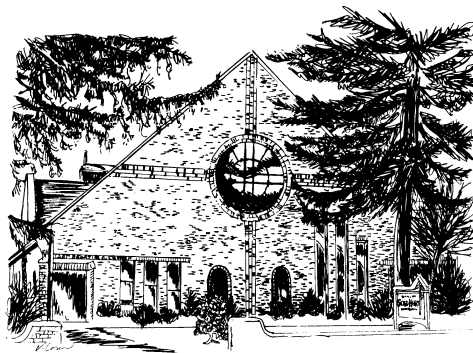


Sacred Heart Church



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)

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Admin. Assistant: Mrs. Amy Raimondi ext. 324

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. 9:00am – 2:00pm

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
August 14th – August 20th

MONDAY

7:00am **Muriel T. Fitzek** Req. By Merry, Rose,
Sue & Sandy

8:30am **Mary Matrisciano** Req. By Her Sister
Theresa

5:00pm Vigil **James Elder** Req. By His Family

TUESDAY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am **Dan Mancini** Req. By His Parish
Friends

8:30am **Leo J. Ahern, Sr.** Req. By His Son
Leo Ahern, Jr.

12:15pm **Victor Mushinski** Req. By Russ &
Joan Carvin

7:00pm **Devon Lucas** Req. By The England -
Lomax Family

WEDNESDAY

7:00am **James DiGiovanne** Req. By Jim &
Dottie Westlake

8:30am **Everett Hoffman** Req. By The Hansel
Family

THURSDAY

7:00am **Donna K. French** Req. By The
Redder Family

8:30am **Charles Swenson** Req. By His Family

FRIDAY

7:00am **Juan Liceaga, Sr.** Req. By The
Gonzalez Family

8:30am **Rose Hoffman** Req. By The Hansel
Family

SATURDAY

8:30AM **Albert M. Polk, Sr.** Req. By His
Family

Jose Racelis Req. By His Wife Marie

4:30PM **Sister Linda Anne Greenberg IHM**
Req. By Barb Stellweg & Family

SUNDAY

7:30am **Mollie Zimmer** Req. By Sandy Roth

9:30am **Nicholas Ferrara** Req. By The Fox
Family

11:30am **Arthur Ksiazek** Req. By Ed & Marge
McGinley

7:00pm **The People of the Parish**

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



*Will Burn for in loving memory of:
Evelyn Curtis*

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: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;
1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17;
Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;
Mt 15:21-28

SUNDAY OFFERING

Weekly 8/5– 8/6 \$ 13, 150.58

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

Dear Parishoners,

We still have weekday Mass openings in our
2017 Mass Intentions Book.

There are 7:00am and 8:30am Masses still
available. We also have openings for the
Devotional Candle in the Chapel of the Two
Hearts.

Once these are all full, we will announce the
opening of the 2018 Mass Intentions Book.

Thank you,

Michele O'Toole- Parish Secretary

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Please remember in your prayers:

Connie Vazquez, Vinnie Vazquez-Garcia,
 Pete Giambalvo, Ed Ciletti, Karen Tusim,
 Sue Ringenary, Michael Dow, Don McGhee,
 Marie Chierico, Karen McDonald, Melissa Currie,
 Janice Staff, Christine Taintor, Pat Adornetto,
 Nadia Nieves, Trey Nieves, Edward Stewart, Joey
 Eades, Paisley Trojanowski, Talia Rosko,
 Megan Dezur, Bobby Sumanga, Garrett Schwab,
 Frank Anton, Christopher Pierce, Renate Connors,
 Freddie J. Faber, III, Arleen Bishop, Maria Wolfe,
 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, Daniel DeMaio,
 Matthew Wernoch, Kay Weiss, Casey Davitt,
 Fredrick Naphys, Margaret Brock,
 Herbert Cucuini, Clara Hynes, Daniel Toussaint,
 Zoey Reed, Mason Damico, David McCoy,
 Lois Pedrick, John Rubino, George Sampson,
 Evan Martinez, Sabrina Kaiser, Camila Doris Perez,
 Celeste Bunn, Annabelle Ochipinti, Arthur Netti,
 Loretta Minakee, Christine, Patricia Parker,
 Wilma Peterson, Doris Gallo, Morgan Ackerman,
 Raymond Bishop, Jenny Hand, Patricia O'Connor,
 George Schneider, Marie Donahue, Peggy Stewart,
 Dylan Crespo, Sharon Carroll, Don Hartman,
 Mary Hartman, Michelle Schafle Reed

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

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

TSgt. Paul J. Stoshak U.S.A.F
 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.

**THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF
 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 TUESDAY, August 15th**



**This is a Holy Day of Obligation.
 Come and celebrate the Mother of Jesus
 being “assumed” into heaven.**

MASS TIMES

**Monday August 14th at 5:00pm
 Tuesday August 15th
 7:00am, 8:30am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm**

 **Summer Office Hours**

Parish Office

Summer Hours:

Friday June 30th – Friday September 1st

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



“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Today’s story is one of the most cherished narratives in the Gospels. The stormy seas provide a setting in which Jesus shows His power and teaches Peter and the apostles the degree of faith necessary to weather the storms that are an inevitable part of Christian life. We, as Peter, are fine during periods of calm, but it is when the wind is against us and the storm hits us with full force, physically, emotionally, spiritually, financially, that we must keep our eyes on Jesus and move toward Him, for the hand of Christ is there to catch us.

“Lord, as we receive strength and courage from you, may we, in turn, extend our hands to support and uphold those who come to us for assistance.”

The SVDP Pantry is in need of the following:

Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, 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!

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 must 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



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

We hope you are still enjoying your summer. However, the opening of school is just around the corner. Once again, your Sacred Heart Conference of The Society of St. Vincent dePaul would like to help our struggling families by providing their children with school supplies. We would like to provide a book bag containing the following items: pencils, pens, loose leaf paper, spiral bound notebooks, folders, composition books, rulers, crayons, colored pencils, glue, and pencil boxes. We especially need **BOOK BAGS**. As always, please know that we greatly appreciate your continued generosity and are blessed by your caring.

This back-to-school program in its 10th year has prepared hundreds of needy children for another year of learning.

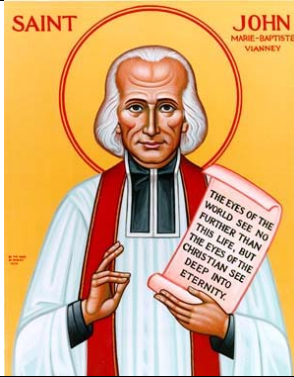
Please note: Donations may be dropped off in the food bins at the back of the church, at the St. Vincent dePaul center, or pantry and should be received no later than, Sunday, August 27. Our projected numbers for year indicate a need for more secondary items and bags. We also need to supply for slightly more girls than boys.

Again, heart felt thanks for your contributions.

If you have any questions please call Sherry Papale at 609-261-0652.

St. Joseph By the Sea

Located on Route 35, South Mantoloking, NJ, will be needing a part time Kitchen aid starting September, 2017. Please contact St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494.



SERRA VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE

*“Faithfulness of Christ,
Faithfulness of Priests”*

Cur’e of Ars

St. John Marie Vianney

*A true example of a pastor at the
service of Christ’s flock*

Most gracious Heavenly Father, We thank you for our faithful priests and bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood and example of fidelity, self-sacrifice, and devotion is so vital to the faith of your people. May our spiritual fathers be guided by the example of St. John Vianney. Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict, hope in time of trouble and sorrow, and steadfast love for you, for their families, and for all your people throughout the world. May the light of your Truth shine through their lives and their good works. Assist all spiritual fathers, that through your Grace they may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your Truth. May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them.

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



The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary gave service to our school for many, many years. The sisters are now inviting us to assist them by contributing \$25.00 and purchasing a chance to be entered in many drawings from October 2017 through June 2018, 300 drawings \$50 to \$1000. You will also be remembered in a monthly Mass for benefactors and in the prayers of the IHM Sisters.

Barb Stellwag, one of the faithful members of the Silver Circle, will be selling tickets from **now until October 1st**. Proceeds Benefit the Sister’s Retirement Fund.

Please call Barb if you would like to support this cause. Barb’s phone number is

609-702-1146. *Thank you for your kind support of the IHM Sisters!*

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.

Healing the Wounds of Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortive Retreat

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.

If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warkiewicz @ 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

2017 Weekend Retreats

August 25th – 27th, 2017

DiPaolos Red Lion Inn 101 Red Lion Rd. Southampton, NJ 08088

On Wednesday, September 20, 2017, from 3pm to 9pm, DiPaolos Red Lion Inn is holding a fundraiser for the benefit of Stop the Heroin. 15% of the total food sales, dine in or take out, will be donated directly to Stop the Heroin Foundation.

Carie McCay and her accompanist Mark Brenner will be live at 6pm. Her CD "I Brought a Little Justice into this World" will also be sold. 100% of the profits of the CD will be donated directly to Stop the Heroin Foundation.

Please come out and have a wonderful dinner and support this worthy cause. We as individuals can make a huge difference in our community.



Thank you from Divine Word Missionaries

We are very grateful for your wonderful generosity toward the missionary work Divine Word Missionaries do for the Catholic Church around the World. Your financial help and prayerful support make it possible for us to continue building up the kingdom of God in some of the most difficult areas around the world. We are only able to spread the Gospel message with your prayers and generous support. We want to thank you for your warm welcome on the weekend of July 29 & 30th. May God continue to bless all of you! Let us remember each other in prayer.

Fr. Fleury Lunimbu SVD

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.



The Grapes of Wrath Project

by Deacon Jim Casa

There is still time to begin your reading of this summer's "read the book-see the movie" project and you are invited to begin your reading of John Steinbeck's epic novel, *The Grapes of Wrath*. It may reshape your understanding of patriotism.

For this week, let's consider the importance of the ultimate hero in *The Grapes of Wrath*, Ma Joad:

A determined and loving woman, Ma Joad emerges as the family's center of strength over the course of the novel as Pa Joad gradually becomes less effective as a leader and provider. Regardless of how bleak circumstances become, Ma Joad meets every obstacle unflinchingly. She may demonstrate this faculty best during the family's crossing of the California desert. She consistently proves to be the novel's strongest supporter of family and togetherness. With her indomitable nature, Ma Joad suggests that even the most horrible circumstances can be weathered with grace and dignity. The Joad family members stand as exemplary figures in their refusal to be broken by the circumstances that conspire against them. At every turn, Steinbeck seems intent on showing their dignity and honor; he emphasizes the importance of maintaining self-respect in order to survive spiritually. Steinbeck makes a clear connection in his novel between dignity and rage. As long as people maintain a sense of injustice—a sense of anger against those who seek to undercut their pride in themselves—they will never lose their dignity.

So, friends, continue 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 (starring Henry Fonda) and discuss both novel and film. Look for updates about the novel in future Parish Bulletins.

Volunteer Chaplain Aides and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly. There are openings for trained lay visitors every day. Following a training and orientation process, an Aide may donate two to four hours each week to visit patients, offering them friendship and spiritual comfort. Eucharistic Ministers are also needed seven days a week to bring Communion to Catholic patients.

The 18 hour Training Course will be offered in the Conference Center at the Virtua Memorial Hospital, 175 Madison Avenue, Mount Holly, on October 25, and October 27, 2017, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, with continental breakfast at 7:30am. If you want to find out if volunteering is for you or if you want to sign up for the course, please phone or email for an information package with details of the course and the process of volunteering in the hospital. Please phone Chaplain Marge McGinley 609-914-6365 or email your name and address to mmcginley@virtua.org



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

MORNINGS WITH MERTON

DELIGHT IN THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S

CREATION 4 Mondays 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 4

Open your eyes, ears and hearts to God's glory in nature. Let God catch you by surprise with His creation. We will reflect on Thomas Merton's nature writings collected in *When the Trees Say Nothing* and let his words inspire us to be more attentive to the love of God vibrating through nature everywhere. Then we will spend some time outdoors at Francis House enjoying what God has created and reflecting on God as a loving Creator. Donation: \$60, includes book.

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

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Living the Good News Today

“The disciples saw Him walking on the sea.”

Over the past month, my husband Jeff and I had the pleasure of attending two family gatherings (one for each side) in which many relatives had assembled to share time and fellowship. Because so many of us live so far away from each other, there never seemed to be any difficulty in finding things to discuss: our children and grandchildren, our life experiences, perspectives on current affairs, and remembrances of things we have shared over the years.

At both of these gatherings, we had a “senior citizen” age relative (our generation) who questioned religion quite vocally. During both discussions, we found it important to listen carefully to what our loved one was saying so that we understood the source of his frustration, anger, and critical assessment of what each one thought was broken in organized Catholic religion. Both Jeff and I considered these discussions valuable, as they gave us opportunities to reexamine our own faith and to offer our relatives another perspective to consider. Faith in God is truly a priceless gift.

In this weekend’s readings, both the prophet Elijah and the apostle Peter are tested in their faith. Elijah witnesses the wondrous power of wind that could rend mountains and crush rocks, earthquake, and fire, yet he found the Lord God present in a tiny whispering sound. In the Gospel story, St. Matthew tells us that while the apostles were being tossed by the waves on the Sea of Galilee, *“the disciples saw Him [Jesus] walking on the sea.”* As if that weren’t enough to startle them all, though, Jesus invites Peter to come out into the water and walk towards Him! We learn from stories like these that God never abandons us, especially when we are in doubt.

During the family discussions with our two relatives, we thought that it was important to look at how we spend moments of our days in contemplation. In particular, my relative proudly boasted that he considered himself a “thinker” and had spent years thinking about his formative years and how it was his nature to be a rebel and to question what he had experienced. There was one thing that both of our skeptical relatives had in common: lacking desire to have an authentic relationship with the God of creation. They had been sidetracked by other experiences.

Ever since my childhood, I have found that science has opened my own senses to a wondrous awareness of the Presence of God. Thus, this summer has delighted us with three wondrous experiences to be like Elijah and hear God whispering His mysteries to us if we take the time to pause and listen:

- **Perseid meteor shower:** Every year, the earth passes through the orbit of the Comet Swift-Tuttle (July 17th to August 24th). It is a time for amateur astronomers to delight in the high volume of shooting stars that occur (up to 80 meteors per hour) peaking on August 11/12. These meteors are pieces of the comet’s debris left in space. Because there will be a three-quarter moon this year, only the brighter meteors will be visible, yet still estimated to be 40 to 50 per hour! Early Christians referred to this meteor shower as “the tears of St. Lawrence” in honor of those Christians martyred with Saints Sixtus, Lawrence, and their companions. Will we take the time to gaze at the heavens, as so many others did before us, and ponder the great works of God?

- **Total solar eclipse:** On August 21st, the sun will disappear behind the moon during the daytime and create a total solar eclipse. This will be visible across a moving 70-mile swath across the US in OR, ID, WY, NE, KS, MO, IL, KY, TN, GA, and SC. While we were camping in the Great Smoky Mountains during Memorial Day week, the national park was making plans for peak visitation to watch the total eclipse in the park’s scenic vantage points. The next total solar eclipse won’t happen until July 2, 2019. How do these special moments draw us closer to God?

- **Voyager turns 40:** On August 20, 1977, the US launched the first of two Voyager spacecraft to explore Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. Considering how scientific technology has greatly advanced since they were launched, the dedicated NASA scientists continuously update their website with the unexpected surprises and discoveries that have come from these two spacecraft, sharing with us knowledge that God wants us to know and use wisely. The scientific discoveries from the two Voyagers excited scientists about how the universe was at work! Will we spend time with our children and explain to them how little was known to us before those spacecraft revealed what had been hidden from our eyes? As both spacecraft leave our solar system, what new wonders will God reveal to us?

In our lifetime, we will continually face challenges that test our faith. For some people, it can be internal conflict that affects relationships, decisions, or commitments; for communities that face moral and ethical dilemmas, it can force us to reexamine our core values and how we are living out our faith. In their boating experience with Jesus on the stormy sea, the apostles learned that they must move beyond doubt and trust in God. If we take deliberate time and pay attention to tiny whispers, then we too will notice that:

“The LORD will be passing by.”

Teresa S. Redder, OFS

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WEEKLY PLANNER

SUNDAY August 13th
 The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

MONDAY August 14th
Vigil for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 5:00pm
 KOC Basketball 7:00pm GYM

TUESDAY August 15th
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass Times
7:00am, 8:30am,
12:15pm and 7:00pm
 High School Youth Group 7:00pm LIB

WEDNESDAY August 16th
 OLPH 7:15pm Chapel
 Adult Elementary Youth Group Leaders Meeting 7:00pm LIB

THURSDAY August 17th
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm

FRIDAY August 18th
Summer Office Hours
Friday Office Hours: 9:00am –1:00pm
No Afternoon hours

SATURDAY August 19th
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm

Where?

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 August 20th
 The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

MONDAY August 21st
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm to 8:00pm
 County Youth Ministers Meeting 7:00pm LIB

TUESDAY August 22nd
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR
 SVDP 7:00pm Center

WEDNESDAY August 23rd
 OLPH 7:15pm Chapel

THURSDAY August 24th
 Catechist Meeting 7:00pm LIB
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm

FRIDAY August 25th
Summer Office Hours
Friday Office Hours: 9:00am –1:00pm
No Afternoon hours

SATURDAY August 26th
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm

Sacred Heart Altar Rosary

Up coming Events
 Join Members of the
 Sacred Heart Altar Rosary
 With our upcoming Group Travels.....
Local Day Trips include:
 Start getting into the Holiday Season
 With Sight and Sounds Glorious Christmas Show!
 November 16th
 And then Join us as one of the FIRST to see Sight
 and Sounds
 Newest and Greatest Production in 2018
 "JESUS"
 MARCH 15TH!
A Little More adventurous?
 Our Travels in 2018 include April in
 Sunny Portugal Or
 September in Cowboy Country!
 There will be an informational meeting on
 September 6th about Sunny Portugal!
 Call Terry Rensman
 At 609-284-2517
 For more details on all the trips!
 Hope you will find one that appeals to you!