

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 15, 2019

THIRD 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 14

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

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 SHeart Council of Catholic Women

MONDAY, December 16

- 8:00am + Maria Carrinho
Req. by: Family

TUESDAY, December 17

- 8:00am + Herculano Carrinho
Req. by: Family

WEDNESDAY, December 18

- 8:00am + Helen & Rich Ploskonka
Req. by: Joan McCabe

THURSDAY, December 19

- 8:00am + Eleanor Klos
Req. by: Jack Piskorski

FRIDAY, December 20

- 8:00am + Stephen Golembeski, Sr.
Req. by: Gerri Golembeski & Family
7:00pm(P)+ John Klajn
Req. by: Wife, Christine

SATURDAY, December 21

Saint Peter Canisius

- 8:00am + Anthony J. Ruzala
Req. by: Cindy & Tony Ruzala
4:00pm + Ilona & Andy Mindel
Req. by: Kevin & Theresa Walsh
5:30pm(P)+ Wanda & Stanisław Rokicki
Req. by: Sister, Anna Smieszek

SUNDAY, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:00am + William & Marcella Jackson
Req. by: Daughters & Their Families
9:00am(P)+ Władysława & Jozef Czopik
Req. by: Son
10:30am + Edward & Genevieve Kwiecinski
Req. by: Daughter, Janet
12:00pm Pro Populo / People of the Parish

**ALTAR WINE AND HOSTS
FOR THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES
ARE DONATED BY:**

The Sacred Heart Rosary Society



HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...

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
- ◆ 2nd Collection for Religious Retirement
- ◆ 2nd Collection next weekend for Fuel

Monday, December 16

- ◆ SH Seniors Executive Bd. Meeting / 12:00pm / MHall LL
- ◆ CCD/PREP classes / 5:00-6:30pm

Wednesday, December 18

- ◆ Youth Ministry Meeting / 7:00-8:30pm / School Gym

Thursday, December 19

- ◆ Holy Name Society Meeting / 7:30pm / Memorial Hall

Friday, December 20

- ◆ Parish Advent Confessions / 6:00pm

Saturday, December 21

- ◆ Rosary @ 3:30pm
- ◆ Second Collection for Fuel

Sunday, December 22

- ◆ Rosary @ 8:30am and 10:00am
- ◆ Second Collection for Fuel

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2019

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sanctuary / Tabernacle Candle

+ Laverne & Ralph Vicidomini, Sr.
Donna Sloan

Blessed Mother's Altar Candles

+ Deceased Members of the
DeMarco & Guadagnino Families
Pat & Ann DeMarco

+ Ralph & Adele Szeszko
Stanley Szeszko

Saint John Paul II Altar Candles

(no intention taken)

Candle for The Sacred Heart of Jesus

+ Stephen A. Sakalos
Wife, Helen

Candle for Saint Joseph

(no intention taken)

Candle for Jesus Crucified

+ Stephen Golembeski, Sr.
Gerri Golembeski

Candle for Our Lady of Fatima

(no intention taken)

Candle for Saint Anne

Birthday Blessings on Kyle
Babci & Dziadzi

Candle for Infant of Prague

(no intention taken)

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Please remember your Parish Church in Your Last Will & Testament

Our parish church is totally dependent upon your financial support and generosity. Without your generosity we as a parish church could not function. Unfortunately it takes money and we must pay the bills like any other household, the only difference is that we are much, much bigger. Please be generous with God's given treasure in supporting your parish church. Please consider **tithing** (5% of your income) if you have not done so in the past. The Good Lord reward you for your generosity and sacrifice.

~ Fr. Stanley

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

December 7 / 8, 2019

Regular Collection:	\$ 9,011.05
Parish Repairs:	\$ 5,562.80
Christmas Mass Remembrances:	\$ 127.00

Regular Collection per Mass:

12/7/19

4:00pm	\$ 2,415.25
5:30pm	\$ 476.00

12/8/19

7:00am	\$ 1,117.32
9:00am	\$ 1,528.00
10:30am	\$ 1,696.00
12:00pm	\$ 1,778.48

OUR PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Sacred Heart Seniors

12/16/19 Meeting / 12:00pm / Memorial Hall
12/23/19 Christmas Party / 12:00pm / Memoria 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

12/18/19 Meeting / 7:00-8:30pm / School Gym

Rosary Society

(No meeting in January)

Council of Catholic Women

1/5/20 Water for Life Project
1/14/20 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

Contact Mrs. Shannon Liana at:
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 14, 2019

4:00pm: K & R DeSimon, M. Wiszenko, P. Gros-pin,
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, G. Matula, P. Cleary
12:00pm: J & J Tuquero, M. Mieczkowski, E. Smetana
S. Peel

Saturday, December 21, 2019

4:00pm: J. Fernandez, M. Mieczkowski, E. Smetana,
P. Gros-pin, G. Velez
5:30pm: N. Mroczkowska, D. Gawel, G. Trojanowski

Sunday, December 22, 2019

7:00am: P. Cleary, R. Whalen
9:00am: M. Sliwowska, K. Garlak, E. Orzechowska
10:30am: M. Wiszenko, A. Kubisiak, S. Peel, G. Matula,
S. Parse
12:00pm: K & R DeSimon, J & J Tuquero

SUPPORT AGING RELIGIOUS

Our Second Collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay.

Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care and more, for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous!



**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.

CHRISTMAS OPIATKI



Opiatki Is now available for purchase at the Parish Office!

Cost is \$3.00 per envelope which contains four (4) wafers.

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!

Dear Parishioners:

Thank you again for your most generous donation to the Second Collection this past weekend for Parish Repairs and Maintenance.

Please know that we had to "patch up" the leaky pipes in the ceiling in the lower Memorial Hall and not replace them and pray that the "Steam Heat Boiler" lasts through the winter. This decision was made because as we installed one side of HVAC for the upper hall at a cost of around \$16,000.00, we realized that is not enough to heat the entire hall. Next year, we will attempt to install the second half of the HVAC system in the upper hall and then disconnect the old boiler. **I CAN'T WAIT!** No more leaky pipes in Memorial Hall is a dream come true for me!

Also, about our Pipe Organ: if anyone can help to donate funds for the repairs, it would be most greatly appreciated. So far, we have raised \$8,000.00; we still need \$13,000.00!

- Father Stanley

SACRED HEART PARISH CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT FY 2018

(FROM JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019)

Dear Parishioners:

I want to inform you of our parish's financial situation and I want to thank all of you who have been supporting our parish Church in quite a generous way; "thank you" and may the Good Lord reward you.

Please know that if it wasn't for the cost of the school move to the St. Mary's building as well as the high cost of many necessary upgrades that were needed in order for the children to learn in a safe and clean Environment, our parish would have been able to satisfy all of its obligations to the Diocese, i.e., Annual Parish Assessment, Property and Liability Insurance, Elementary School Assessment and Rental Income Assessment.

Our parish fiscal reality is as follows:

Construction Loan (school wall) Balance: \$372,000.00 (with accrued interest)
(This project was already decided when I came to Sacred Heart on 6/12/2012)

Original Loan from the Diocese for Parish Operations: \$224,000.00 (with accrued interest)
(This loan was taken out by me personally when I was left with only \$121.00 in the Church operating account when I came to Sacred Heart on 6/12/2012)

The following are the "Annual" parish obligations still outstanding to the Diocese as of this current date:

Property & Liability Insurance	(2013)	-	\$ 8,500.00	
Property & Liability Insurance	(2014)	-	\$ 99,989.00	
Property & Liability Insurance	(2015)	-	\$ 97,797.68	
Property & Liability Insurance	(2016)	-	\$104,745.00	
Property & Liability Insurance	(2017)	-	\$108,139.00	
Property & Liability Insurance	(2018)	-	\$108,831.00	
Property & Liability Insurance	(2019)	-	\$114,441.00	(this, dear folks, is for this current fiscal year)
Parish Annual Assessment	(2019)	-	\$ 70,300.00	(we still owe \$24,00.00 to be paid by 6/30/20)
Elementary School Assessment	(2019)	-	\$ 26,500.00	(for this fiscal year, we still owe \$24,000.00)
Rental Assessment	(2019)	-	\$ 10,600.00	

(we collect rent from the Polish School for \$23,000.00 as per Diocesan Finance Office. We still owe \$7,000.00.)

Our Cemetery Perpetual Care Investment amount is \$321,136.75. This money cannot be used for any expenses. Interest may be used for cemetery operations and maintenance. Interest accrued is reinvested to add to the principal. Only when this amount reaches \$1,000,000.00, can we use interest to pay for annual maintenance of our Cemetery.

This may look discouraging, however, I am hopeful that over time and with your help and generosity, perhaps even remembering your parish Church in your last will and testament or hitting the "Mega Millions", we can wipe this clean.

Thank you for your continued generosity and remember that you are in my daily prayers to the Sacred Heart.

- Father Stanley