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■ PARISH MISSION STATEMENT ■

The Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, NJ was established in 1905. We are a diverse community striving to foster spiritual growth and Catholic identity through liturgy, sacraments, service, education and our shared faith in God. We are committed to being an instrument of love, healing and hope by ministering to the needs of our parishioners & the larger community, while celebrating the Christ present in each of us.

We welcome all to join us for worship and invite you to become an active member of our parish family.

Sacred Heart Church is open every day as a quiet refuge for prayer and reflection from 6:30AM until 4:30PM.

■ MASS SCHEDULE ■

Weekend: 5:00PM – Saturday Vigil; Sunday – 9:00AM, 11:30AM
Daily: 9:00AM – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
7:00PM – Monday
Holy Day: 6:30AM, 9:00AM, 7:00PM

■ EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ■

Monday: 6:00-7:00 PM

■ MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA ■

Monday: 6:45PM with Benediction and Saturday: following 9:00AM Mass

■ BAPTISM ■

The sacrament is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 1:00PM with the exception of the Season of Lent.

■ RECONCILIATION ■

Saturday: 10:00 - 11:30AM and at other times by appointment.

■ MARRIAGE ■

Marriage is a major step in anyone's life. If you are planning your marriage, whether in a church wedding or at an outside venue, please contact us so we can help you prepare and lay the groundwork for a successful, lifelong commitment. For those planning to be married in a church wedding, the Policy of Marriage Preparation set forth by the bishops of New Jersey recommends that couples should begin the process one year in advance of the planned date of marriage. To coordinate scheduling and allow time for marriage preparation, arrangements should be made with the church before any other plans are set. All details and information will be gladly provided upon calling the parish office.

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The Parish Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM - 4:00PM, Friday from 8:00AM - 2:00PM. Please schedule other times by appointment.

SACRED HEART CHURCH IS LOCATED AT 149 SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE

☩ MASSES

SATURDAY, MAY 18

5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 19

9:00AM ALL MOTHERS LIVING AND DECEASED
11:30AM CHARLES & ANTOINETTE PERRETTI,
Req. by Daughter



MONDAY, MAY 20

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary
6:30 PM Benediction
7:00 PM NOVENA FOR ALL MOTHERS LIVING AND
DECEASED

TUESDAY, MAY 21

ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, Priest
& COMPANIONS, Martyrs

9:00 AM MARY MC NERNEY, Req. by Lucy Hudson

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

ST. RITA OF CASCIA, Religious

9:00 AM ROBERT BESSER, Req. by Wife & Family

THURSDAY, MAY 23

9:00 AM IN THANKSGIVING FOR FR. EDMUND LUCIANO

FRIDAY, MAY 24

9:00 AM ROSARIA TURIANO, Req. by Family

SATURDAY, MAY 25

ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, Priest & Doctor of the Church
ST. GREGORY VII, Pope
ST. MARY MAGDALENE de PAZZI, Virgin

9:00 AM RAFAEL KO, Req. by Diane & Ron Janus, JOAN
CURCIO, Req. by Jennie & Joey Riccio,
LT. MARQUES HUDSON, Req. by Barbara Stolarz,
CLAIRE DOWLING & EDUARDO MIRANDA, Req. by
the Adversalo Family, FOR THE INTENTIONS OF
DEACON GREG CARUSO, Req. by Catherine Chung
5:00 PM MARIO ABBRUZZESE, Req. by Sisters

SUNDAY, MAY 26

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

9:00 AM MAHA PULOMENA, Req. by
the Cassaro & Trombetta
Families
11:30 AM MARY & SALVATORE
DELLAPERUTE, Req. by Pat
& Bill Butrico & Family



*In the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

May 19 – May 26, 2024

You can find the complete DAILY
SCRIPTURE READINGS at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYER

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK, especially: Daniel Hedden, Robert Larsen Jr., Thomas Buttery, Celeste Ginder, Barbara Nuber, Nick Cocco, John Lobosco, Michelina Panzarella, Magdalena Zawadzki, Walter Williams, Ana Serro, Jeffrey Vogel, Joseph Lacasale, Jimmy Caldrony, Isabel Tomassini, Alexandra Hurtado, Ileana Rodriguez, Marie Grasso, Antonia Mocharski, Barry Michalak, Roger Sheldon, Rosalia Castrogiovanni, Gary Kaczka, Peter Callan, Gloria Lissette Haskens, Alfonsina Brizuela Chamorro, Christine Cancela, Soonja Lee, Josephine Sgalardi, Jennifer Munoz, Arvind Patel, Thomas Zullinger, Mary Melando, Brendan Keogh, Barbara Kaplan, Gabriela VanHeest, Ish Bhatia, MaryEllen Heim-Harris, Kenneth Faulkner-Alexander, Charles Huber, Donna Przybylski, Loann Dmytruk, Leona Condit, Pat DeSantis, Brandon Ozbalik, Rafael Camacho, Peter Donnelly, Joan Williams, Angela Zipf, Theresa Billian.

FOR THOSE IN HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES, especially: William McDonough, David Quiroga, Winifred Broadley.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Corey Greg Stasenko, and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and all of the souls of the faithful departed,
rest in peace. Amen.*

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of
GRACE BERTUCCI
Requested by Danielle

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of
JOSEPH P. DIEGNAN
Requested by Lorraine Beyer



SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of
ANTHONY COTONE SR.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN HEAVEN
Requested by Wife

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE May 25-26

5:00PM - E. Ciccarella, R. & J. Adenau
9:00AM - K., K., & M. Singh
11:30AM - D. & s. Hettiarachchi, B. Rinaldi



We welcome everyone, especially those who are visiting and may be new to Sacred Heart Parish.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

We are a tithing parish & give thanks for God's gifts.

TITHING OR DONATION: CHURCH SUPPORT
Whether you are tithing or donating, however you choose to monetarily support the Church, we need your contributions. Thank you for your financial assistance.

Week Ending May 12, 2024

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you

	2024	2023
Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 8,691	\$ 7,773
Online Giving:	\$ 4,120	\$ 4,204
Totals:	\$ 12,811	\$ 11,977

Thank you for your charitable and generous support in the various diocesan collections and mission appeals.

SACRED HEART CHURCH OFFERS ONLINE GIVING for parishioners who prefer to donate through automatic draft. Online Giving is a secure and personalized way to give to the parish. In the convenience of your home you choose how much to give, how often to give, and what form of payment you wish to use. Online Giving can stand on its own as a means of donation or can be used in conjunction with your offering envelopes. Sign up at our parish website: www.churchofthesacredheart.net Have your weekly offering automatically debited from your checking account or credit card. If you have reward credit, you can be earning points or cash back.

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See <http://www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net>

VISIT THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE AT
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2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

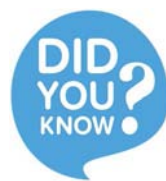
*Stay With us, Lord: Renew our
Hearts and Send us on Mission*

If you missed it, you can still see the Bishop's Annual Appeal video by going online to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>. Watch it and see all the good work being done in your name, thanks to your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider a gift today!



GOAL: \$106,000 PLEDGED: \$124,954 DONORS: 318

STAY CONNECTED — Our daily 9AM Masses and 5PM Saturday Vigil & 9AM Sunday Masses are live-streamed and posted on our parish website AND at our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChurchoftheSacredHeartofSouthPlainfieldNJ/>



Live stream of our daily and weekend Masses comes at a cost. If you are enjoying Mass via live-stream, you can still support our parish by giving online or by mailing your weekly contribution envelope to the parish center. We thank you for your generosity and continued support.

THIS WEEKEND - We are invited to support the Catholic Communications Campaign collection. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio & print media. Full 50% of funds collected remain here in the Metuchen Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART WELCOMES ALL NEWCOMERS

to the parish. Please contact our parish secretary, Lisa at the Parish Office at 908-756-0633 x110 for registration information. ► If you are moving, please notify Lisa at the Parish Office so we can keep our parishioner records current. *Thank you.*

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Any new family who has moved into the parish area and adult children 21 years of age and older, are invited to register as a parishioner. The definition of an active parishioner is: *One registered, attending Mass weekly and contributing to the support to the church.* There is a (3) month minimum registration requirement before registering for a baptism or requesting letters of eligibility/sponsorship. Registration forms can be found on the parish website: www.churchofthesacredheart.net.

If you are moving, have changed your phone number or address, please call Lisa 908-756-0633 x110 or email us at: lthompson@churchofthesacredheart.net so we can update your records. Thank you!

SPONSOR LETTERS - Canon (Church) Law states that a Godparent for Baptism and a Sponsor for Confirmation be an active, fully-initiated Catholic (Confirmed). An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, publicly leads a genuine Christian lifestyle and is in a valid Catholic marriage (an individual married civilly by a judge or mayor, or divorced and remarried without an annulment is not eligible to act as a sponsor). Please note that we can only write Letters of Eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.

BAPTISM/SPONSORSHIP CLASS - Parents and godparents are required to attend one session before their child's Baptism date can be confirmed. Sessions are held on the **FIRST Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM.** Registration is required. Please contact Sr. Nadine 908-756-0633 x118 to register for the class or with any questions.

WE PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Especially for our parishioners



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Capt. Charles J. Butrico JAG/ US Marines/Okinawa
Sgt. James Minogue/US Army National Guard
PFC. Francis Flannery/US Marines/California



May we work for Justice as we pray for Peace.

We remember our loved ones serving in the military.
We are grateful for their sacrifice and commitment.
We pray for their safety and well being and that
they may return home to us soon.



Respect for Life

"Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death." — *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB*

2 WEBSITES - ONE LIFE SAVING MISSION

Life Choices Resource Center has launched two websites:
www.ChoicesOptionsforWomen.com & www.LifeChoicesRC.com

SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support to those in need. We are here to serve and offer assistance to anyone who may be in need or is having difficulty with obtaining available resources.

We help those in need with information about other sources, (Catholic Charities, South Plainfield Social Services, FISH, United Way (211), Puerto Rican Action Board, Middlesex County Board of Social Services, other organizations and agencies).



If you know of families in need, please have them call 908-756-0633 x112, **Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 9:00AM & 11:00AM.**

Our primary source of funding is from the Poor Boxes located at all the doors of the Church. Also, at all doors, bins are provided for your donations of non-perishable food items.

socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

A Memorial Day Salute

Please join us, as Holy Redeemer Cemetery joins Catholic Cemeteries across the United States by participating in the national celebration,

"Serving God and Country:
A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes."

Holy Redeemer Cemetery will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving and Remembrance in the Mausoleum Chapel 10:30AM, May 27

with a Presentation of Wreath,
Moment of Silence following intercessions with TAPS,
and Reading of Memorial Day Prayer together.

We hope you will join us to give thanks for the patriotism and bravery of these individuals and their sacrifice to defend the rights of all to freedom, justice and peace.

Thank you to Georgeann of Mohn's Flowers and Fancy Foods for the Mother's Day parish gifts and making the day special for all. May God bless you.

SACRED HEART EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us for our weekly Holy Hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass at 7:00PM. Every Monday from 6:00-7:00PM we begin with the Rosary followed with quiet time before the Lord in the Eucharist. Pray together in person, virtually as part of the live-stream or at any time on the *parish YouTube Church of the Sacred Heart of South Plainfield, NJ.*



The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society invites you to pray the Rosary with them before the Monday evening Mass each week.

FR. PERVAIZ'S SCRIPTURE SHARING

Do you sometimes wonder what the readings at Mass are all about? Come to Fr. Pervaiz's weekly Scripture Sharing to discuss the Sunday Mass Scripture readings. Join us **via Zoom** Wednesdays at 4:00PM. ID: 456 888 3051 Passcode: 3E88HN

BABIES - Life Choices Resource Center - We promote and defend the sanctity of all human life, born and unborn. We are a pro-life pregnancy resource center that serves woman facing unplanned pregnancies. Women who Choose Life for their baby are provided resources, service and material support they need. With your help and support of material needs listed on the Baby Box (parking lot entrance) you will be helping us to provide mothers in need. God bless you for your support in saving our precious little ones.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Timko, Director
908-756-0633 x143



For more information please visit our web page
www.churchofthesacredheart.net
or send us an email:

religioueducation@churchofthesacredheart.net

Everyone hears the Sunday Scripture readings proclaimed, but do we take time to think about their meaning in our lives?

► QUESTION OF THE WEEK — May 12

The question of the week is: On what adventures would you like the Holy Spirit to invite you?

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— POSITIONS AVAILABLE —

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1 Full-time & 1 Part-time M-F including occasional Saturdays, flexible schedule. Experience helpful but not required. Candidate needs to be compassionate and sensitive to the needs of grieving families and visitors to the cemetery. Candidate must have a valid NJ driver's license. Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. Work includes digging, framing monument foundations, assist vault company and grave diggers with in-ground burials, operate a small loader-backhoe and hydraulic lift for mausoleum burials, daily and seasonal maintenance tasks and grounds keeping. If interested, contact Lynda Yelenovsky, Business Administrator, at 908-822-5892, or email resume to shcemetery@comcast.net

GATHER & GROW

— Parenting a child with a disability presents its own unique challenges. Our parenting support group, called Gather & Grow, provides parents with a space and time to share their feelings and experiences with others who face the similar circumstances of raising a child with disabilities. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, May 22, from 6:30-7:30PM** in the Annex. Please join us.

IN GOD'S IMAGE: CATHOLIC FAITH SHARING FOR LGBTQ PERSONS & THEIR FAMILIES - *In God's Image*, the Lesbian, Gay, Transgender Faith Sharing Group at Sacred Heart Church, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7PM in the Parish Annex (behind the school). **Gatherings are currently hybrid with Zoom.** For info call Fr. John Alvarado at 732-790-3136, OR email: sacredheartigi@gmail.com. Click the **IGI** icon on the parish website. View & share the online video presentation at OwningOurFaith.com.

THIS IS OUR FAITH

Adventure in the Spirit

After the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles on Pentecost, they received the courage to follow God's will for them. They could not have imagined that they would travel the known world, going to the most unexpected of places. St. Peter ended up in Rome itself. St. Thomas went to India. Similarly, today when Catholics celebrate Confirmation, as our young people did this past Friday, the gifts of the Holy Spirit enable us to act out the purpose God has for our lives, both in the short term and the long term. Responding to the urging of the Holy Spirit in our lives always results in adventures we could not otherwise imagine. Some of these Pentecost moments are thrust upon us. Others are adventures we have the insight to seek out.

Last month two Sacred Heart parishioners, Gilbert and Beth Delacruz, went on pilgrimage to northern Spain and walked part of the Camino de Santiago. This spiritual adventure consists of walking a network of trails leading to the shrine of the apostle James in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in northwestern Spain. While the entire route is 500 miles, our intrepid pilgrims walked 100 miles in approximately a week. They visited little villages, prayed in old chapels, met pilgrims from all over the world, and attended special pilgrim Masses every night in each town in which they stayed.



The act of walking miles each day becomes a spiritual pilgrimage when done in a spirit of prayer and faithful trust. The weather at this time of year in northern Spain can vary from rainy downpours to bright sunlight in a single day. The pilgrim trail is sometimes paved, sometimes not, and often uneven. Uphill and downhill, the trail challenges those young and old. Together Gilbert and Beth walked 221,329 steps. The path is not easy. They said they nearly gave up, but calling on the Holy Spirit, they reached the cathedral in Compostela. Beth explained, "Life indeed is not that easy! It has ups and down but if you focus, keep moving and put your trust and faith in Him, you will be triumphant!"

Arriving in Compostela, pilgrims visit the Cathedral where the bones of St. James the Great, son of Zebedee are believed to be buried. Pilgrims can venerate these relics. The Cathedral is also known for a massive censer weighing 176 pounds and just over 5 feet high. Swung from the cathedral ceiling across the nave of the church, the censer spreads the fragrant smoke of incense.

Partly as a way of commemorating this arduous pilgrimage, pilgrims on the Camino can obtain and carry a document called the credencial, which is also known as the pilgrim's passport. It is stamped with the official St. James stamp in each town a pilgrim stays. This document becomes proof to the Pilgrim's Office in Santiago that the journey was actually accomplished by the pilgrim. If the pilgrim has walked approximately 100 kilometers of the route, an official Compostela pilgrim certificate will be issued.

Why did Gilbert and Beth even want to embark on such a dramatic adventure? Sometimes to catch a glimpse of the transcendent in our lives, we have to take a radical break from the everyday. Covering distance on foot immerses one completely in the surroundings. At its most basic, walking the Camino puts one out in nature for days at a time. The physically arduous nature of walking a great distance is humbling, and gaining humility is crucial to getting closer to God.

We may not have the experience of the Holy Spirit that the apostles had on Pentecost, but the Holy Spirit still invites us to adventures in faith that can transform how we live our lives for Christ. —Louise Timko, *Director of Religious Education & Faith Formation*

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Ordination of Deacon Ketan Christian St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral Friday, May 3, 2024

Parishioner Ketan Christian was ordained a permanent deacon last Friday and is assigned to serve at our parish. Deacons assist at the altar during Mass, read the Gospel and preach, and preside at Baptisms, weddings and funerals. Permanent deacons can be married and do not become priests.

Clockwise from right: Four of the sixteen men called to the diaconate, Bishop James Checchio laying hands on Ketan Christian, the deacons laying prostrate before the altar, Ketan Christian promising to obey the Bishop and his successors.





SPiRiT of **GoD**, guide the hearts of these, Your disciples, with the fire of Your love!

Thank you to our Holy Savior Academy Teachers and Sacred Heart Religious Education Catechists for your faith, perseverance, and dedication to our 2024 Confirmandi and for the organization and leadership of Mrs. Louise Timko, our Director of Religious Education, and Ms. Lisa Dell'Aquila, HSA School Principal. God bless you.

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May you each be a shining light in the Church. We offer you our prayer & support.

Congratulations to the Girls & Boys of our 2024 First Communion Class

Thank you to our Sacred Heart Parish Religious Education
Catechist Patricia Ratti and our Holy Savior Academy Teachers,
for your faith and love, perseverance and dedication.
With gratitude we recognize the organization and leadership of
Mrs. Louise Timko and Ms. Lisa Dell'Aquila



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"God the Father, through the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian parents,
as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May God bless the parents of these children.

They thank God for the gift of their children.

May they be one with them in thanking God forever in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen."

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Come, Holy Spirit!

This Sunday, we celebrate the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples. We receive the Holy Spirit too! We receive the Spirit at Baptism and at Confirmation.

Using only the red, orange, yellow and white, color the picture of the symbol of the Holy Spirit below.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHEDRAL - *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world."* (John 6:51) In the midst of today's problems and concerns, remember that Jesus desires to heal and renew you. Can you hear Our Lord calling you, waiting for you? Consider spending one hour a week with Him in our Lady Chapel. Located in the Parish Center 45 Library Pl., Metuchen. (Side entrance near parking lot) Hours: 8:30AM – 5:00PM (Mon- Fri) Visit: <https://www.stfranciscathedral.org/eucharistic-adoration-1> for info or to schedule an hour, or call Marie (732) 906-6537.

LECTIO DIVINA SCRIPTURE SHARING — You are invited to share scripture with a small group of people on Monday mornings 11:00-11:30AM. We reflect and share on the gospel of that day. Make a commitment for just one Monday, and if you like it, come back the next Monday. Start your week with prayer, community, and hope. We look forward to sharing this time with you! Bring your bible with you! To join this meeting, visit: <https://diometuchen.org/onechurchtogether>.

HISPANIC PILGRIMAGE - The office of Hispanic Evangelization invites you to join the Hispanic Pilgrimage to the Basilica to Our Lady of Guadalupe from June 17 to June 22, 2024. Everyone is welcome to join us on a trip of spirituality, prayer and culture where we will visit Mexico City, Cholula, Puebla, Coyoacán and Xochimilco under the spiritual direction of Rev. Gustavo Rodríguez and Deacon Edgar Chaves.

SAVE THE DATE - May 25, 2024, Hispanic Pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine from 9:30am to 3:00pm. If you are interested, please contact us at Lescobar@diometuchen.org

THE CHURCH THROUGH DIGITAL MEDIA - The Diocese of Metuchen regularly uses its social media platforms to share news, events and engage with the faithful. If you haven't already, we invite you to follow us on social media @diocesemetuchen and tag us in your posts so we can help you share your good news.

MAKING THE GOOD NEWS KNOWN - The Office of Communications and Public Relations is committed to making the Good News known and telling the story of the Diocese of Metuchen, which includes telling the stories of our parishes, schools, ministries and the faithful. Do you have a positive, inspiring story to share about an individual within our local Church of Metuchen? Is your parish doing something that lights a fire in the heart of our part of the world? We want to hear from you! We invite you to share your news with us by emailing communications@diometuchen.org and, as always, news@catholicspirit.com.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP - As Catholics, we have an obligation to consider public policy issues in light of the Gospel and the moral and social teaching of the Church. As faithful citizens, we are called to respond in both prayer and action and consider how public policy can impact our communities, nation and world in the context of Catholic teaching. To provide the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen with information and resources about issues affecting public policy and to highlight our lifelong responsibility as Catholics to form our own consciences in accord with the Church's teaching, the diocese has launched a new webpage: <https://diometuchen.org/issues-and-action>. There you can sign up to receive action alerts directly from the diocese, or sign up to receive alerts directly from the New Jersey Catholic Conference and the USCCB. Visitors to the page can also take action on current pending legislation and can see the latest news affecting public policy in our state, nation and world.

SAINT PETER'S GIANNA CENTER - The Center, located in New Brunswick, is dedicated to offering truly prolific women's health care, including infertility services, general gynecologic care, and more. All services are provided in accordance with the US Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. For more information, please visit <http://www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/> or contact us at 732-565



DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities.

24 HOUR PRAYER LINE - Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. (732) 765-6431 or email us at: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE, SEPARATION OR FAMILY BROKENNESS - A 3-day Life-Giving Wounds Healing Retreat will be held on Friday, August 23 – Sunday, August 25, 2024 at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch NJ (right on the beach). Topics discussed will include identity, relationship with God, suffering, forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. Cost is \$300 per person which includes accommodations for 2 nights and all meals. For more information and/or to register, please visit www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce For questions, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

COUNSELING AND WELLNESS SERVICES are offered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available. For an appointment, call (800) 655-9491.

COURAGE is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live in accordance with the Catholic Church's teaching about same-sex-attraction and discipleship. Courage members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ, through participation in the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship and moral support. Courage meets within the Diocese with a priest chaplain. EnCourage is a separate spiritual support group for family members and friends of loved ones with same-sex-attraction. For information about locations and meeting times for each of these groups call: 732-562-2476 for Courage (e mail: couragecnj@gmail.com) and 732-248-9460 for EnCourage. Also visit the national website at Couragerc.org.

HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930- 4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For information on how to report abuse, visit: <https://diometuchen.org/report--suspected-abuse>.

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

THE REMEMBRANCE GUILD

The following have been enrolled in
The Remembrance Guild for 2024

— January —

GIUSEPPE & CONCETTA FORMICA
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LINDA & LOU CIOFFI
MATTHEW & MAUREEN KRIER
MARIE & NICHOLAS GIANNATASIO
BILL & ELAINE TUTHILL
MIGUEL HERNANDEZ
THOMAS KICZULA JR.

— February —

ALFRED & EVELYN SCHROEDER
JOSEPH & ELIZABETH GREGO
EUGENE COOPER

— March —

JOANNA DEPASQUALE

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

THE REMEMBRANCE GUILD

The Church of the Sacred Heart offers an additional option to the weekly Mass intentions and candle offerings. You are invited to enroll the names of your loved ones in the Sacred Heart Remembrance Guild. The intentions of those enrolled will be remembered in prayer at the First Saturday 9AM Mass, each month for one year. The names of those entered each month will be printed in the church's bulletin and on a Remembrance Guild Page that will be placed in church. The Guild's hard-cover, distinctive Mass card may be obtained at the Parish Center Office with an offering of \$75 for this annual remembrance.

CONSIDER A MASS, CANDLE, FLORAL OR TREE OF LIFE MEMORIAL - 2024 Mass Intentions, Enrollment in the Sacred Heart Remembrance Guild, Candles at the statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Blessed Mother, and the Sanctuary Lamp, as well as Flowers for the altar in church (basket or vase) are available memorials to remember a loved one, living or deceased. Brass leaves on the Tree of Life located in the front entrance of the church are also available. Please contact Lisa in the Parish Center 908-756-0633 x110 about the options. Have your loved one's name printed in the bulletin and remembered in the prayer.



Holy Eucharist

- † CELEBRATED
- † ADORED
- † RECEIVED
- † LIVED



Jesus, I trust in You.

PRAYER FOR MY SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



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