

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART



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Monday – Thursday	9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Fridays	CLOSED
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.

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 2, 2020

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE 7/3/20 ~ 8/30/20

Saturday evening: 4:00 pm (English), 5:30 pm (Polish)
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am (Polish), 11:00am
Weekdays: 8:00 am (Monday through Saturday)

CONFESSIONS

Before morning Mass except First Friday; 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
Holy Rosary: After 8:00 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 12:00pm 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, August 1

4:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart Rosary Society

5:30pm(P)+ Rozalia Kikta
Req. by: Family

SUNDAY, August 2

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Pro Populo / People of the Parish

9:00am(P)+ Zbigniew Sobolewski
Req. by: Rodzina

11:00am + Victor Paez
Req. by: The Yu Family

2:00pm Mass in Spanish

MONDAY, August 3

8:00am + John Holzer
Req. by: Kim Langella

TUESDAY, August 4

Saint John Vianney

8:00am + Maran & Julia Perepolka
Req. by: John & MaryJo Lambert

WEDNESDAY, August 5

Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

8:00am + Jane Prusakowski
Req. by: Sacred Heart Rosary Society

THURSDAY, August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00am + John Wilk
Req. by: Darlene C. Holzhauser

FRIDAY, August 7

Saint Sixtus II & Companions / Saint Cajetan

8:00am Mass for the Deceased
+ Zdzisław Skok
Req. by: Wieczorek Family
+ Claire Kwiatkowski
Req. by: Daughter, Claire

SATURDAY, August 8

Saint Dominic

8:00am + Purgatorial Society
4:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart Holy Name Society
5:30pm(P) Birthday Blessings on Chester Niedzwiecki
Req. by: Anna Makswiej

SUNDAY, August 9

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am + Jesse Blajek
Req. by: Kenny Keich
9:00am(P) Anniversary Blessings on Ewa & Waldemar Mroczkowski and God's Blessings on their Children
Req. by: Ewa & Waldemar Mroczkowski
11:00am + Elizabeth Krzyzkowski (Anniversary)
Req. by: Parents

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Saturday, August 1

◆ Parish Repairs Collection (not a 2nd collection)

Sunday, August 2

◆ Parish Repairs Collection (not a 2nd collection)

Friday, August 7

◆ Parish Office **CLOSED**

Saturday, August 8

◆ Second Collection next weekend for Air Conditioning

Sunday, August 9

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WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2020

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sanctuary / Tabernacle Candle

+ Stephen Makwinski
Joan Ryniec

Blessed Mother's Altar Candles

+ Geraldine Sherry
Leon Credico

The Health of Weronika Sobkow
Daughter

Saint John Paul II Altar Candles

+ John & Helen Boychuk
Rose Boychuk

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

+ John Holzer
Sister, Kim Langella

Saint Joseph Candle

(no intention taken)

Jesus Crucified Candle

+ John Lear
Anna Wilk & Family

Our Lady of Fatima Candle

(no intention taken)

Saint Anne Candle

(no intention taken)

Infant of Prague Candle

Hannah Dorothy Lee
Peter & Jo Anne Luccarelli

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

July 25 / July 26, 2020

Regular Collection:	\$ 5,230.25
Cemetery Fund Collection:	\$ 1,550.00
Online Giving:	\$ N/A
Regular Collection per Mass:	
<u>7/25/20</u>	
4:00pm	\$ 1,340.25
5:30pm	\$ 302.00
<u>7/26/20</u>	
7:00am	\$ 1,294.00
9:00am	\$ 855.00
11:00am	\$ 1,439.00

OUR PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

SACRED HEART SENIORS

All upcoming trips to Lake Hopatcong, Caesar's and the Staten are cancelled.

Further information will follow when available!

ROSARY SOCIETY

(no meetings in July and August)

9/5/20 Corporate Communion @ 4:00pm Mass

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Parishioners:

Re: Newly Assigned Priest

It is with great joy that I announce to you that Bishop Checchio has assigned Father Wojciech Kusek, C.Ss.R., as our new Parochial Vicar. Father Wojciech will begin his ministry here at Sacred Heart on September 1, 2020. Father Wojciech is fluent in English, Polish and Spanish.

We welcome Father Wojciech!

Re: Church Outdoor Sign

I am looking for someone who is capable and willing to restore our sign in the front of the church. This sign is in poor shape and in need of restoration. ***Please help!***

Re: Live-Streaming of Sunday Masses

I need someone capable and technically savvy to help us to live-stream the Sunday 11:00am Mass. Many of our parishioners who are unable to come to church on Sundays expressed their need to see Mass being celebrated in their own church and by their own Priest, rather than watching Mass celebrated live in another Parish. ***Please help!***

Re: Weekend Collections

Parish donations have drastically dropped during this COVID-19 pandemic. At the beginning of the pandemic our collections were a little over \$8,000.00 per week and now they are around a low of \$5,000.00. I do realize that times are difficult and so I thank all of you who do contribute to keep our parish afloat to pay its bills.

Thank you and God bless and reward you!

~ Father Stanley

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2nd

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Hab 1:12—2:4; Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

AUGUST 2, 2020

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Jesus said to them, ‘There is no need for them to go away; Give them some food yourselves.’”

~ Matthew 14:16

This is what Jesus said right before He fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us!



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. Please call the office @ 732-721-0040 for more information!

My Dear Parishioners:

I am pleased to joyfully welcome
Charles Baptista
to Sacred Heart Church.

Charles was an RCIA Candidate who was patiently waiting to complete his Christian initiation but his preparation was delayed due to COVID-19.

Charles completed Christian initiation through the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation.

Let us give thanks to God for leading Charles down to his path to oneness in faith!

~ Father Stanley

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](https://www.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 POLISH CCD

Katecheza na rok szkolny 2020/21 rozpocznie się w sobotę, 12 września. Ze względu na istniejącą sytuację związaną z pandemią, rejestracja odbędzie się drogą pocztową. Są dwa formularze. Dla powracających uczniów jak i dla nowych. Proszę wybrać odpowiedni dla siebie formularz, wypełnić i wraz z czekiem przesać do biura parafialnego. Opłaty jak w zeszłym roku, 1 dziecko=\$75, 2 dzieci=\$125, 3+ dzieci \$150. Czek wystawiamy na Sacred Heart Church. Adres: 531 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, NJ 08879

<https://sites.google.com/site/religiasa1/>

MONTHLY UTILITIES EXPENSE FOR JUNE 2020

Gas	\$ 367.00
Electric	\$1,157.55
Telephone	\$ 273.04
Water	\$ 870.01

Thank you all for your faithful support!

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI

Join other Catholics and people of good will as we approach the solemn occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima & Nagasaki on 8/6 and 8/9, 1945, with prayers of solidarity. Find resources like a prayer card & information to share @ [usccb.org/nuclear](https://www.usccb.org/nuclear). Let us pray and act for peace with our brothers and sisters around the world, but especially in Japan.

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who have so generously given to the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your gift helps support initiatives, services and the spiritual needs of all, among them, the work of Catholic Charities and the needs of those impacted by COVID-19. All funds raised through the Appeal are used to support the ministries and programs of the Diocese. There is still an opportunity to participate by responding to the most recent mailing or making an online pledge at <https://diometuchen.org/ways-to-give>.

FROM THE OFFICE OF MOST REV. JAMES F. CHECCHIO, BISHOP OF METUCHEN

As we continue to respond to the global pandemic of COVID-19 and its impact on our health and our economy, the social disease of racism in our country has also come to light in a compelling way. During this already difficult time, confusion, mistrust, anger and anxiety have all helped to bring to light an extremely contagious and dangerous outbreak of hate.

We are all equally made in the image and likeness of God. Racism occurs when this fundamental truth is ignored. It denies the teaching of Jesus and our common, created humanity. Racism is a sin that divides the human family.

Sadly, over the past few months, with the spread of the coronavirus, we have seen this division. Members of the Asian-American community became targets of hate and scapegoating, blamed for bringing and spreading the virus to the United States. There have been reports of verbal harassment, shunning and discrimination against Asians and people of Asian descent across the country, as well as around the world.

The pandemic has also laid bare the structural inequities in healthcare, economics and the criminal justice system all at once. This is evidenced by the disproportionate number of COVID-19 deaths among African Americans, Latinos and Native Americans. For instance, while African Americans make up only about 13 percent of the population, they represent nearly one-third of U.S. deaths from the virus.

The tragic killing of George Floyd, points to a growing number of injustices against people of color and highlights the need for systemic reform and an end to discriminatory practices.

In November 2018, in response to the persistent evil of racism in our country, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral letter entitled, "Open Wide Your Hearts — the Enduring Call to Love." Recognizing that racism still profoundly affects our culture, the pastoral letter is a call to a "genuine conversion of heart, a conversion that will compel change, and the reform of our institutions and society." The document calls each of us to spend time understanding our role in enabling racism to continue to impact our communities and prompts us to take action.

We need to address this national plague with the same intensity we are using in our efforts to eradicate the COVID-19 virus. The root of racism is never "someplace else" but rather it lies within the human heart. We each can contribute to a civilization of love or of hate. Racial healing begins by a greater acceptance of our own humanity as a gift from the Father, and then, a recognition that every person is a child of the One Father. Let us turn to Our Blessed Mother and ask her for the graces needed to overcome the evil of racism and build a just society. Let us ask that prejudice and animosity no longer infect our hearts or minds but be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Gratefully, there have been some very good pastoral responses in our diocese to the wound of racism. As you know, we have gathered as a diocesan family in a time of sustained prayer as our first greatest strength. Pope Francis at a recent general audience in Rome asked us to turn to the "the Divine Heart, full of peace and love where we can entrust all the anxieties of our hearts and our imperfect love. From the pierced heart of the Savior flows, for all humanity, the source of all consolation and the ocean of Divine Mercy. Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like yours!"

In this month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we in our diocese have dedicated each Friday for special livestreamed prayer for justice, peace and healing in our nation. We began with a livestream prayer service from Holy Family Parish in New Brunswick at the Sacred Heart worship site. Our Director of Vocations, Father Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez, presided. Father Alphonsus Kariuki, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Dunellen and coordinator of the African Apostolate, presided there at our second prayer service. I presided at the next livestreamed service on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, June 19, at our Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Our Vicar General, Father Timothy Christy, will preside at the final prayer service on the last Friday of the month, June 26. It will be livestreamed from The Church Sacred Heart of Jesus in South Plainfield.

I am grateful, too, that all our parishes are participating in a novena to St. Katherine Drexel, the patron saint of racial justice; the saint we pray to for an end to racism. This began June 19 and will end June 27. Sustained prayer will pave the way to peace and justice in our land.

In addition to our livestreamed prayer services, I have also held a listening session with some of our black students from our Catholic high schools. It was enlightening but painful to listen to how racism has affected their lives. They also expressed hope as the response by so many, uniting together to address this scourge, has been inspirational to them. We are blessed by our youth, again!

Please know of my love and concern for all of you. At its foundation, racism is a spiritual problem. We cannot overcome it by our determination alone but need God's help. We are blessed with the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance to assist us. As the world at times seems to be moving further away from God, we all must recommit ourselves to seeing with eyes of faith. God our Father looks with love at each of us. May we have His vision, the vision of the Kingdom of God.

+ James F. Checchio

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