel**  
**Closed Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**& Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday August 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monday – Thursday Office Hours:**  
9am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 5:00pm  
**Friday Office Hours: 9:00am – 1:00pm**  
**No Afternoon hours**  
**Monday –Friday Evenings: 6pm – 9pm**

**Sunday: 8:30am- 1pm**  
**Saturday: 9am-12pm and 1pm–5pm**

### **Religious Education**

#### **Summer Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
9:00am to 2:00pm

**Friday No Office hours**

### **Sacred Heart School Office**

#### **Summer Hours**

Tuesday - Thursday  
9:00am – 1:00pm

**Monday & Friday No Office hours**



### **Acts of Unselfish Love**

Hospitality, gratitude, generosity, kindness, graciousness – all these can be found in the first reading from the Book of Kings today. St. Matthew's gospel concludes the instruction given by Jesus to the disciples related to the sacrifice inherent in being missionaries. This gospel has the much loved saying among Christians, "A cup of cold water given in my name will not go unrewarded." There are profound implications for even the smallest act of unselfish love. Although our missionary endeavors may be within our own neighborhoods, through our Baptism we have received a commission to live in such a way that our relationship with Jesus makes us a welcome sight to all who see us and to all those whom we serve.

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

Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Meals in a Can, 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!**

### **Creative Writing Camp**

Join us for a week of creative writing!!

(Students in Grades 1 through 8)

We will create poems, stories, songs, and more during this week-long exploration of the writing process.

Each participant will leave with their own copy of our writing journal to share with family and friends.

When: July 10-14, 2017

Time: 9am to 11:30am

Where: Sacred Heart School

Please contact Mrs. Tina Wargo by email:

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

**SERRA VOCATION PRAYER  
CHALICE**



**The Power of a  
Praying Parent**

**PARENTS' PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Lord, allow me as a parent to listen to my son/daughter as they discern their vocation. Guide me to be open to their dreams and not limit them to what I want for them. Lead my son/daughter to hear and respond to your invitation to change the world for the better in whatever way your holy will may invite them. I ask this Lord with great love for you in my heart. Amen.

*Thank you  
for praying for vocations.*

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



**Bishop's Anniversary Blessing**

Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2017  
October 22 - Burlington/Mercer: All couples celebrating their **1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary** during the 2017 calendar year are invited to gather with family and friends to share the Eucharist, renew your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Burlington and Mercer County register to attend the Mass and Blessing at St. Mary Cathedral on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 3 pm (registration deadline is September 11, 2017) please contact the Parish Secretary, Michele O'Toole 609-267-0209 ext. 301 or email [secretary@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:secretary@parishofsacredheart.org)

**Registration for  
Religious Education  
2017-2018**

Registration for our Fall Program is now open! Our classes will run from September through April on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 for grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. Children attend either Tuesday or Wednesday; we do our best to accommodate families' requests with regard to day preference. Scheduling requests are fulfilled on a first come, first served basis. Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule under the Religious Education bulletin board, or online at <http://parishofsacredheart.org/religious-education/>. (You can find additional information about our program at this link as well including our family handbook, an overview of both our Fall and Summer Programs, etc.) Forms can be dropped off in person to the parish house, or mailed to us using the address on the front of the bulletin. Please be sure to mark envelopes "Attention: RE Registration."

Please note that all new registrations, as well as registrations for children making First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation, *must* be submitted with a copy of the child's baptismal certificate if he or she was not baptized here at Sacred Heart. If you have any questions about our program or would like to volunteer with us, please contact our office at 609-267-6319 or [rel.ed@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:rel.ed@parishofsacredheart.org). Thank you!

**Mrs. Jessica Donohue**  
**Director of Religious Education**

## *The Grapes of Wrath Project*

by Deacon Jim Casa

The hot summer is here and the time is right to enjoy a tall, cold drink and read Steinbeck's classic novel, *The Grapes of Wrath*. In this sobering story about the Great Depression of the 1930's, you will be moved and challenged by its passionate message and it will stay with you long after you finish the book.

**In order to appreciate Steinbeck's work, let's look at a significant theme of the novel: *Man's Inhumanity to Man.***

Steinbeck consistently points to the fact that the families' great suffering is caused not by bad weather or mere misfortune but by their fellow human beings. Historical, social, and economic circumstances separate people into rich and poor, landowner and tenant, and the people in the dominant roles struggle viciously to preserve their positions. For example, in his brief history of California in Chapter 19, Steinbeck portrays the state as the product of land-hungry squatters who took the land from Mexicans and, by working it and making it produce, rendered it their own. Now, generations later, the California landowners see this historical example as a threat, since they believe that the influx of migrant farmers might cause history to repeat itself. In order to protect themselves from such danger, the landowners create a system in which the migrants are treated like animals, shuffled from one filthy roadside camp to the next, denied livable wages, and forced to turn against their brethren simply to survive. The novel draws a simple line through the population – one that divides the privileged from the poor – and identifies that division as the primary source of evil and suffering in the world.

So, begin your reading of *The Grapes of Wrath* and save the date, Friday evening - September 15 (7pm) - when we will gather to see John Ford's classic movie version and discuss both novel and film. Look for updates about the novel in future Parish Bulletins.

**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.

### 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.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, carpooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house, pool, and yard? Tell him or her they're still #1 in your life... share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other.

The next weekend dates are Oct 20-22 and Dec 8-10, 2017. Call 609-741-8012 for information or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).

### Senior Spirituality and "So Much More" Day! July 12, 2017!

Please join the fun, fellowship, food and friends at St. Leo the Great Parish in Lincroft for a Senior Spirituality Day! Inspiring talks by **Msgr. Walter Nolan** (long-time host of Catholic Corner, and beloved priest of the Diocese of Trenton)! Entertainment by Irish Singer, **Bobby Byrne**! Registration Form and more detailed information on the attached flyer! Or go to the website: [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoral-care](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoral-care), or call the Department of Pastoral Care at: 609-403-7175.

We hope to see you there!



### 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!

### 7 – DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREATS

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

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.

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



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**Living the Good News Today**

*“Whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”*

This year, our oldest granddaughter graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our youngest son and his wife had a celebration at their house—an outdoor BBQ attended by many family members and friends. As we shared the excellent food and lively company, my husband Jeff and I mingled with several of the young parents who had attended. The mother of one of our granddaughter’s classmates started an interesting conversation about the challenges of being a parent when peer pressure is being exerted to buy very expensive articles of clothing and personal possessions (specifically, she focused on sneakers and sweatshirts). We were very impressed with her earnest focus on teaching her children good values and how to acquire a discipline for their lives that can differentiate between what is necessity and frivolity.

Whether we realize it or not, these simple moments of fellowship are opportunities for evangelization (to spread the message of the Gospel) and affirmation. In this weekend’s Gospel account, St. Matthew tells us that a follower of Jesus will have to make difficult choices. He quotes Jesus telling His apostles that we will be required to take up our crosses and follow Him. What effect did it have on the apostles to hear these words: *“Whoever loses his life for My sake will find it”*? Do Christ’s words have an effect on our lives today? Do we want to be *“dead to sin”*?

The young mother at the graduation party was grappling with something common to many families: living a meaningful life in spite of the excessive materialism of our culture. Because of advertisements and social media, it is too easy to be bombarded by recommendations of things we **must** acquire and **possess** to have a good life. Jesus, on the other hand, asks us to lose our lives. Let’s be clear: He is not referring to early physical death or suicide! From our baptism, the Holy Spirit calls us to a life of ongoing conversion of heart and mind, so that we deliberately choose to follow God above all other desires.

The week after our encounter with the young mother, I received an e-mail from a man that I met in my early years of prison ministry, who is now serving his second sentencing in a federal prison. Over more than 18 years that we have shared our faith, I have watched him rise and fall through some serious life challenges, including attempted suicide during his first incarceration. His most recent e-mail exchange dealt with his frustration on how to be a good absentee father to his two stepchildren and his toddler son. All of his questions were good ones. Understanding that the world offers many distractions and wrong attractions, he wanted to know how he could draw

the children closer to God. This is a challenge faced even within families where a parent is not incarcerated!

Although he was asking whether or not there were spiritual books that could make a difference, he understood that the time and values that parents teach to their children, by personal example, mean far more than having children read a book or watch an inspiring movie. When I gave him some suggestions about books, though, this on-line description of one of my favorite Christian authors (Max Lucado) resonated:

*“It’s Not About Me—Teen Edition:* Pop culture and psychobabble tell us to **make ourselves the center of the universe in order to be happy**. Churches have communicated the false idea that God exists to give us all that we selfishly want. In this book, Max Lucado reminds us that it’s not about us, it’s all about God. It is through this shift in thinking that we can truly live an unburdened, happy life.”

On the feast day of St. Anthony (June 13<sup>th</sup>), a Franciscan Doctor of the Church, Pope Francis issued a message inaugurating the first World Day of the Poor to be celebrated on the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (November 19<sup>th</sup>). Throughout his message, the Holy Father gives examples of how we can lose our life—for others—by seeing Christ in them. For our youth to turn away from \$130 sneakers and \$95 sweatshirts, the adults in their lives must show them God’s way that inspires compassion and service. Pope Francis raises the bar to experience life in Christ through encounter:

*“We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people’s needs and the injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life...This way of life gives rise to joy and peace of soul, because we touch with our own hands the flesh of Christ. If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch His body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist. The Body of Christ, broken in the sacred liturgy, can be seen, through charity and sharing, in the faces and persons of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.”*

Just as St. Paul urged the Romans to think of themselves as *“living for God in Christ Jesus,”* we can also leave weekend worship with that same mindset, heeding the reminder of Pope Francis to *“Let us love, not with words but with deeds.”* A transforming daily message is simply:

*“For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.”*

Teresa S. Redder, OFS

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**WEEKLY PLANNER**

**SUNDAY July 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

**MONDAY July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Parish Office, Chapel and School  
 Office Closed**

**TUESDAY July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Independence Day**  
**Mass at 9:00am**  
**Parish Office, Chapel and School Office  
 Closed**



**WEDNESDAY July 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 Baptismal Prep Class 7:30pm Church  
 OLPH 7:15pm Chapel

**THURSDAY July 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm

**FRIDAY July 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Summer Office Hours**  
**Friday Office Hours: 9:00am –1:00pm**  
**No Afternoon hours**

**SATURDAY July 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY July 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

**MONDAY July 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm -8:00pm PHMR

**TUESDAY July 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 SVDP 7:00pm SVDP Center  
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR  
 Columbiettes 7:30pm LIB  
 Knights of Columbus 7:30pm PHMR/ Church

**WEDNESDAY July 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 OLPH 7:15pm Chapel

**THURSDAY July 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm

**FRIDAY July 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Summer Office Hours**  
**Friday Office Hours: 9:00am –1:00pm**  
**No Afternoon hours**

**SATURDAY July 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 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)

