

Sacred Heart Church



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Office Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9:00am - 5:00pm (Closed for Lunch 12:00pm-1:00pm)

Evening Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 6:00pm - 9:00pm • Sunday 8:30am - 1:00pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Weekday: Mon.-Fri. 7:00am & 8:30am

Saturday: 8:30am

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:00pm

(Reconciliation Rooms are to the right of the Eucharistic Chapel)

Parish Staff

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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

September 9 – September 10 2017
TWENTY-THIRD 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

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK
September 11th – September 17th

MONDAY

7:00am **Walter Grzesczuk** Req. By Jackie Hurley
8:30am **Catherine D'Errico-Spiess** Req. By Her Family

TUESDAY

7:00am **Ethel DiLeo** Req. By The Lehman Family
8:30am **Anna Odell** Req. By Joan Tolmayer

WEDNESDAY

7:00am **Leonard Gill** Req. By Sandy Roth
8:30am **Betsy Rill** Req. By The Marcil Family

THURSDAY

7:00am **The Special Intentions of the Sisters of Holy Cross** Req. By The Redder Family
8:30am **The Special Intentions of Marge McGinley** Req. By The Legion of Mary

FRIDAY

7:00am **Allan Dash** Req. By The Vecchio Family
8:30am **Jill Haines** Req. By The Casey Family

SATURDAY

8:30AM **Rachel Hastings** Req. By Aunt Kathleen
Raoul Pacamarra Req. By The Fernan Family
4:30PM **The Special Intentions of Eliza Peña** Req. By Joelle Wentz

SUNDAY

7:30am **Sister Louise Fafard, CSC** Req. By The Redder Family
9:30am **The Deceased Members of the Wachsmuth Family** Req. By Their Family
11:30am **The People of the Parish**
7:00pm **Jacalyn Barnes** Req. By Laurie Strucke & Family

The Devotional Candle in the Chapel of the Two Hearts



Will Burn in Loving Memory of Albert & Savellia Polk

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: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

SUNDAY OFFERING

Weekly 9/2 – 9/3 \$ 13, 082.00

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

Wedding Banns



I Christopher Good & Kristin Mayes



BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome to our newly baptized.

Ellie Grace McCormick

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

Psalm 91:11

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Please remember in your prayers:

Connie Vazquez, Vinnie Vazquez-Garcia,
Yolanda Bonanno, Nicholas Gonzalez,
Dawn Vota, Betty Doviak, Pete Giambalvo,
Ed Ciletti, Karen Tusim, Sue Ringenry,
Michael Dow, Don McGhee, Marie Chierico,
Karen McDonald, Melissa Currie, Janice Staff,
Christine Taintor, Pat Adornetto, Nadia Nieves,
Trey Nieves, Edward Stewart, Paisley Trojanowski,
Talia Rosko, Megan Dezur, Bobby Sumanga,
Garrett Schwab, Frank Anton, Christopher Pierce,
Renate Conners, 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.

This weekend we will have a second special collection, for the **Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief Fund.** The second collection will be taken after Communion.

Checks can be made payable to Sacred Heart, and in the memo please place *Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief Fund*

Please be as generous as you are able.



Collection Counters needed – Would you be available one Sunday evening a month to help us count the collection? This two hour commitment brings together 4 or 5 people to securely count the donations shared by our parishioners. If you would be able to offer your help or you need more information before you offer, please call our Parish Secretary, Michele O'Toole 609-267-0209 ext.301 or email secretary@parishofsacredheart.org ~or~ contact John Mehling at 609-265-1131

THE 2018 PARISH MASS BOOK

Our Mass Intentions Book for the year 2018 is now available for announced Masses. Remembering our deceased loved ones in a special way at Mass is a beautiful expression of faith in eternal life. As you bring your intentions to the Parish Office please be mindful that there will be other parishioners who, throughout the year, may wish to remember their deceased loved ones and the special intentions of the living in the same way. Your understanding will be greatly appreciated.

BAKE SALE

ST. VINCENT dePAUL FALL 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, September 16 and Sunday, September 17. If you would like to bake and donate an item for this sale, please call:

Laurie Friel, 609-332-7479

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.

SERRA VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE

Prayer for Vocations

O Lord, help me know your will for me
Let your light shine in the depths of my heart
that I may know what you want
me to do with my life.

Help me believe that you have
a special plan for me.

Lord, I know I pass through this
life only once;

help me decide how you want
me to make a difference.

Like our Blessed Mother, give me
the wisdom to hear your voice
and the courage to
answer your call.

Above all give me peace
of mind and heart.

I offer this prayer in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 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



FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY

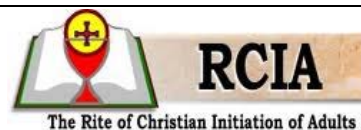
Come Pray With Us!

Wednesday October 4, 2017 7:00PM–8:00PM

Sacred Heart Church Riverton, NJ

Presiding: Father Christopher Picollo,

Pastor St. Katherine Drexel Parish



COME ONE! COME ALL!

Have you or someone you love been thinking about checking out the Catholic faith? So many of our family members are married to people of other faiths but they are not going to their churches. Why not invite them to check out the Catholic faith with all of its rich traditions and wonderful sacraments. Our parish is a very welcoming family and we will be starting our RCIA program which will lead our candidates to their sacraments in 2018. Why not offer your family member or friend a chance to come to know the faith. Give Mary Verme a call at 609-707-8882 or email mverme@msn.com. Call or email to find out more. All are welcome!



**Training for
Readers,
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
& Altar Servers**



**Have you ever considered being an
Extraordinary Minister of Holy
Communion?**

We will be holding a workshop on **Monday, September 18th at 7:00pm** in the Church for those who might be considering this calling to serve the people of God. You must be over 18 and if you are married your marriage must be a valid marriage according to the Catholic Church. We do offer you the Mass which is most convenient for your schedule, although we desperately need people to serve at the 7pm Mass. Please give Marge Norton a call at 609-914-0553 or email at marge16norton@gmail.com to rsvp for this workshop or to gather more information.

Would you like to be a Minister of the Word (Reader) at Mass? If you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and feel called to help spread the Word of God, this is a great ministry for you. We will have a workshop for new readers on **Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30pm** for all those who might be interested. Please give Lisa Welsh a call at 856-816-4040, or email to lwelsh1961@comcast.net

Would you like to be an Altar Server? If you are in at least fourth grade, please attend the Altar Server Training that will be held in the Church at **6:30pm on Monday, October 30, 2017**. Anyone in the fourth grade or higher is welcome to join this ministry. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Patrice Tolmayer at 609-267-2582 or ptolmayer@aol.com

**Love of Neighbor –
Power of Prayer**

St. Paul writes of the love we must have for our neighbor and that “love is the fulfillment of the law.” St. Bernard of Clairvaux wrote: “The good man is one who is disposed to be compassionate, quick to render assistance believing that there is more happiness in giving than receiving, and who will in all things take thought for his neighbor’s needs as if they were his own.”

The final verse of St. Matthew’s Gospel puts a priority on communal prayer. Jesus promises that the voices of God’s people united in prayer will bring a divine response. Our prayers on behalf of others, prayers of intercessions have a wide reach. On September 9th, the Vincentians celebrate the Feast Day of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This servant of the poor, Blessed Frederic, expressed the enthusiastic hope “to wrap up the whole world in a network of charity.” Our beloved Saint John Paul, II referred to him as “defender of human dignity”. May he be our guide in our SVDP Ministry of charitable works here at Sacred Heart Church.

**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!

HOLD THE DATE

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is holding its **8th** annual Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, October 7th, from 9:00 - 11:00 AM at the Hainesport Township Park on Marne Highway. If you have walked with us before, or if this is your first time, please join us for this worthwhile and fun event. 100% of the funds raised are used to assist the needy in our own local community. Stay tuned for more details....

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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 Stellweg, 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!*

Sacred Heart Altar Rosary News



Join the Sacred Heart Altar Rosary
To experience The Christmas Spectacular
Show at Sight and Sound in
Beautiful Lancaster County Pa.

November 16, 2017

Experience a performance as only Sight and
Sound can deliver

Start the Christmas Season Right!

The trip includes:

- ★ Buffet Meal at *Shady Maple Restaurant*
- ★ Round Trip Motor coach Transportation
- ★ All Taxes and Gratuities (*Except Driver*)
- ★ Cost: \$105.00

*Make your Reservation today for this most
popular show!*

For Reservations and more information

Call: Terry Rensman

609-284-2517

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.

Sisters' Night

September 22, 2017

Friday, 6-9pm

Villa Maria House of Studies

1140 King Road

Immaculata, PA 19345

Young women (16-35) are invited to share informally with IHM Sisters. Join us for a fun night

of prayer, cookout, and wiffle ball! For further information contact Sister Marianne, 610-889-1553 or ihmvoc@gmail.com

Come to see

The Grapes of Wrath

Movie night will be Friday, September 15 at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Library.

Deacon Jim Casa will host an open discussion of *The Grapes of Wrath* after the screening of the film. Bring a friend.

Sacred Heart School News

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL
PTA**



**back to
SCHOOL!**



Please join us for Back to School Night on
September 14th at 7 pm in the Auditorium.

BIBLE STUDY

In our fall Bible Study facilitated by John Madden, M.A. in Theology and Ministry, you are invited to enter the New Testament beginning with the gospels and working your way through the final chapter of *Revelation*.

Over the course of five sessions, this panorama reveals the continued plan of salvation as it unfolded among the first generations of Christians. It is a good place to start your study of the Bible or a fine way to pull together previous studies.

As in the past we'll use the materials provided by Little Rock Scripture Study, which will be distributed at the first session, and participants are encouraged to bring to class their own Bible to supplement the materials.

DATES: Sep 27 through Oct 25, 2017
(Wednesdays)

TIME: 7:30 till 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: School Library (except 10/4,
in Parish House meeting room)

COST: \$15.00 for the Study Set
(Commentary and Study Guide)

To enroll please contact John at (609) 261-3642 or ijnmadden@comcast.net not later than **Sept 13, 2017** to allow enough time for ordering the materials.



SAVE THE DATE!



UNIFORM EXCHANGE
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 14
6 PM - 7 PM
Sacred Heart Auditorium

\$5 per item or even exchange
All pants buy one, get one!



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.



1st Way Life Center

Serving pregnant women since 1970

1st Way needs volunteers

1st Way of Burlington County, [500 High Street](http://www.1stway.org), Burlington, [609-871-1431](tel:6098711431), a pro-life crisis pregnancy center is in need of volunteers to help poor Mothers and their babies.

Our hours are [Monday thru Thursday](#) 10-2 and [Wednesday 4-6](#). If you are able to commit to 2 hours a week to give out diapers, formula, layettes, and clothing to the unfortunate families please call Karen Pierce [856-722-9418](tel:8567229418) for any questions.

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Living the Good News Today

“Love does no evil to the neighbor.”

Throughout our lifetime, we become aware of events that happen whose consequences lead to new laws. Whenever a law is enacted at any level of society, the intent is to establish clear direction that ultimately benefits individuals and society at large. For example, many states have enacted legislation that makes it illegal to use a cell phone or text while driving. While the intent of laws may be good, coaxing compliance from people can be much more difficult!

In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul provides clear instructions for a person to fulfill God’s law:

“The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,’ and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Unlike the Jews who had followed Jesus during His public ministry and may have heard Him preaching about the law, the Romans were part of a pagan civilization that did not receive its law from God nor base its law on love. They were conquerors whose empire extended north-south-east-west of Rome. What were their thoughts when St. Paul told them, *“Love does no evil to the neighbor”*?

These readings are wonderful precursors to the upcoming observance of the International Day of Peace on September 21st. On August 28th, the local *Burlington County Times* published an article by Rebecca Carlson in the “Community” section of the newspaper entitled *“International Day of Peace events fill a week in Philly.”* This article had a very detailed description of events that are planned in Philadelphia from September 17th through the 23rd to mark the International Day of Peace.

This year, the United Nations (UN) chose as the theme for the annual event: *“Together for Peace: Respect, Safety, and Dignity for All.”* As I followed some of the links in the Peace Day Philly website, several of them went to the UN website for the International Day of Peace. The UN Secretary-General António Guterres plans to ring the Peace Bell on September 15th at UN Headquarters. I was intrigued by the fact that one of my favorite scientists (Dr. Jane Goodall) was listed as a UN Messenger of Peace, so I did a search to find out who the other messengers were (13 total): Princess Haya of Jordan; scientist Dr. Jane Goodall; author Paulo Coelho; conductor Daniel Barenboim; musical artists Yo-Yo Ma, Lang Lang, Midori, and Stevie Wonder; actors Leonardo DiCaprio, Michael Douglas, Edward Norton, and Charlize Theron; and Malala Youfsazai, the Pakistani girl who works tirelessly for respect for all, especially children.

Technology has changed the way in which we all live. Computers and smart-phones bring information to us quickly. We, however, must choose where we spend our time and what benefits we can derive from using technology. The Peace Day Philly website is worth visiting and deciding how we can be part of it:

<http://www.peacedayphilly.org>

On September 21st, the “Together for Peace Concert” will be held in Rittenhouse Square from 7 to 8:30 PM, featuring Jordanian singing artist Farah Siraj. She recorded a song for International Day of Peace called *“What If”* that really touches the heart.

Here are some suggestions to promote “Together for Peace” in our homes and communities:

- Listen to Farah Siraj’s music video *“What If”* on YouTube and open your heart to the 65 million people in the world whose lives have been disrupted by war;
- Teach a child about Dr. Jane Goodall and her *Roots and Shoots* program, which connects tens of thousands of children in more than 100 countries in activities that help people, animals, and the environment (peace through cooperation);
- With young children, watch the two short, but powerful videos by the girl Yusra (Syria) and the boy Ishak (Myanmar) who became refugees. Then, imagine the experience of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as refugees in Egypt;
- Become part of the Peace Day Philly 2017 activities through loving kindness, and invite others to pause with you for the moment of silence at noon on September 21st, remembering that peace begins with each one of us!

In every family, there is someone who uses social media (e.g., Facebook or Twitter) to share activities and learn about others. The UN invites people to share on social media responses to this question:

“How will you #JOINTOGETHER to make your community and city a more peaceful place?”

Perhaps as we contemplate that question, we might consider how to follow St. Paul’s wise counsel and make that happen with love.

In our local community, children have returned to school once again. Families are busy with school activities, sports, religious education, and many other extracurricular activities. As we have watched North Korea aggressively test nuclear weapons, the world remains vigilant to preserve peace among nations (no evil to our neighbors). There is a prime teaching moment with International Day of Peace, remembering our Christian commandment that:

“Love is the fulfillment of the law.”

Teresa S. Redder, OFS

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WEEKLY PLANNER

SUNDAY September 10th
 The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

MONDAY September 11th
 Bible Study 9:30am -11:00am PHCR
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm to 8:00pm PHMR
 KOC Basketball 7:00pm AUD
 Band Parent Meeting 7:00pm LIB

TUESDAY September 12th
 SVDP Mini Vinnies 2:30pm-3:30pm Church
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHMO
 Knights of Columbus 7:30pm PHMR
 Columbiettes 7:30pm LIB
 SVDP 7:00pm Center

WEDNESDAY September 13th
 Reader Training 6:30pm Church
 Adult Ministries Committee 7:00pm PHCR
 OLPH 7:15pm Chapel

THURSDAY September 14th
 Music Practice 6:00pm Church
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm Church
 Back to School Night 7:00pm AUD

FRIDAY September 15th
 Welcome Sacred Heart School 8:30am Mass
 Jim Casa Book- Movie night 7:00pm LIB

SATURDAY September 16th
 Basketball 8:30am GYM
 SVDP Bake Sale and Walk Registration in the
 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)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY September 17th
 The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Hospitality Sunday continental breakfast in the Parish House after Morning Masses
 Catechetical Sunday – Catechists at 11:30am
 Mass
 St. Vincent DePaul Bake Sale and Walk Registration in SVDP Pantry
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

MONDAY September 18th
 Bible Study 9:30am -11:00am PHCR
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm to 8:00pm PHMR
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training 7:00pm Church

TUESDAY September 19th
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHMO
 H S Youth Group 7:00pm LIB
 SVDP 7:00pm Center

WEDNESDAY September 20th
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD
 OLPH 7:15pm Chapel

THURSDAY September 21st
 Music Practice 6:00pm Church
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm Church

FRIDAY September 22nd
 Sacred Heart School Picture Day
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD

SATURDAY September 23rd
 Youth Ministry Kick-Off 3:00pm AUD
 Columbiettes Bake Sale in the Pantry
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm