

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

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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
November 6th - November 12th

MONDAY

7:00am **Wilhelm Hess** Req. By Wilma Peterson

8:30am **Salvacion Tan** Req. By Yodi & Bill Langan

7:00pm **Parish Memorial Mass**

TUESDAY

7:00am **Joseph & Anna Redder** Req. By The Redder Family

8:30am **Andrew Bard-Sew** Req. By Yodi & Bill Langan

WEDNESDAY

7:00am **Elvira Leo** Req. By Lisa & David Specca & Family

8:30am **Lyndall Kellogg** Req. By Michele O'Toole

THURSDAY

7:00am **The Special Intentions of Linda Dix & Family** Req. By The Redder Family

8:30am **Frank McCrystal** Req. By Angie McCrystal

FRIDAY

7:00am **Catherine Giulian** Req. By Dave & Rita Gillis

8:30am **Claire Ahern** Req. By Leo J. Ahern, Jr.

SATURDAY

8:30AM **Dale Joseph Schmitz** Req. By Joe & Ann Marie Hughes and Family

Richard DiCamillo Req. By His Wife Julia

4:30PM **The Special Intentions of Nadine Cadavez** Req. By Her Family

SUNDAY

7:30am **The People of the Parish**

9:30am **Charles & Ursula Walter** Req. By Their Family

11:30am **Russell Hansel** Req. By The Hansel Family

7:00pm **Michael Zwack** Req. By Audrey Peterson

The Devotional Candle in the Chapel of the Two Hearts



*Will Burn in Loving Memory of:
The Swenson Family*

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: Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18 (13-14); Mt 25:1-13

SUNDAY OFFERING

Weekly 10/28 – 10/29 \$ 12, 878.75

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

Wedding Banns



III Curtis Kirkpatrick & Kayla Williams



We extend a warm welcome to our newly baptized.

**Lily Charlotte Rensman
Thomas James Gibson**

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

Psalm 91:11

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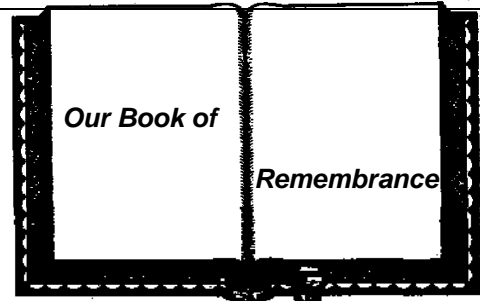
Please remember in your prayers:

Connie Vazquez, Vinnie Vazquez-Garcia,
Deacon Jim Casa, Vickie Robles, Megan Dezur,
Yolanda Bonanno, Stephanie James, Eric Wall,
Nicholas Gonzalez, Dawn Vota, Betty Doviak,
Pete Giambalvo, Ed Ciletti, Karen Tusim,
Michael Dow, Don McGhee, Marie Chierico,
Karen McDonald, Melissa Currie, Janice Staff,
Christine Taintor, Pat Adornetto, Nadia Nieves,
Trey Nieves, Talia Rosko, 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,
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, Daniel DeMaio, Doris Gallo,
Matthew Wernoch, Kay Weiss, Casey Davitt,
Fredrick Naphys, Margaret Brock, Clara Hynes,
Herbert Cucuini, 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,
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.
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
Sgt. 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.
Capt. Anthony D'Errico II, U.S.A.F.



OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Remembering our loved ones who have joined our loving God in eternal rest is truly a gift of our faith. Beginning October 31st there will be a Book of Remembrance located in the Eucharistic Chapel in the Church (to the left of the Altar). Please write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book so we can remember them in our prayers and at all of our liturgies throughout the month of November. The gift of remembering and praying for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith is a wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.



REMEMBERING THOSE WHOM WE HAVE LOVED

I am home in Heaven dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.

We will be remembering our loved ones at a Parish Memorial Mass offered on Monday, November 6th at 7:00pm in the Sacred Heart Church. All those whose loved ones have died in the last year have received an invitation to this Mass which will be followed by a gathering with refreshments. If you wish to attend this Mass to remember a loved one, no matter how long they've been deceased, you are most welcome. Mass will be followed by a gathering with refreshments in the Parish House.

Please RSVP to Merry Marcellino at 702-1848 ext. 305.

**THOSE WHO WILL BE REMEMBERED AT
OUR MEMORIAL MASS
NOVEMBER 6, 2017
PLEASE REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR
PRAYERS**

Eleanor Campbell, Stanley Kiczek
Gloria H. Kulick, Robert W. Voorhees
Mollie Ann Zimmer, Josephine Muller
Marlane M. Cella DeMara, Ruth Corbett
Merelyn Galloza, Marian Fasano
Joseph Davis, Lois M. Stein
John Pacitti, Josef V. Ceralde
Walter J. Grzesczuk, Albert Capaccio
Rita F. Wright, Jane Ciletti LaCon
Vincent Frese, Josephine C. Beccini
Grace Del-Rosario-DeLeon, Donna K. French
Nancy Iandolo, Lawrence E. Schafle
Angeline Jill Haines, Elizabeth M. Billbrough
Lucymae Mason, Virginia May Dries
Frederick L. Zimmer, Sr., Gisella B. Harrell
Margaret L. Balaszow, Mary M. Skulsky
Martin B. O'Connor, Evelyn Curtis
Catherine Hager, Thomas J. Vonderahe
Dorothy Bodine, Edgardo DeLeon
Rebecca Bozarth, Michael Joseph Byham
Genina Logan, Richard Klein
Adelina Laliberte, Erica Hinton
Nancy Rogers-Hinton, Linda Voorhees Barret
Philip Voorhees, Estelle Marie Gregory
Alan Morrison, Vincent Giansanti
Patricia Baril, Stewart C. Hindman, Sr.
Virginia M. Marchitto, Roger A. Sbrocco
Lino Vega, John Angelo DiLullo
Gladys Matilda DiLullo, Lawrence Templeton
Edna M. Dion, Walter S. Frankowski, Sr.
George O. Adams, Jr., Juan R. Correa
William J. McGee, Jr., Virginia A. Hartley
Charles M. Gundersheim, Robert J. Benson
Michele Ummarino, Steven Charles Ross
Catherine Marie Ross, Lorraine Stayton
Margaret M. Rellstab Herring,
John F. McMullen, Jan H. VanLammeren
Johann J. VanLammeren, William Frati
Jennie R. Parry, John F. Swartwood
Michael G. Paturzo, Elmer Disney
Joseph Howard Joyce, Ana Tirado

Tasha Marie Chmielinski, Bernice F. Rohloff
Hanna Yanoschak, Kathleen T. Anastasi
Joseph J. Staffieri, Mary C. Gillette
Sheldon S. Evans, Jr., Barbara Ruble
Lee D. Bursley, Bernard N. Comegno
Pedro DelRial, Mary H. Bennett
Michael P. Sokolowski, Sr.,
Frances M. Layman, Margaret Mary Benson
Matthew J. Mollan, Steve Horton
Karen Petscavage, Sister Fidelif Flannery, IHM
Maria Trojak, Brenda Lust
Reginald Page, Lyndall Kellogg
Theresa Karpowicz, Walter Clarmann
Msgr. Joseph C. Shenrock
Frank Campbell, Kathleen Coughlin
Reverend Father John McVeigh
Mary Francis Denworth, Joseph Davis
Ida Pirolli, Catherine Lehman
Neil McClintock, John Filipowski,
Veronica Klein, Maryellen Connor,
Sister Casimir Boogher, IHM

***ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM,
O LORD.***

*Lord, hear our prayers;
in Your mercy, bring us to Your
place of peace and light the
souls of Your servants, whom
You have summoned from this
world. Call them to be numbered
in the fellowship of Your saints.
We ask this through Christ our
Lord. Amen.*

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they
shall be comforted."

SERRA VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE



Prayer for Vocations

Loving God,

Help us to follow the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary in willingly giving of ourselves in service to your Church. Stir up the grace of religious vocation in the hearts of many within our community and send your Spirit to guide and strengthen them in answering your call.

Amen.

**Thank you
for praying for vocations.**

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



On Sunday, November 19th the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will distribute Thanksgiving baskets to the families we assist throughout the year. To help us in our preparation of providing enough food to fill the nearly 200 baskets for our families in need, we would greatly appreciate your food or monetary donations by mid-November. We would like to fill our baskets with a turkey, yams, vegetables (corn and green beans) and gravy as well as boxed potatoes, stuffing mix, muffin mix and brownie mix plus hot chocolate and tea bags. (We will not need cans of cranberry sauce this year. We have received a generous donation of them from the food bank.) Also, please keep us in mind for the local grocery stores that are offering a free turkey promotion.

From the Vincentian family to your family, we sincerely thank you and wish you God's blessings.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul



**"The Greatest Among You
Must Be Your Servant"**

St. Paul offers thanks to God for the Thessalonians who have correctly discerned the Gospel preached to them not simply as human word but have grasped it as God's Word.

St. Matthew's Gospel speaks of the humility we are to cultivate as we care for the unity of God's family.

As we commemorate the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls this week, we are reminded of the serious responsibility we have to accompany with prayer those who have died but who must yet complete the purification preparation every human being needs to be able to dwell in the all-encompassing love of God.

We pray that our parish community will be a place where those who mourn find true comfort, solace and compassion.

The SVDP Pantry is in need of the following:

11lb or 21lb bags of rice, Canned Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Meals in a Can, Canned Soup, 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!**

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.

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Knights of Columbus News

**Send A Hero Home for the Holidays
Veterans Day Weekend November 11 & 12**

The Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart in cooperation with area Councils and the Catholic Chaplains Office of Joint Base D.M.L. will be helping support the Project "Send A Hero Home for the Holidays". The Project is to assist Joint Base Service Men and Women to travel to see Family and Friends during the upcoming Holiday Season. All donations will be sent to the Catholic Chaplains Office who will in turn work with Joint Base Personnel to assist Service Men and Women. The Project will take place during Veterans Day Weekend November 11 / 12, 2017 at all scheduled Masses. Commemorative Send A Hero Home Wrist Bands will be given as a reminder to keep our Service men and Women in your thoughts and prayers

Altar Rosary News

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!
Call Terry Rensman
At 609-284-2517
For more details on all the trips!
Hope you will find one that appeals to
you!

Maligayang Pasko!!

Simbang Gabi is quickly approaching, if you or your family would like to volunteer in some way, please join us for a meeting on Sunday November 5th at 3 pm. Under the Library in the Meeting Room. PHMR

Coming Soon...

Simbang Gabi 2017

December 8th through December 16th

Mass Times

Friday Dec. 8th 7:00pm (Holy Day Mass)

Saturday Dec. 9th 6:30pm

Sunday Dec. 10th 7:00pm

Monday Dec. 11th through Friday Dec. 15th -
7:30pm

Saturday December 16th 6:30pm

Children's Nativity after the Final Mass on
Saturday

Followed by Potluck Party in the Auditorium
For more information, to sponsor a Mass, or if
your child is interested in participating in the
nativity.

Please email

SacredHeartSimbangGabi@gmail.com



Blood Drive!

The Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart will be hosting the Annual Fall Red Cross Blood Drive on November 24, 2017. The Drive is scheduled 10.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M. The Drive will take place in the Auditorium. In previous drives, Parishioners / Donors were asked to sign up at Weekend Masses prior to the drive. To make things easier; Donors are requested to utilize the Burlington County Red Cross Website and follow the "Donate Blood" headings. This will allow everyone the convenience of choosing the time when they wish. If any Parishioners are uncomfortable with on-line signups, they may contact Dan Fox Grand Knight @ 609-261-8257 to be assisted in making an appointment The Knights Thank You for your continued support to this vital community service.

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Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart,

It's hard to believe that the month of October has come to a close. The year has been flying by! But indeed, our annual Halloween Parade around Mount Holly has come and gone (a treat our Pastor looks forward to all year!) and we have celebrated the Feast of All Saints with a Wax Museum put on by our 8th graders. Things are undoubtedly in full swing at Sacred Heart School!

There is so much that I am proud of this year. Our 8th graders have read *Journey to the Center of the Earth* and selections of *Frankenstein*. They even built their own monster and written predictions of what *their* monster might do. Meanwhile, our 2nd grade students are taking apart addends and regrouping. All while our 4th graders are researching on their iPads.

One additional new program I wanted to share with you is a program called S.T.R.E.A.M. S.T.R.E.A.M. is an educational initiative that extends from the popular STEM program. It includes the integration of Religion and Art into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. I am incredibly proud of the work our teacher Ms. Murphy has done to implement and design the program which aims to help students inquire, think, investigate, and innovate, all while working collaboratively. Our students have been building and designing great things!

All the while, as an entire school, we continue to practice the virtues. This month, we are focusing on the virtue of humility, accepting our limitations and giving glory to God for our gifts. At Sacred Heart, we prepare for success in this life, and perfect, eternal joy in the next!

Finally, I want to thank all of you who came out for our 4th annual Halloween Hustle last week! Though we are still tallying donations, your generosity raised over \$3,500 for S! *Thank you!*

Please keep us in your prayers as we make our way through another great year—especially for the sanctity and vocations of the little ones entrusted to our care!

As always, may the Sacred Heart of Jesus keep you!

Sincerely,
Kathryn M. Besheer
Principal



The Ministries of Sacred Heart



On October 15th the Columbiettes hosted a Ministry Fair here at Sacred Heart, where we had representatives of each ministry. For those who attended, you were able to ask questions about the different ministries to see where you may want to volunteer and we had a wonderful response! If you missed the fair and are interested in volunteering for one of our many ministries, please call Merry Marcellino at 609-702-1848 ext. 305 to find out where you may be called to assist the church.

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Living the Good News Today

"Do not follow their example."

There are just four weeks remaining in the current Church calendar before we start a new liturgical year. As those remaining days unfold, we will:

- see the outcome of another civil election day;
- honor veterans who served our country with a federal holiday;
- celebrate the Church's first observance of the World Day of the Poor on November 19th;
- and prepare for family celebrations of the annual Thanksgiving observance.

As we hear this weekend's Gospel, though, it is also a good time for serious reflection on this question:

"If we are accused of being Christians, is there enough evidence to convict us?"

What we do as Christians most certainly matters in the world. Jesus warns us that we must be careful not to imitate people who do not themselves live as they tell us to do, too often, society exerts tremendous peer pressure for people to conform to secular values that have no value at all in God's kingdom. Using the Pharisees as an example, Jesus told the people to listen to what they said about living upright lives before God, but *"do not follow their example."*

In April 2004, Cardinal Renato Raffaele Martino, as President of the Pontifical Council for Justice, completed an assignment from Pope St. John Paul II by issuing the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. The complete document is available on the Vatican website under "Resources." With a most cordial introductory letter to Cardinal Martino in which he referred to the Holy Father's three great encyclicals on Catholic social thought, Cardinal Angelo Sodano (Vatican Secretary of State) wrote:

"Charity is the greatest social commandment. It respects others and their rights. It requires the practice of justice and it alone makes us capable of it. Charity inspires a life of self-giving: 'Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it.' (Lk 17:33). Nor can love find its full expression solely in the earthly dimension of human relationships and social relations, because it is in relation to God that it finds its full effectiveness."

When Pope Francis issued his message for the first World Day of the Poor (November 19th), he desired that the faithful would take God's Word into our lives and hearts. When we experience fully the parental love of God, our hearts brim over with the generosity and goodness that we have experienced, and we are compelled to share that love with others. The message emphasized the **personal** encounter with others. There was a beautiful

prayer developed for parishes to use to be conscious of our responsibilities to others:

Open the Doors of My Heart

God of Abraham, on my television, on my newsfeed, on my street, everywhere I go, I see Lazarus. But I also see so many doors, doors that I've built, that I've closed. Doors that society has hung and locked. Doors that separate me from Lazarus. Lord, teach me to open the door to Lazarus, to the poor. To know them as Your children, to lift them in their distress, to work to help them find a fair share of your bounty. This World Day of the Poor, help us all turn to those outside our door— to bless, heal, comfort; and together, from this day forward, build a world where the poor are strangers to none, and, indeed, the very chains of poverty are broken. Amen.

Whose example, then, are we to follow? If we are serious about our Christian call, then we must follow Christ and know the Father as He taught us! Our parish will prompt us with cues on how to respond to the urgent appeal of Pope Francis to reach out to the poor.

- Donate items to the food pantry for the holiday baskets at church or to the Scouting for Food drive;
- Assist with the preparation of the baskets (weekend of November 11/12);
- Support the distribution of baskets on November 19th.
- Invite someone that you know is struggling to church or to share a meal.

Catholic Relief Services always offers excellent resources to awaken our hearts to the needs of others. We reinforce Catholic social teaching in our families, where the example of Christ takes pivotal prominence:

Prayer for Families to Stay Together

Dear God, our Father, as we remember the World Day of the Poor, we pray for our family and for all families who experience poverty around the world. When we eat, we thank You for our meal, and we remember families who do not have enough food. We do not waste what we have, and we share our food with others. When we play, we thank You for the gift of free time and safety, and we pray especially for all the children around the world who are not able to play freely. When we pray, we thank You for our family, and we pray for all families around the world who live in poverty. May You be with them, and help our family to always remember to reach out to them. Amen.

We started this month with All Saints' Day, inspired by that holy communion of believers who patterned their lives after Christ. Let us not ever forget that through our baptism, we became one family in God with those brothers and sisters in Christ who teach us that treasured love that we will always share, as God's beloved ones:

"You have but one Father in heaven."

Teresa S. Redder, OFS

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WEEKLY PLANNER

SUNDAY November 5th
 Day Light Savings Time ends
 The Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Adult R.C.I.A Library
 Simbang Gabi Meeting 3pm PHMR
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

MONDAY November 6th
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm PHMR
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD
 Parish Memorial Mass 7:00pm
 Reception in the Parish House after Mass

TUESDAY November 7th
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
 High School Youth Group 7:00pm AUD
 Altar Rosary 7:00pm PHCR
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHMO
 SVDP 7:00pm Center

WEDNESDAY November 8th
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD
 OLPH 7:15 Chapel
 Baptism Prep Class 7:30pm Church

THURSDAY November 9th
 Music Practice 6:00pm Church
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm
 SVDP Meeting 7:00pm LIB
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm Church

FRIDAY October November 10th
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD

SATURDAY November 11th
 Basketball 8:30am AUD
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm
 Knights of Columbus "Send a Hero Home"
 Sale after all Masses in the SVDP Pantry
 Sacred Heart Sch. Middle School Dance AUD

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY November 12th
 The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Hospitality Sunday
 Knights of Columbus "Send a Hero Home"
 Sale after all Masses in the SVDP Pantry
 Adult R.C.I.A Library
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

MONDAY November 13th
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm PHMR
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD
 Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:00pm Church
 KOC Basketball 7:30pm AUD

TUESDAY November 14th
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
 Religious Ed. Thanksgiving Prayer Service
 CYO Baseball Sandwich Making 7:00pm AUD
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR
 SVDP 7:00pm Center
 Knights of Columbus 7:30pm PHMR
 Columbiettes 7:30pm LIB

WEDNESDAY November 15th
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
 Religious Ed. Thanksgiving Prayer Service
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD
 OLPH 7:15 Chapel

THURSDAY November 16th
 Music Practice 6:00pm Church
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm Church
 PTA Board Meeting 7:00pm LIB

FRIDAY October November 17th
 Middle School Youth Group 6:00pm AUD

SATURDAY November 18th
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm
 First Reconciliation Retreat 9am to 11am
 School and Church

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 (below the LIB)

