

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART



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Monday– Thursday	9:00 am to 2:00 pm
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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.

APRIL 19, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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, April 18

- 4:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart Holy Name Society • Mass will be celebrated privately
- 5:30pm(P)+ Maria Micula • Mass will be celebrated privately
Req. by: Family

SUNDAY, April 19

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

- 7:00am Pro Populo / People of the Parish • Mass will be celebrated privately
- 9:00am(P)+ Zdzisław Orzechowski • Mass will be livestreamed in Polish
Req. by: Marek Orzechowski
- 11:00am + Eric Medina • Mass will be livestreamed in English
Req. by: Sue Medina
- 12:00pm + Frank Zebro • Mass will be celebrated privately
Req. by: Family
- 2:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Chaplet of Divine Mercy • Livestreamed in English & Polish
- 3:00pm Mercy Mass • Mass will be livestreamed in English & Polish

MONDAY, April 20

- 8:00am + Maria Pupek (Anniversary) • Mass will be celebrated privately
Req. by: Grazyna Lazur

TUESDAY, April 21

Saint Anselm

- 8:00am + Claire Kwiatkowski • Mass will be celebrated privately
Req. by: Sacred Heart Rosary Society

WEDNESDAY, April 22

- 8:00am + Stephen & Mary Denarski • Mass will be celebrated privately
Req. by: Barbara Zielinski

THURSDAY, April 23

Saint George / Saint Adalbert

- 8:00am + Robert Standowski • Mass will be celebrated privately
Req. by: Mother & Family

FRIDAY, April 24

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

- 8:00am + Zbigniew A. Wilk • Mass will be celebrated privately
Req. by: Parents
- 7:00pm(P) Ewa Kotowska • Mass will be celebrated privately

SATURDAY, April 25

Saint Mark

- 8:00am + Edward & Genevieve Kwiecinski • Mass will be celebrated privately
Req. by: Daughter, Janet
- 4:00pm + Halina & Zbigniew Piewkos • Mass will be celebrated privately
Req. by: Urszula Kazimierczak
- 5:30pm + Jozefa & Wawrzyniec Loren • Mass will be celebrated privately
Req. by: Zofia & Kazimierz Jamiolkowski

SUNDAY, April 26

Third Sunday of Easter

- 7:00am + Henry J. Grobelny • Mass will be celebrated privately
Req. by: The Grobelny Family
- 9:00am(P) Health & Success of Patrycja Kotowska • Mass will be livestreamed in Polish
Req. by: Ewa Kotowska
- 11:00am Pro Populo / People of the Parish • Mass will be livestreamed in English
- 12:00pm + Maran & Julia Perepolka • Mass will be celebrated privately
Req. by: John & MaryJo Lambert

If you would like to view a livestream Mass or Prayer Service and you have a Facebook account, please click on the "Church of the Sacred Heart" Facebook page, click on "Events" on the left side of the home page; you will see a list of scheduled livestream events.

If you do not have a Facebook account, please go to the Diocesan website "Parish Livestream List" at: <https://diometuchen.org/parish-live-streams>, click on Sacred Heart - South Amboy, and it will take you to the Sacred Heart Facebook page and the livestreamed events.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

April 4 / April 5, 2020

Regular Collection:	\$ 3,054.00
Easter Mass Remembrances:	\$ 230.00
Parish Repairs:	\$ 180.00

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. May He help us through this time of trial.

~ *Father Stanley*

BISHOP'S APPEAL

As of April 8, 2020, the Development Office/Diocese of Metuchen has received pledges totaling \$38,572.00 and payments of \$34,169.25, from 167 parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish. This represents 70.1% of our \$55,000.00 goal.

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2020

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sanctuary / Tabernacle Candle

+ **Zbigniew A. Wilk**
Parents

Blessed Mother's Altar Candles

(no intentions taken)

Saint John Paul II Altar Candles

(no intentions taken)

Candle for The Sacred Heart of Jesus

+ **Nicholas Weber**
Ann & Family

Candle for Saint Joseph

(no intention taken)

Candle for Jesus Crucified

(no intention taken)

Candle for Our Lady of Fatima

(no intention taken)

Candle for Saint Anne

(no intention taken)

Candle for Infant of Prague

(no intention taken)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 11 / April 12, 2020

Regular Collection:	\$ 1,480.00
Easter Collection:	\$ 6,581.00
Holy Thursday:	\$ 613.00
Good Friday:	\$ 568.00

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY JOB OPENINGS

Businesses across New Jersey need thousands of workers for immediate hire. Interested applicants are advised to visit the site listed below to view available jobs @ <https://covid19.nj.gov/>. Please note that the listing of these businesses that are currently hiring is for information only and not an endorsement of services provided.

NEW JERSEY SAFE HAVEN LAW

Under the NJ Safe Haven Infant Protection Act a person may give up an unwanted infant anonymously. A distressed parent can give up custody of a baby less than 30 days old safely, legally and anonymously. The baby is to be brought to any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid and rescue squad that are staffed 24 hours a day, The parent may also call the Safe Haven Hotline @ 1-877-839-2339 for direction and assistance.

HEAL THE HEARTBREAK OF ABORTION

"Surrendering the Secret" is a journey towards healing from a past abortion. This study enables women to release the burden of suffering in a small, group environment. Eight (8) week sessions begin April 23, 2020, from 7:00 to 8:30pm at St. Mary's, Plainfield. For more info & to register, contact Healing@lifechoicesrc.com.

Please keep in your prayers the following people of our parish who are victims of the coronavirus ~

Martha Stary

David Timmerman

Steve Makwinski

May the Lord love and comfort their families in their grief and sorrow!

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

*"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them
'Peace be with you.'"*
~ John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships - with God and each other. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAR SHOW
JUNE 5, 2020**

South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 will hold their annual "Classic Car Cruise Night" on June 5th from 6:00 pm to 9:00pm at the K of C parking lot, 308 Fourth Street, SA. Trophies will be awarded to the best entries. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donations to the local food banks. For more info, call Jan @ 732-553-9060.

BBQ BASEBALL FIREWORKS / JULY 10, 2020

The Knights are sponsoring an outing to the Somerset Patriots vs. Lancaster Barnstormers in a 7:05pm game. Cost is \$35.00 includes game ticket, all you eat barbecue thru the 3rd inning; fountain drinks thru the 7th inning. For more info, call Steve @ 732-727-1707.

METS TRIP / AUGUST 1, 2020

See the Mets host the Miami Marlins at a 7:10pm game at Citi Field. Cost is \$135.00 pp and includes reserved seats, bus transportation, snacks, promotional item, etc. For more information, call Steve @ 732-727-1707.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*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.*



IMPORTANT

Due to the pandemic, The Sacred Heart Parish Tricky Tray has been postponed until May 29, 2020!

Donations are still being accepted and tickets for this event are still available!

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Niedziela Miłosierdzia Bożego

19 Kwiecień, 2020

Bóg na przestrzeni czasów i dziejów zawsze ogarniał grzeszną ludzkość swym Miłosierdziem. Miniony 20-ty wiek był świadkiem wyjątkowych okrucieństw i grzechów przeciw Bogu i ludziom.

W tymże to czasie Pan Bóg w swej przeogromnej miłości ku rodzajowi ludzkiemu okazuje szczególnie w Jezusie Chrystusie swój największy przymiot: MIŁOSIERDZIE. Zbawiciel nasz przez siostrę Faustynę obwieszcza ludzkości nastanie dla świata czasu niezgłębionego Miłosierdzia Bożego, o czym niejednokrotnie pisze siostra Faustyna w swoim „Dzienniczku”. *„Nie znajdzie ludzkość uspokojenia dopóki nie zwroci się z ufnością do Miłosierdzia Mojego”.*

Siostra Faustyna została pierwszą Świętą kanonizowaną w Roku Wielkiego Jubileuszu, 30 kwietnia, 2000 r.

Święto Miłosierdzia Bożego, w pierwszą niedzielę po Wielkanocy – jak to Chrystus polecił św. Faustynie – ma być dniem szczególnej czci Boga, dniem szczególnej łaski dla wszystkich, dniem związanym z największą obietnicą zupełnego odpuszczenia kar i win (Dz. 300) po dobrze odbytej spowiedzi, i godnie przyjętej Komunii św.

Przygotowaniem do tego święta ma być Nowenna polegająca na odmawianiu przez 9 dni Koronki do Miłosierdzia Bożego, poczynając od Wielkiego Piątku aż do Niedzieli Miłosierdzia.

Święty Janie Pawle II – módl się za nami.

Święta Siostrze Faustyno – módl się za nami.

Szczęść Wam Boże

Ks. Marian

FROM AN ANCIENT HOMILY

The Lord descends into hell

Something strange is happening - there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and He has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, He has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, He who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won Him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man He had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him: "And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

I am your God, who for your sake have become your Son. Out of love for you and for your descendants, I now by my own authority command all who are held to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of My hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in Me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated.

For your sake, I, your God, became your Son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on My face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in My image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced My side for you who slept In paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

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This homily was written so many, many years ago, but how it could have been written today!

Let us cooperate with God's grace during this challenging time, a time that takes us out of our comfort zone but gives us the opportunity to grow closer to Him in prayer and giving to others.

~ *Father Stanley*