

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART



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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday	9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Fridays	CLOSED
Evenings/Saturdays	By appointment

Sacred Heart CCD/PREP 732-721-0040

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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.

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 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

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)

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, September 19

- 4:00pm + Teresa Sakowicz
Req. by: Children
5:30pm(P) Good Health & God's Blessings on the
Dec Family
Req. by: Family

SUNDAY, September 20

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00am + Mary Bouchard
*Req. by: Fr. Stanley, Fr. Wojciech
& SH Parish Office Staff*
9:00am(P) Pro Populo/ People of the Parish
10:30am Living & Deceased Members of the
SH Council of Catholic Women
12:00pm God's Blessings on the
45th Wedding Anniversary of
Richard & Donna Standowski
Req. by: Mother & Father

MONDAY, September 21

Saint Matthew

- 8:00am + Marie Merski
Req. by: Esther Zamorski

TUESDAY, September 22

- 8:00am + Genevieve Kwiecinski
Req. by: Daughter, Janet

WEDNESDAY, September 23

Saint Pius of Peltre

- 8:00am + Kathleen Bailey
Req. by: Karen Bebert & Leanne Bailey

THURSDAY, September 24

- 8:00am + Robert Nieltopp
Req. by: Jean & Barry Rasimowicz

FRIDAY, September 25

- 8:00am + Roman Mach
Req. by: Christopher & Anna Mach

SATURDAY, September 26

Saints Cosmos & Damian

- 8:00am + Ron Sasso
Req. by: Michele Sasso & Ken Benson
4:00pm God's Blessings on the
60th Wedding Anniversary of
Joe & Mary Agnes Morris
Req. by: Joe & Mary Agnes Morris
5:30pm(P)+ Stefania & Antoni Grela
Req. by: Marzena & Henryk Jablonski

SUNDAY, September 27

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00am + Lorraine Pachkowski
Req. by: Shirley Lakatos
9:00am(P)+ Wanda Sliwowska
Req. by: Anna & Zbigniew Sliwowski
10:30am + Michael Coman
Req. by: Roger & Marlene Johnson
12:00pm + Anna Olkusz
Req. by: Dave & Marianne
2:00pm (S) Pro Populo / People of the Parish

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Saturday, September 19

- ◆ NJ Right to Life Raffle at all Masses

Sunday, September 20

- ◆ NJ Right to Life Raffle at all Masses

Saturday, September 26

- ◆ First Holy Communion / 9:00am and 11:00am

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sanctuary / Tabernacle Candle

- + Kathleen and Ralph Bailey
Karen Bebert & Leanne Bailey

Blessed Mother's Altar Candles

- + Lorraine Pachkowski
Julie Garbowski
+ Marie Merski
Merski Family

Saint John Paul II Altar Candles

- + Walter Kijowski
Family
+ Walter Kijowski
Family

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

- + Lorraine Pachkowski
Julie Garbowski

Saint Joseph Candle

Happy 100th Birthday in Heaven

- + Walter Ruszczuk
Steve & Cheryl Schmid

Jesus Crucified Candle

(no intention taken)

Our Lady of Fatima Candle

- + Lorraine Pachkowski
Shirley Lakatos

Saint Anne Candle

- + Marie Merski
Merski Family

Infant of Prague Candle

God's Blessings on the
60th Wedding Anniversary of
Joe & Mary Agnes Morris
Joan & Fred Fulham

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

September 12 / September 13, 2020

Regular Collection: \$ 6,238.51
Peter's Pence Collection : \$ 1,386.00
Online Giving: \$ 1,365.00

Regular Collection per Mass:

9/12/20

4:00pm \$ 1,876.51
5:30pm \$ 398.00

9/13/20

7:00am \$ 861.00
9:00am \$ 964.00
10:30am \$ 1,227.00
12:00pm \$ 912.00

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!

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

Trips to Atlantic City are suspended until further notice. For more information, call Lorraine @ 732-721-6843.

ROSARY SOCIETY

10/10/20 America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally/
12:00pm / Front of Memorial Hall
10/11/20 Corporate Communion @ 10:30am Mass
followed by "Breakfast"

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

9/20/20 Corporate Communion @ 10:30am Mass
10/13/20 Meeting / 7:30pm / Memorial Hall LL

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

(to be announced)

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

10/17-10/18 Poppy Sale before and after all Masses

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 @South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is temporarily closed due to the restrictions imposed by the state.

SACRED HEART CCD / PREP

Contact Mrs. Shannon Liana @
sacredheartsaprep@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S PRAISE & WORSHIP / YOUTH MASS

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

Youth Masses (temporarily suspended)

If your child is interested in joining the Children's Band or Chorus, please call 732-721-0040.

YOUTH MINISTRY

10/21/20 Meeting / 7:00-8:30pm/ School Gym

BOY SCOUT TROOP #95

Meetings (temporarily suspended) are every
Tuesday @ 7:00pm in the Convent.

Parent meetings once per month on Monday @ 7:30pm

PRAISE AND WORSHIP GROUP

Sacred Heart Praise & Worship Group is temporarily suspended due to the pandemic. They normally meet on Mondays @ 7:30pm in the Convent. New members are always welcomed!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Food collections are suspended until further notice.

LOVE LIFE GROUP

10/4/20 Life Chain / 2:00-3:30pm / Sayreville H.S.
Washington Rd., Parlin, NJ

Please come and pray the Rosary @ American Wellness Center, 228 Main St., Woodbridge, where abortions are performed daily. Pray for an end to abortion! For more information, call Anne @ 732-721-7583.

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.

OFFICE HOURS

As of September 21st, the Sacred Heart Parish Office will be open its regular hours:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am ~ 2:00pm
Friday: 9:00am ~ 12:00pm



TO THE WINNERS OF THE SEPTEMBER 13TH QUARTERLY 50/50 RAFFLE

1st Prize:	Colleen Toth	\$920.00
2nd Prize:	Raymond & Lynn Mikolay	\$552.00
3rd Prize:	Gary Stricker	\$368.00

Thank you to all who participated. Our next Quarterly 50/50 Raffle will take place on December 20, 2020.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

First Holy Communion for English CCD only will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2020 in two (2) sessions: 9:00 am and 11:00am

COMMUNION REHEARSAL:

9:00 am Session: 9/24/20 & 9/25/20 @ 4:00pm
11:00am Session: 9/24/20 & 9/25/20 @ 5:00pm

Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in two (2) sessions:

Saturday, October 17, 2020 @ 10:00am (Polish)
Saturday, October 24, 2020 @ 10:00am (English)

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL:

10/17/20 Session: Friday, October 16, 2020 @ 6:00pm
10/24/20 Session: Friday, October 23, 2020 @ 6:00pm

For additional information, please contact your CCD/PREP director:

[Shannon Liana ~ sacredheartsaprep@gmail.com \(E\)](mailto:Shannon.Liana~sacredheartsaprep@gmail.com)
[Ania Halajko ~ ahalajko@gmail.com \(P\)](mailto:Ania.Halajko~ahalajko@gmail.com)

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/>



LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

Come and show your support for "Life" by joining in the "Life Chain". The Life Chain will start at the Sayreville War Memorial High School, Washington Rd, Sayreville at 2:00pm to 3:30pm. It will end at the Sayreville Knights of Columbus Hall on Washington Road.

MISA DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA

"Una comunidad Hispana que vive y comparte el Evangelio a través de sus tradiciones"

Fecha: Viernes 25 de Septiembre

Hora: 7:30pm

Transmisión en vivo por Facebook Live

Para realizar una donación, ingrese a la página

<https://diometuchen.org/hispanicevangelization>
Information: Hispanic.ministry@diometuchen.org

VOLUNTEER



The Sacred Heart Parish Office is in need of two (2) people to volunteer as counters for the weekend collections. You will need to count once every three (3) weeks at 8:45am on a Monday morning (if Monday is a holiday we count on Tuesday). The counters are usually here for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. If you have some free time and are interested in helping out, please contact Karen at the Parish Office.

Thank you

A big "thank you" goes out to Bob O'Connor for assisting us with the livestreaming of Sunday Mass and getting us some new equipment to make the livestreaming a lot easier. We greatly appreciate your help, Bob!

~ Father Stanley

MAKING MORAL CHOICES AND APPLYING OUR PRINCIPLES

HOW DOES THE CHURCH HELP THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL TO SPEAK ABOUT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS

A WELL-FORMED CONSCIENCE

The Church equips its members to address political questions by helping them develop well-formed consciences. “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act. Every person is obliged to follow faithfully what he or she knows to be just and right”. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1778). We Catholics have a lifelong obligation to form our consciences in accord with human reason, enlightened by the teaching of Christ as it comes to us through the Church.

THE VIRTUE OF PRUDENCE

The Church also encourages Catholics to develop the virtue of prudence, which enables us “to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no.1806). As Catholics seek to advance the common good, we must carefully discern which public policies are morally sound. At times, Catholics may choose different ways to respond to social problems, but we cannot differ on our obligations to protect human life and dignity and help build, through moral means, a more just and peaceful world.

AVOIDING TWO TEMPTATIONS

Two temptations in public life can distort the Church’s defense of human life and dignity: The first is a moral equivalent that makes no ethical distinctions between different kinds of issues involving human life and dignity. The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed. The second is the misuse of these necessary moral distinctions as a way of dismissing or ignoring other serious threats to human life and dignity. Racism and other unjust discrimination, the use of the death penalty, resorting to unjust war, environmental degradation, the use of torture, war crimes, the failure to respond to those who are suffering from hunger or a lack of health care or housing, pornography, human trafficking, redefining civil marriage, compromising religious liberty or unjust immigration policies are all serious moral issues that challenge our consciences and require us to act.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CELEBRATING SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary by receiving a congratulatory message from Bishop James F. Checchio. Registration is required to receive your message by mail. Please register online at: www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration. If you are unable to access it online, please contact your parish secretary or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 15, 2020. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.

LIFE GIVING WOUNDS:

Are your parents divorced, separated, or otherwise not together? Are you struggling with the effects of that and looking for guidance? Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to support adults from broken homes, is running an online retreat from October 1st to November 12th. Retreatants will meet others who “get” the pain of having your parents split up, and will hear from fellow adult children of divorce or separation on dealing with anger, anxiety, family boundaries, forgiveness, and more. You are not alone! \$75.00 early-bird, \$100.00 after September 20th, \$50.00 college students. . For more information and registration, visit <https://lifegivingwounds.org/online retreat>.