

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART



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Office Hours:

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| Monday – Thursday | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm |
| Fridays | 9:00am to 12:00pm |
| Evenings/Saturdays | By appointment |

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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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 8, 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. Every 1st Friday @ 6:00pm.

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, November 7

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

5:30pm(P)+ Maria Micula
Req. by: Family

SUNDAY, November 8

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Pro Populo / People of the Parish

9:00am(P)+ Edward & Genowefa Stajek
Req. by: Zbigniew & Malgorzata Stajek

10:30am + Hidy Kim Mei Yu
Req. by: Peter & Joanne Luccarelli

12:00pm + Agnes Corvino
Req. by: Ernie & Shirley Read

MONDAY, November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00am + Paul Bulla
Req. by: Diane & Family

TUESDAY, November 10

Saint Leo the Great

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

WEDNESDAY, November 11

Saint Martin of Tours

8:00am Living & Deceased Veterans of Sacred Heart Parish

THURSDAY, November 12

Saint Josaphat

8:00am + Clare & Edward Moskwa
Req. by: Elaine Atkinson

FRIDAY, November 13

Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini

8:00am + Claire Mackiel
Req. by: Omar Chaudhery

SATURDAY, November 14

8:00am + Jonathan Signorile
Req. by: Omar Chaudhery

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

5:30pm(P)+ Gertrude & Jan Urban
+ Marianna Klajn
Req. by: Maria Klein & Family

SUNDAY, November 15

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am + Pauline D'Amico
Req. by: Knights of Columbus Council #426

9:00am(P) Pro Populo / People of the Parish

10:30am + Helen Soluri
Req. by: Elizabeth & Matthew Crincoli

12:00pm + Cynthia Meyer
Req. by: Kristen, John & Ryan Scarpa

If any family member of those mentioned in the Mass intentions is present, please inform the ushers.

You may bring the gifts to the altar.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Saturday, November 7

- ◆ Fuel Collection next weekend
- ◆ SHeart Rosary Society Christmas Cemetery Decoration Sale begins

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ALTAR WINE AND HOSTS FOR THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES ARE DONATED FOR:

90th Birthday Blessings on Marguerite Zielinski
Daughter, Kim Langella



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sanctuary / Tabernacle Candle
+ Geraldine Mroczkowski

Monica, Bob and Brian

Blessed Mother's Altar Candles

+ George & Sophie Oklamcak

Daughter, J. Lorraine Laubach

Estelle Klimek

Daughter, Joy

Saint John Paul II Altar Candles

(no intentions taken)

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

God's Blessings on President Trump & Family

The Horezga Family

Saint Joseph Candle

+ Joseph Klimek

Daughter, Joy

Jesus Crucified Candle

The Health of Matthew Sammon

Justine & Patrick Dineen

Our Lady of Fatima Candle

Joy Klimek

Family

Saint Anne Candle

God's Blessings on Helen Kuc

Josephine Starosciak

Infant of Prague Candle

Birthday Blessings on Jason Maslowski

Babci & Dziadzi

November 3, 2020

My Dear Parishioners:

Re: Financial Year 2019 ~ 2020

COVID-19 has prevented many from attending Mass regularly. Pews had to be blocked off for “*Social Distancing*” so that we can hold Mass. Lent and Easter were cancelled, “**whoever heard of that?**” Many have gotten ill and some passed away due to existing conditions and illness as COVID-19 became a major contributing factor. With all that, I still need you to be informed of our parish’s financial status.

Four hundred (400) registered families have not contributed a penny for well over a year. We are in the process of reaching out to these registered parishioners. Currently, our average weekly collection is around \$6,000.00, that’s \$24,000.00 per month. Thank you to so many of you who did not stop giving and supporting. It is because of you that we are able to pay bills and continue to function. However, our expenses and obligations are \$44,000.00 per month. We are \$20,000.00 short.

If this trend continues, I figure that, in seven months from now, we will only be able to pay utilities and nothing more. Basically, we may have to close. Because of this sobering fact we are embarking on an “**Increase Giving Campaign**”. I will also be mailing out a letter to all of you. If by any chance and only if your means allow, would you consider increasing your weekly donation by one dollar or five or more. I know that this does not look well, but it is a sobering fact. The parish is as financially sound as is the members’ generosity in support of it.

Now, many of you are extremely generous, and for that, I cannot thank you enough! But many have not been as generous as they ought to be for one reason or another. Even before this pandemic, year after year, our parish was not able to meet all of its obligations. That is the reason why we have fallen so behind with Property and Liability Insurance payments. One way or another, sooner or later, this has to be paid. Our annual parish Assessment is \$73,200.00. Annual Property and Liability Insurance premium is \$108,000.00 average since 2012. We are in arrears \$748,888.00. We are assessed an Elementary School Assessment of \$27,100.00, plus, we were unable to pay off last year’s, so now we have \$45,000.00 outstanding. In addition, we still are on the hook for two (2) loans: school wall repair at \$367,000.00 and Operating Costs Loan of \$219,000.00. All of these need to be paid sooner or later!

In addition to all that, we have so many projects that still are pending, such as painting our church interior and repairing the damaged plaster due to water infiltration, repairing the weather damage done to the interior of one of the church building towers, repairing the weather-damaged exterior church windows’ protective glass and frames, demolishing the old “Parish House”, and perhaps even, repairing leaks on the rectory roof. We also need to lose the Convent building.

Hence, we may need to start a **Capital Campaign** to address all these important concerns.

May God bless you all!

Sincerely in the Sacred Heart of Jesus ~

Father Stanley

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



CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS VETERANS DAY MASS AND SERVICE

CWV will attend Mass on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 @ 8:00am. There will be a Veterans Day Service @ Sacred Heart Cemetery, Parlin @ 9:00am.

All are invited!

SAINT PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP SAINT AMBROSE PARISH

Come and join us in prayer on November 11, 2020, as we celebrate together monthly Mass in honor of Saint Padre Pio by celebrant Father Jack Grimes. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm followed by veneration of the first relic of Saint Padre Pio. The parish is located at 83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge.

ROSARY FOR LIFE EVERY FRIDAY in NOVEMBER / 4:00PM TO 5:15PM

LIFENET is praying the "**Rosary for Life**" on via a conference call on Fridays in November to pray for the protection of babies in the womb who are such peril from the threat of abortion. Pray with us by dialing 425-436-6277 / enter access code: 759297#.

CONTACTLESS PAPER SHREDDING EVENT NOVEMBER 21, 2020 / 12:00PM TO 2:00PM

Do you have old taxes, paperwork, documents or files that can't be thrown away without risk of it falling into wrong hands? Join Spezzi & Maliszewski Funeral Homes for the 2020 Fall Paper Shredding Event at the Spezzi Funeral Home parking lot at 15 Cherry Lane, Parlin. Bring the documents that you need to dispose of properly at no cost and risk free!

SPANISH MASSES

Misa en Español. Comenzando en Adviento, Domingo 29 de Noviembre, las Misas seguiran todos los Domingos a las 2PM. Esperamos crecer nuestra comunidad parroquial aqui en Sacred Heart. Si usted esta interesado en server como ministro eucaristico o lector, por favor hable con el padre Wojciech Kusek. Cualquier pregunta puede ser enviada a vicar@sacredheartsa.org.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 31 / November 1, 2020

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| Regular Collection: | \$ 6,788.25 |
| Online Giving: | \$ 320.00 |
| All Saints Day: | \$ 2,206.00 |

Regular Collection per Mass:

10/31/20

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| 4:00pm | \$ 1,602.00 |
| 5:30pm | \$ 296.00 |

11/1/20

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| 7:00am | \$ 1,389.00 |
| 9:00am | \$ 946.00 |
| 10:30am | \$ 1,860.00 |
| 12:00pm | \$ 695.25 |

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day
nor the hour." ~ Matthew 25:13*

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL STEPPING FORWARD IN FAITH: GRACE IN ACTION

Thank you to all who have so generously given to the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal! Your donations help 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. Through prayer and reflection, please consider a sacrificial gift to this year's appeal and give to the best of your means. With many people impacted by COVID-19, it is important to bring people the opportunity to grow closer to Christ and see the work of God in their midst. All funds raised are used to support ministries and programs of the Diocese. There is still an opportunity to participate by making an online pledge @ <https://diometuchen.org/ways-to-give>.

SACRED HEART LOVE LIFE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER NOVEMBER 14 & 15, 2020



The Love Life Group will sponsor an Avon Products Fundraiser after the 4:00pm Saturday Mass and Sunday after the 10:30am and 12:00pm Masses. A full brochure of Avon products will be available on display near the Saint John Paul II Shrine. Since this is a tax-exempt organization, no sales tax will be charged.

For more information, call Anne @ 732-721-7583.

Sacred Heart Rosary Society



Christmas Cemetery Decorations Sale

The Rosarians will offer two items for sale: Decorated Grave Blankets and White Wooden Crosses. **All items must be preordered and prepaid** by noon on Monday, November 23 for pickup of orders on Saturday, November 28th from 2PM-5PM, and Sunday, November 29th from 7:30AM-12Noon. Proceeds will benefit Sacred Heart Church. We thank you, in advance, for your support!

Grave Blankets

The evergreen base will be decorated with a red velvet bow, pine cones, white birch branches, and assorted holiday picks. Cost is \$25 each.

White Wooden Crosses

The crosses will be decorated with assorted holiday picks. Cost is \$10 each or 2 for \$18. Please note - this year we request that you preorder and prepay for this item in order to minimize contact with our volunteers during the pandemic.

How to Place Your Order

Complete the form below and place it in an envelope marked "Cemetery Decorations Order" with payment. **All orders must be received by noon, November 23rd.**

1. Place the envelope in the collection basket on or before Sunday, November 22nd, or
2. Drop off the envelope at the Parish Office. If the office is closed, put it in the mail slot on the door, or
3. Mail the envelope to Sacred Heart Church, 531 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, NJ 08879. Allow sufficient time for mail delivery.

Questions? Please call Virginia at 732-721-1521

GRAVE BLANKET and WHITE CROSS ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Phone number: _____ email: _____

Number of blankets @ \$25: _____ Number of crosses @ \$10 or 2 for \$18: _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____ Check _____ or Cash _____

Please make checks payable to SH Rosary Society. All order must be received by noon, Monday, November 23, 2020.

Thank You 