

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

ASCENSION



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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.

MAY 24, 2020

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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, May 23

- 4:00pm Birthday Blessings in Heaven + Jerry Gorczyca
Req. by: Corinne, Jeffrey & Craig • Mass will be celebrated privately
- 5:30pm Za Dusze + Juliusz Niec
Req. by: Ewa Mroczkowski • Mass will be celebrated privately

SUNDAY, May 24

The Ascension of the Lord

- 7:00am + Bette Anne Kolodziej
Req. by: Cathy Tabaszewski • Mass will be celebrated privately
- 9:00am(P) Pro Populo / People of the Parish • Mass will be livestreamed in Polish
- 10:30am + Terry & Sadie Ruszala
Req. by: Frank Ruszala Family • Mass will be livestreamed in English
- 12:00pm + Edward R. Szatkowski
Req. by: Eileen Szatkowski • Mass will be celebrated privately

MONDAY, May 25

Saint Bede the Venerable / Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

- 8:00am Living & Deceased Veterans of Sacred Heart Parish
Req. by: CWV Post #578 • Mass will be celebrated privately

TUESDAY, May 26

Saint Philip Neri

- 8:00am Health & God's Blessings on Janina, Izabela & Pawel
Req. by: Izabela Regula • Mass will be celebrated privately

WEDNESDAY, May 27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury

- 8:00am + Myron Falkowski
Req. by: Wife • Mass will be celebrated privately

THURSDAY, May 28

- 8:00am Anna Jamiolkowska
Req. by: Zofia Kamiolkowska & K. Jamiolkowski • Mass will be celebrated privately

FRIDAY, May 29

- 8:00am + Henryk & Pola Czechowski
Req. by: Daughter • Mass will be celebrated privately
- 7:00pm(P)+ Krystyna & Edward Szymanski
Req. by: Hanna Szymanska & Rodzina • Mass will be celebrated privately

SATURDAY, May 30

- 8:00am + William Luke
Req. by: Donna Sloan • Mass will be celebrated privately
- 4:00pm + Michael & Pauline Tabaszewski (Anniv)
Req. by: Jackie & Allen Bagwell • Mass will be celebrated privately
- 5:30pm(P)+ Violetta Boguszewski
Req. by: Ewa & Waldemar Mroczkowski • Mass will be celebrated privately

SUNDAY, May 31

Pentecost Sunday

- 7:00am Pro Populo / People of the Parsh • Mass will be celebrated privately
- 9:00am(P)+ Zbigniew A. Wilk (Anniversary)
Req. by: Sister & Family • Mass will be livestreamed in Polish
- 10:30am + Jennie Piechocinski
Req. by: Dembowski Family • Mass will be livestreamed in English
- 12:00pm + Raymond Durski
Req. by: Durski Family • Mass will be celebrated privately

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.

~ Father Stanley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 16 / May 17, 2020

Regular Collection: \$ 5,477.00
Parish Repairs: \$ 120.00

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

*Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in You, my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings,
I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.*

- Psalm 57:1-2

WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sanctuary / Tabernacle Candle

Happy Birthday Blessings on Father Marian
Ed & Georgette Engelhardt

Blessed Mother's Altar Candles

(no intentions taken)

Saint John Paul II Altar Candles

Happy Birthday Blessings on Father Marian
Sacred Heart Rosary Society

Birthday Blessings on Aubrey Maslowski
Babci & Dziadzi

Candle for The Sacred Heart of Jesus

(no intention taken)

Candle for Saint Joseph

+ Edward Kwiecinski
Daughter, Janet

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)

BISHOP'S APPEAL

As of May 14, 2020, the Development Office/Diocese of Metuchen has received pledges totaling \$43,094.50 and payments of \$40,224.25, from 198 parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish. This represents 78.4% of our \$55,000.00 goal. Thank you for your generosity!



The Sacred Heart Tricky Tray originally scheduled for April 24, 2020, will take place on Friday, September 11, 2020!

Tickets are still available for this fundraiser and you may still drop off donations at the parish office by leaving a message with the answering service!

SACRED HEART ROSARY SOCIETY RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following winners of our annual Gift Card Raffle:

- First Prize: Sandra Read
\$150.00 VISA Gift Card
- Second Prize: Donna Biamonte
\$ 75.00 VISA Gift Card
- Third Prize: Jeffrey Gor
\$ 50.00 VISA Gift Card
- Fourth Prize: June Olenczak
\$ 25.00 VISA Gift Card

**Many thanks to all who participated
in this fundraiser!**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"I am praying for them..."
~ John 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24TH

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

SACRED HEART CCD / PREP

Registrations for the upcoming 2020 / 2021 CCD/PREP classes are now being accepted. Forms can be found on the PREP website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/sacredheartccdprep/> or on the parish website: sacredheartsa.org

If you are new to the program or have a child going into Level One, please contact Mrs. Liana at: sacredheartsaprep@gmail.com before registering. Registrations are due by August 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Liana.

SACRED HEART 50-50 RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for the upcoming raffle on June 14, 2020, have been mailed to all registered parishioners.

If you have not received your tickets or for additional tickets, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and address with the answering service.

Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

I WILL SAY OF THE
LORD, "HE IS MY REFUGE
AND MY FORTRESS, MY
GOD IN WHOM I TRUST."

Psalm 91:2

Wniebowstąpienie Pańskie

24 Maja, 2020

Liturgia Słowa uroczystości Wniebowstąpienia daje nadzieję na niebo. Pierwszym i najważniejszym gwarantem tej nadziei jest Chrystus, który „został wzięty do nieba”. Dał też Apostołom wiele dowodów, że żyje. Po swoim zmartwychwstaniu ukazywał się im wielokrotnie. W momencie wniebowstąpienia aniołowie zapewnili uczniów: „Ten Jezus, wzięty od was do nieba, przyjdzie tak samo, jak widzieliście Go wstępującego do nieba”.

Każdy człowiek potrzebuje nadziei, by posiadać Boga. Chrześcijanin, dla którego sytuacja nigdy nie jest beznadziejna, wezwany jest do tego, aby „wypłynąć na głębię” i, poznając oblicze Chrystusa, ciągle na nowo „przekraczał próg nadziei”. W tym kontekście znamienne jest stwierdzenie św. Jana Pawła II: „Jest rzeczą bardzo ważną, ażeby przekroczyć próg nadziei, nie zatrzymywać się przed nim, ale pozwolić się prowadzić” (*Przekroczyć próg nadziei*, Lublin 1994, s. 163.).

W ujęciu biblijnym nadzieja jest więc pragnieniem, które kieruje nas ku szczęściu. Nadzieja zawiera w sobie odwagę istnienia i działania, połączoną z akceptacją ryzyka w życiu, z cierpliwym znoszeniem trudu i bólu, niecofaniem się nawet przed śmiercią. W świetle Biblii nadzieja realizuje się więc w trzech krokach, jakby w trzech wątkach: obietnicy, próby i spełnienia.

Wydaje się, że dziś nadzieja jest z jednej strony najbardziej nieodzowna, ponieważ stanowi dla człowieka moc pośród cierpień, doświadczeń i przeciwieństw. Gwarantem tej nadziei jest Jezus Chrystus, który do końca umiłował, czemu dał wyraz w Eucharystii.

Szczęść Wam Boże.

Ks. Marian

BON VOYAGE FATHER MARIAN



My Dear Parishioners:

It is with a sad heart that I must inform you that Father Marian has decided to return to his home diocese of Rzeszow, Poland, effective July 1, 2020.

Although this may come to you as a great surprise, please know that Father Marian has been here with Sacred Heart for the past thirteen (13) years and the time has come for a new chapter in Father Marian's life in ministry to God and God's holy people.

We wish him all of God's graces to continue to accompany him in his ministry as a Priest of Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Rzeszow, Poland. Although he will be **GREATLY MISSED**, we are very happy for him in his decision to return home. If you will miss him, trust me, I will miss him more. Father Marian has been a great brother Priest and a very good friend. Father Marian's personality in ministering to you has been joyful and eventful. We shall miss him, we shall miss his humor, kindness, and his presence among us.

I personally am grateful to Father Marian for his dedication in serving the good people of Sacred Heart, for his countless sacrifices by putting the ministry above his personal needs, for his selflessness and friendship. Father Marian, loved by many, will be very much missed and never forgotten. So we should be happy for him and wish him all the best in his future ministry.

Our parish family has been blessed by having Father Marian among us and now another parish family will be blessed just as much. Please pray for Father Marian and for all the Priests of our Diocese as we all journey back to our homeland in heaven.

~ *Father Stanley*

BON VOYAGE KSIĘŻE MARIANIE

Moi Drodzy Parafianie:

Ze smutnym sercem muszę poinformować, że ksiądz Marian podjął decyzję o powrocie do swojej rodzinnej diecezji rzeszowskiej z dniem 1 lipca 2020 roku.

Chociaż może to być dla Was wielkim zaskoczeniem, proszę wiedzieć, że ksiądz Marian był w naszej Parafii Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa przez ostatnie trzynaście (13) lat i nadszedł czas na nowy rozdział w życiu księdza Mariana w służbie Bogu i świętemu ludowi Bożemu.

Życzymy Mu aby wszystkie łaski Boże nadal towarzyszyły Mu w Jego posłudze jako kapłana Jezusa Chrystusa w diecezji rzeszowskiej w Polsce. Mimo, że będzie nam Go bardzo brakowało, jesteśmy bardzo szczęśliwi z Nim w Jego decyzji o powrocie do domu. Jeśli Wy będziecie za Nim tęsknić, zaufajcie mi, ja będę za Nim tęsknił bardziej. Ksiądz Marian był wielkim bratem w kapłaństwie i bardzo dobrym przyjacielem. Księdza Mariana posługiwanie kapłańskie wobec Was było radosne i obfitujące we wszelakie wydarzenia. Będziemy za Nim tęsknić, będziemy tęsknić za Jego humorem, życzliwością i Jego obecnością wśród nas.

Osobiście jestem wdzięczny księdzu Marianowi za Jego oddanie w służbie dobrego ludu parafii Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa, za Jego niezliczone ofiary, stawiając posługę ponad Jego osobiste potrzeby, za Jego bezinteresowność i przyjaźń. Ksiądz Marian, kochany przez wielu, nigdy nie zostanie zapomniany, a wielu też będzie tęsknić za Nim. Ale powinniśmy życzyć Mu szczęścia, być szczęśliwi z Nim i życzyć Mu wszystkiego najlepszego w Jego przyszłej posłudze.

To było wielkie błogosławieństwo dla naszej rodziny parafialnej mieć księdza Mariana wśród nas. Jestem przekonany, że teraz obecność księdza Mariana w innej rodzinie parafialnej też będzie wielkim błogosławieństwem. Proszę, módlcie się za księdza Mariana i za wszystkich kapłanów naszej diecezji, bo kiedyś wszyscy wrócimy do naszej Ojczyzny w niebie.

~ *Father Stanley*