

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.

MARCH 29, 2020

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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, March 28**

- 4:00pm + John Brzezinski (*Anniversary*)
Req. by: *Daughters*
- 5:30pm(P) God's Blessings on the 70th Birthday of Helena Gajownik
Req. by: *Joanna Kalinowska*

SUNDAY, March 29*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

- 7:00am + Pro Populo / People of the Parish
- 9:00am(P) In Thanksgiving to all who attended the Funeral of Zdzisław Skok
Req. by: *Wanda Skok*
- 10:30am + Jean Kakaryga
Req. by: *Bruno & Anne Szatkowski*
- 12:00pm + Edward C. Merski
Req. by: *Merski Family*

MONDAY, March 30

- 8:00am + Dorothy Kiyak
Req. by: *Thomas Kiyak & Daughters*

TUESDAY, March 31

- 8:00am + John Brzezinski
Req. by: *Daughters*

WEDNESDAY, April 1

- 8:00am + Tina Cotantineau
Req. by: *Dolores Jaremba*

THURSDAY, April 2*Saint Francis of Paola*

- 8:00am + Casimir Ogorek
Req. by: *Wanda Skok*

FRIDAY, April 3

- 8:00am Mass for the Deceased
+ Claire Kwiatkowski
Req. by: *Daughter, Claire*
- + Zdzisław Skok
Req. by: *Jolanda & Jerzy Linda*
- 7:00pm(P)+ Jozefa & Stanisław Lumer
Req. by: *Marzena & Henryk Jablonski*

SATURDAY, April 4

- 8:00am + James D. Alberta
Req. by: *Alberta Family*
- 4:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart Rosary Society
- 5:30pm(P)+ Urszula Gajewska
Req. by: *Kazimierz Bednarz & Family*

SUNDAY, April 5*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

- 7:00am + Stephen A. Sakalos
Req. by: *Daughter, Alice*
- 9:00am(P)+ Marian Klein
Req. by: *Wife & Family*
- 10:30am + Alex Dyer
Req. by: *Joseph Cinque*
- 12:00pm Pro Populo / People of the Parish

HAPPENING THIS WEEK....**ATTENTION**

Due to the coronavirus, all Masses are suspended until April 3, 2020. The church will only be open for private prayer:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 7:00am to 3:00pm
Thursday & Friday, 7:00am to 12:00pm
Saturday, 7:00am to 4:00pm
Sunday, 6:30am to 3:00pm

All meetings and events are cancelled until further notice!

Saturday, March 28

- ◆ Cheese Cake Sale
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ALTAR WINE AND HOSTS FOR THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES ARE DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

+ Josephine Crowley
John Avagliano

**WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2020****CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****Sanctuary / Tabernacle Candle**

+ Josephine Crowley
John Avagliano

**Blessed Mother's Altar Candles**

Happy 90th Birthday Blessings on Jane Corbin
Son, Michael

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Saint John Paul II Altar Candles

+ Edward & Genevieve Kwiecinski
Daughter, Janet

Candle for The Sacred Heart of Jesus

(no intention taken)

Candle for Saint Joseph

+ John Brzezinski
Daughters

Candle for Jesus Crucified

(no intention taken)

Candle for Our Lady of Fatima

(no intention taken)

Candle for Saint Anne

+ Anne C. Fiore
Joan & Lorraine

Candle for Infant of Prague

+ Alec Richard Merski
Family

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

While not able to receive Holy Communion as you have before, you can make a Spiritual Communion. This will unite you to the Eucharistic Jesus.

**My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 21 / March 22, 2020

Regular Collection:	\$ 1,802.00
Diocesan Assessment:	\$ 220.00
Easter Mass Remembrances	\$ 105.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 125.00

For those who dropped off or mailed their weekly contributions in, I am deeply grateful. I pray that God will bless you for your generosity and may He help us through this time of trial.

~ Father Stanley

OUR PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Sacred Heart Seniors

5/31/20 Jamestown, NY Trip
8/06/20 Lake Hopatcong Cruise
9/23/20 Caesar's Casino/Atlantic City
10/1/20 Octoberfest / Staten

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

Next trip to the Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City is tentative. Call Lorraine @ 732-721-6843 to register.

Youth Ministry

4/18-19 Bake Sale before and after all Masses

Boy Scout Troop #95

Meetings every Tuesday @ 7:00pm in the Convent
Parent Meetings once per month on Monday @ 7:30pm

Rosary Society

3/28-29 Cheese Cake Sale orders due this weekend
4/18-19 Clothing Drive before and after all Masses

Council of Catholic Women

4/14/20 Meeting / 7:30pm / Memorial Hall LL

Knights of Columbus Council #426

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

Sacred Heart Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is now open every *Thursday and Saturday* from 9:30am to 12:00pm. All proceeds go to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Browsers welcome!

Sacred Heart CCD/PREP

Contact Mrs. Shannon Liana at:
sacredheartsaprep@gmail.com

Children / Youth Mass

**"ROGER'S PRAISE & WORSHIP
CHILDREN'S GROUP"**

Next Mass @ 10:30am - May 3, 2020



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.

Praise and Worship Group

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

Holy Name Society

(to be announced)

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. Call Anne @ 732-721-7583 for more info.

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 support!**

Catholic War Veterans

5/2-3/20 Poppy Sale after all Masses

From the Pastor's Desk

On March 21st, Governor Philip Murphy signed an executive order which places further restrictions on the residents of New Jersey. These restrictions have further impact on the operation of our parishes in the Diocese of Metuchen.

PARISH AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

All parishes, CCD and Cemetery Offices are closed until further notice. Priests will remain available for the parishioners for pastoral needs. Ordinary Anointing of the Sick has been suspended. Last Rites will be given to anyone in danger of death.

FUNERALS, WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS

Public Funeral Masses, Weddings and Baptisms are postponed until further notice.

Funerals: While a public memorial Mass can be scheduled for a later date, the burial of the dead will need to occur before that date. Our cemetery will remain open. A Committal Service must take place outside in the cemetery or outside of the Mausoleum with the priest and must be limited to ten (10) persons. The pastor /priest will celebrate a private Mass without a congregation on the day of burial **if** no public memorial is scheduled and/or if the family requests it.

Weddings: All weddings are postponed.

Baptisms: All baptisms are postponed except in case of an emergency, i.e. danger of death.

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, TRIDUUM AND EASTER

The decision regarding the celebration of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Triduum and Easter will be issued by Decree of the Bishop in the near future.

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Please know that each and every one of you are in my daily prayers. I truly miss celebrating Holy Mass with you being present. We are going through the most unbelievable and surreal time dealing with this coronavirus. Although, presently we are wondering what the future will hold, will a cure be found and hopefully soon, will more people be affected, will you and I contract this virus, will more people die...when will this end?

My friends, all our fears and worries are well-founded and cannot be dismissed as irrational, but we must remember what our Lord Jesus said to the Apostles while they were being in danger of sinking during the storm on the Sea of Galilee: the Lord, said, "let us cross to the other side of the lake...while they were sailing, He fell asleep. A squall blew over the lake...they were taking in water and were in danger. They came and woke Him saying, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' He awakened, rebuked the wind and the waves, and they subsided and there was a calm." Only Jesus can calm this present storm in which we are all caught up in. We must not fear for the Lord is in charge. He is not asleep. He is truly with us and has not abandoned us. At another place in the Gospel, the Lord Jesus speaks to His Apostles by saying, "fear not, I am with you always, even till the end of time."

Among so many reasons we wonder... 'what is Our Lord trying to teach us...to show us?' How precious life is, how fragile, how important our family is, how precious our faith is, how precious Holy Mass is?

So **PRAY** to the Lord to intervene and grant wisdom to our scientists and doctors to find a cure. Pray for your brothers and sisters of our parish. Pray for our Bishop. Pray for our civil leaders and pray for our Governor, to protect all life, not just to protect all of us from illness and death, but even more so to protect the unborn, the innocent and defenseless in the womb. Pray for the doctors, nurses, first responders, technicians, firefighters and police, that they may be protected from this virus and from all harm.

Let us remember one thing...that after the Lord's suffering and death, He rose to new life, and when He appeared to the Twelve in the upper room, He said, "Peace be with you." Only in the Lord do we find true "peace" and fear not a person nor nature, for the Lord is truly with us to guide us and protect us.

Peace be with you all ~

Father Stanley



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March 29, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Presently, there are 28 retired diocesan priests. We have all been blessed to have been the beneficiaries of their sacred ministry: countless Holy Masses, baptisms, weddings and confessions. They bring us the healing hand of Christ at the hour of death and they mourn with us when they bury our dead. Where would we be without their sacrificial gift of their lives for the Church?

Our priests have selflessly offered decades of service to the faithful. They have dedicated their lives to guiding us in our journey of faith. As our priests age and retire, they often experience ongoing challenges that require our continuing care and attention.

We are asked to share our blessings bestowed upon us so that our retired priests can continue to celebrate Mass, assist with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, continue to bring Christ's love to the sick and serve as spiritual leaders. While the retirement age for the majority of our diocesan priests is 75, their administrative responsibilities end but their pastoral and sacramental ministry continues. The retired priests, who for health reasons cannot minister in the parishes, gratefully also continue to support our local Church through their prayers and example.

Next weekend, April 4 and 5, we celebrate Palm Sunday, and the faithful of our diocese will have the opportunity to acknowledge those priests who have faithfully served our diocese by responding to the Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests. All funds raised through this collection will be used exclusively to support our retired priests who reside at the Maria Regina Residence in Somerset.

Your generous response to next week's special collection is a practical way to convey your personal appreciation to our retired priests for their many years of service. Thank you for your continued generosity and grateful heart.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen