

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART



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Monday– Thursday	9:00 am to 2:00 pm
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Evenings/Saturdays	By appointment

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PRAYER CHAIN

SH Prayer Team is ready to pray for your special needs. You may email your prayer request to shprayerchain@gmail.com. or write your request in the binder located at the St. Jude statue in the back of the Church. To become a member of the Prayer Team call: 732-721-0040.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

If you should need a Priest for Last Rites, any time, day or night, please call 732-721-0040. The answering service will pick up; leave a message with your request. A Priest will call back as soon as possible.

DECEMBER 8, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evening: 4:00 pm (English), 5:30 pm (Polish)
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am (Polish), 10:30am,
12:00 noon
Weekdays: 8:00 am (Monday through Saturday)
7:00 pm Friday (Polish)

CONFESSIONS

Before morning Mass except First Friday; Fridays at 6:30 pm (Polish); Saturdays: 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

NOVENAS / DEVOTIONS

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Daily after 8:00 am Mass.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays after 8:00am Mass.
Sacred Heart of Jesus: (P) every Friday after 7:00pm Mass.
Holy Rosary: After 8 am daily Mass & 10:30 am on Sunday

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY / WEDDINGS

Arrangements are to be made by calling the Parish Office no less than ONE YEAR in advance. Absolutely NO social plans are to be made before meeting with the parish Priest or Deacon. Please note: Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is celebrated on Saturdays @ 2:00pm only, NO Friday nor Sunday weddings (nuptials) will be scheduled.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Saturday at 11:30AM with the exception of Holy Days. **Pre-Baptism class**, will be at 2:00 pm every 3rd Saturday of the month in Church. Parents and Godparents must attend.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

The RCIA is the process the Church uses to form and inform those who want to “inquire” about the Catholic faith. This process is for those who have never been baptized, baptized adults needing Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, and those of other faiths who feel called to become Catholic. Is God calling you? If so, please call the Parish Office @ 732-721-0040.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Arrangements for communion calls to the sick can be made by calling the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital. Emergency calls may be made at any time. **Call 732-721-0040**

PARISH REGISTRATION

All parishioners should be registered.
Parishioners over the age of 18 should register independently of their parents. It is necessary to be a registered parishioner for at least 3 months in order for us to provide testimonial letters. Thank you for kindly notifying the Parish Office of any changes @ 732-721-0040.

*Please note Memorial Hall is no longer available as “hall for rent”
- parish organizations will still be allowed usage.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, December 7

- 4:00pm + Joseph Krygier
Req. by: Ken Ryniec
- 5:30pm(P)+ Ralph Bailey, Jr.
Req. by: Daughter, Leanne

SUNDAY, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:00am + The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Req. by: Kathy, Karen & Leanne Bailey
- 9:00am(P) Pro Populo / People of the Parish
- 10:30am + Michael & Catherine Gorczynski
Req. by: Rose Boychuk
- 12:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart Rosary Society

MONDAY, December 9

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00am + Florence Gangemi
Req. by: Regina Haklar
- 12:00pm God's Blessings on Peggy Dougherty
Req. by: Karen Howarth
- 6:15pm + Robert Aucone
Req. by: Wife, Joan & Family
- 7:15pm(P)+ John Klajn
Req. by: Wife, Christine

TUESDAY, December 10

- 8:00am + Irene Avagliano
Req. by: John Avagliano

WEDNESDAY, December 11

Saint Damasus

- 8:00am + Ralph & Adele Szeszko
Req. by: Stanley Szeszko

THURSDAY, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 7:00am + DeMarco & Guadagnino Families
Req. by: Pat & Ann DeMarco
- 8:00am + Jennie Sutkowski
Req. by: Daughter, Joan & Family

FRIDAY, December 13

Saint Lucy

- 8:00am + Ernie & Jean Read (Anniversary)
Req. by: Ernie & Shirley Read
- 7:00pm(P)+ Antoni Janeczko
Req. by: Anna & Christopher Mach

SATURDAY, December 14

Saint John of the Cross

- 8:00am + Albert Haklar
Req. by: Cindy Turner
- 4:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart Holy Name Society
- 5:30pm(P)+ Kazimierz Kalinowski
Req. by: Krzysztof Kalinowski

SUNDAY, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:00am + Deceased Members of the DeMarco and Guadagnino Families
Req. by: Pat & Ann DeMarco
- 9:00am(P)+ Lech Chola
Req. by: Christopher Jaroszynski
- 10:30am Pro Populo / The People of the Parish
- 12:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women

HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...

Saturday, December 7

- ♦ Rosary @ 3:30pm
- ♦ "Jesse Tree" project ends
- ♦ 2nd Collection for Parish Repairs
- ♦ 2nd Collection next weekend/ Religious Retirement

Sunday, December 8

- ♦ Rosary @ 8:30am and 10:00am
- ♦ "Jesse Tree" project ends
- ♦ 2nd Collection for Parish Repairs
- ♦ 2nd Collection next weekend for Religious Retirement

Monday, December 9

- ♦ CCD/PREP classes / 5:00-6:30pm

Tuesday, December 10

- ♦ Council of Catholic Women Meeting / 7:00pm / MemHall

Wednesday, December 11

- ♦ Youth Ministry Exec. Bd. Mtg / 7:00pm / MemHall

Saturday, December 14

- ♦ Rosary @ 3:30pm
- ♦ 2nd Collection for Religious Retirement
- ♦ 2nd Collection next weekend for Fuel

Sunday, December 15

- ♦ Rosary @ 8:30am and 10:00am
- ♦ CCD Christmas Pageant @ 3:00pm
- ♦ 2nd Collection for Religious Retirement
- ♦ 2nd Collection next weekend for Fuel

**ALTAR HOSTS FOR THIS WEEK'S
LITURGIES ARE DONATED
IN MEMORY OF:**

+ Edith Lopez
Paulette Hudock



WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2019 CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sanctuary / Tabernacle Candle

+ Arthur Parker
Jim & Rita

Blessed Mother's Altar Candles
+ DeMarco & Guadagnino Families
Pat & Ann DeMarco
+ Michael & Catherine Gorczynski
Rose Boychuk

Saint John Paul II Altar Candles
(No intentions taken)

Candle for The Sacred Heart of Jesus
+ William Shearan
The Howarth Family

Candle for Saint Joseph
+ Nick Weber
Ann & Loving Family

Candle for Jesus Crucified
+ Arthur & Dolores Golembiewski
Steve Golembeski

Candle for Our Lady of Fatima
(No intention taken)

Candle for Saint Anne
(No intention taken)

Candle for Infant of Prague
(No intention taken)



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

November 23rd / 24th, 2019

Regular Collection:	\$ 8,482.00
Human Development Campaign:	\$ 1,317.00
Christmas Mass Remembrances:	\$ 426.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 203.00

Regular Collection per Mass:

11/23/19

4:00pm	\$ 2,576.00
5:30pm	\$ 855.00

11/24/19

7:00am	\$ 1,156.00
9:00am	\$ 1,038.00
10:30am	\$ 1,484.00
12:00pm	\$ 1,373.00

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

November 30 / December 1, 2019

Regular Collection:	\$ 7,622.03
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 98.00
Christmas Mass Remembrances:	\$ 81.00

Regular Collection per Mass:

11/30/19

4:00pm	\$ 2,012.59
5:30pm	\$ 413.00

12/1/19

7:00am	\$ 883.00
9:00am	\$ 1,057.00
10:30am	\$ 1,767.50
12:00pm	\$ 1,488.94

OUR PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Sacred Heart Seniors

12/16/19 Executive Bd. Meeting/12:00pm / MHall
12/23/19 Christmas Party / 12:00pm / Memorial Hall

- For trip information, call Judy @732-727-0154

Next trip to the Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City is on 12/19/19. Bus will leave from S.H. parking lot at 9:30am. Call Lorraine at 732-721-6843 for information and registration.

Youth Ministry

12/11/19 Executive Bd. Mtg./7:00pm/Memorial Hall
12/18/19 Meeting / 7:00-8:30pm / School Gym

Rosary Society

12/8/19 Christmas Party following 12:00pm Mass

Council of Catholic Women

12/8/19 Jesse Tree Project ends
12/10/19 Meeting @ 7:00pm / Memorial Hall LL

Catholic War Veterans

(to be announced)

Sacred Heart Holy Name Society

(to be announced)

Knights of Columbus Council #426

12/15/19 Family Brunch w/Santa /11:00am-2:00pm
12/22/19 Walk to Bethlehem / 2:00pm
12/27/19 NJ Devils vs. Toronto Maple Leafs/7:00pm

New members always welcomed! Call Jan Williams @ 732-553-9060. For Hall rental, please call 732-721-2025. or on Facebook @Council426.

Sacred Heart CCD/PREP

12/09/19 CCD/PREP classes / 5:00-6:30pm
12/15/19 Christmas Pageant / 3:00pm / Church

sacredheartsaprep@gmail.com

Children / Youth Mass

“ROGER'S PRAISE & WORSHIP
CHILDREN'S GROUP”

Next Mass @ 3:30pm - December 24th



If your child is interested in joining the Children's Band or Chorus, please come to practice Mondays @ 6:30pm in the Convent. call 732-721-0040.

Sacred Heart Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is now open every *Thursday and Saturday* from 9:30am to 12:00pm. Browsers welcome!

Love Life Group

Please come and pray the Rosary @ American Wellness Ctr., 228 Main St., Woodbridge, where abortions are performed daily. Please pray for an end to abortions.

Praise and Worship Group

Come join Sacred Heart Praise & Worship group which meets on Mondays at 7:30pm in Convent. New members always welcomed!

St. Vincent De Paul

Food collection every 1st full weekend of the month. Please leave your food donation in front of Mem. Hall. Meetings every 2nd Saturday of the month, 9:00AM in the Convent. Food Pantry open to those in need immediately following. **Thank you for your donations and support!**

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 7, 2019

4:00pm: J & J Tuquero, S. Peel, P. Grospin, M. Wiszenko
 5:30pm: M. Sliwowska, K. Garlak, E. Orzechowska

Sunday, December 8, 2019

7:00am: A. Kubisiak, G. Velez
 9:00am: O. Plonski, J. Lupinski, A. Makowski
 10:30am: A & D Pino, K & L & V Pesch, J. Fernandez
 12:00pm: P. Cleary, K & R DeSimon, G. Matula,
 M. Mieczkowski

Saturday, December 14, 2019

4:00pm: K & R DeSimon, M. Wiszenko, P. Grospin,
 S. Parse
 5:30pm: O. Plonski, J. Lupinski, A. Makowski

Sunday, December 15, 2019

7:00am: R. Whalen, K & L & V Pesch
 9:00am: N. Mroczkowska, D. Gawel, G. Trojanowski
 10:30am: G. Velez, K & R Gregory, P. Cleary
 12:00pm: J & J Tuquero, M. Mieczkowski, E. Smetana
 S. Peel

WALK TO BETHLEHEM



On Sunday, December 22nd at 2:00pm, the annual Family Walk to Bethlehem begins at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus, 308 Fourth Street, and continues on to Christ Episcopal Church, Everlasting Strength Ministry, the First Presbyterian Church, and St. Mary and Sacred Heart Churches. The walk ends back at the K of C Hall with homemade soups, breads and light refreshments. Join us for a short spiritual journey during the Advent season!

Christmas Poinsettia Memorial forms are located at the entrances of the Church. Remember your loved ones at Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in loving memory of them!

Thank You!

The Sacred Heart Rosary Society wishes to thank all those who purchased any item in our Cemetery Cross and Grave Blanket fundraiser.

It's success was due to your continuous support!

2020 MASS BOOK

The 2020 Mass Book will open on October 7th. Mass intention request forms are available in Church or at the Office. Forms can be returned directly to the Parish Office or in the collection basket. Please be sure to include your name, address, and phone number and **please print clearly.** Masses are taken on a first-come, first-served basis and the stipend is \$10.00 per Mass. To satisfy everyone's Mass intentions, requests will be limited to (4) Masses per year for each registered parishioner household. **Requests are also limited to one (1) weekend Mass and three (3) weekdays.** Please note, if your requested date or time is not available, you will be given a date/time that is closest to your request. We will notify you when your Masses are scheduled!

Thank you

I would like to give a big "Thank You" to Ken Meyer who designed and donated a beautiful wooden thermometer to keep track of our Pipe Organ Repair donations. The thermometer will be displayed in Church and updated regularly.

Thank you, Ken, for your generosity and time donated to Sacred Heart Church!

- Father Stanley



**BRUNCH
WITH
SANTA**

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 15th
11:00am to 2:00pm**

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 are holding their annual "Family Brunch with Santa" at the Council Hall, 308 Fourth Street, South Amboy. Bring your camera and take photos our your child with Santa! Cost is \$10.00 per adult; \$3.00 per child, age 4 to 12 years. Children under 3 are free. For more info, call Steve @ 732-721-2025.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for children from grades K thru 8. Entry forms are located in the back of the Church. For additional information, please Call the K of C @ 732-721-2025.

SOUTH AMBOY COLUMBIETTES COUNCIL #426



The auxiliary is seeking new members for expansion. We need helping hands and minds to develop leadership skills or simply to participate in the internal organization.

We have wonderful groups of women aiding the Knights of Columbus! If you are interested learning about the Columbiettes or in joining, please contact Vicki @ 732-598-6910.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 9, 2019



The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX solemnly declared in his "Ineffabilis Deus", the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception. She is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill.

Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call to their own vocation in order to carry out God's plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time. "Let it be done to me according to Thy Word", was Mary's response to the Angel Gabriel's greeting. It is the response required of all Christians to God's Plan.

2 Niedziela Adwentu

8 Grudnia, 2019

W drugą niedzielę Adwentu Kościół ukazuje nam przepiękną postać św. Jana Chrzciciela, który usłyszał głos wezwania Bożego, gdy był na pustyni. Posłuszny temu słowu, przygotowywał drogę Chrystusowi. Gromadziły się wokół niego tłumy ludzi, a on rzeczywiście przygotowywał drogę Panu, prostował ścieżki dla Niego, aby wszyscy ludzie mogli ujrzeć zbawienie. Znaczący Pisma Świętego wyjaśniają, iż na pustyni w Palestynie można zobaczyć niezliczoną ilość bardzo zawitych i krętych ścieżek, jakie pozostawiają po sobie stada owiec, które przemieszczają się z miejsca na miejsce w poszukiwaniu skromnej paszy. W kontekście więc warunków, jakie panują w Ziemi Jezusa, prostować ścieżki, to nic innego jak po prostu wykonywać ogromną pracę.

Adwent to czas radosnego oczekiwania na przyjście Chrystusa, to czas wzmożonej wewnętrznej pracy nad sobą, bo chrześcijaństwo to przede wszystkim pielęgnowanie człowieka wewnętrznego, a więc pielęgnowanie własnej duszy, która powinna być przeniknięta cnotami nadprzyrodzonymi: wiarą, nadzieją i miłością. I trzeba to sobie uświadomić z całą ostrością, że możemy zrozumieć siebie jedynie w odniesieniu do Boga. Bez Niego nie można również ochronić najcenniejszej ludzkiej wartości, jaką jest godność człowieka. Bóg jest najwyższym dobrem, a przecież wiemy na podstawie naszego codziennego doświadczenia, iż dobro pociąga ludzi wzwyż, natomiast zło spycha ich w dół. Bóg jest więc tym, który pragnie pociągać nas nieustannie wzwyż do dobra najwyższego, czyli do siebie samego.

W ten radosny czas oczekiwania na przyjście Chrystusa, jakim jest Adwent, wpatrujemy się w ludzi, którzy prowadzą nas do Boga i przybliżają nam Boga, bo tak bardzo przecież potrzebujemy żywych świadków naszej wiary. Takim świadkiem Ewangelii jest przede wszystkim św. Jan Chrzciciel, który przygotowywał drogę dla Chrystusa, zgodnie ze słowami: "Przygotujcie drogę Panu, prostujcie ścieżki dla Niego... wszyscy ludzie ujrzą zbawienie Boże".

Szczęść Wam Boże

Ks. Marian