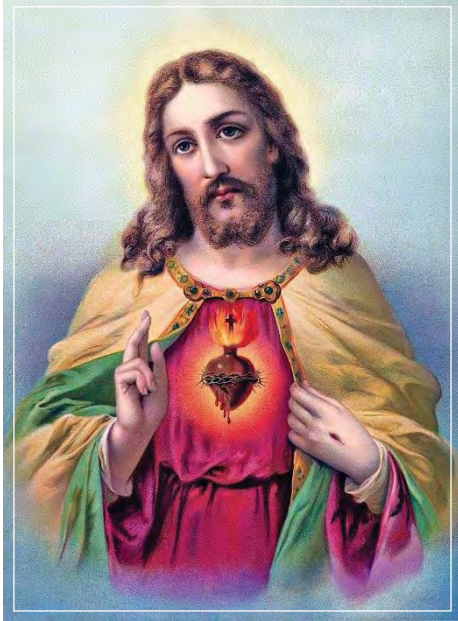


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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am & 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 12:00 noon

Weekday: Monday - Wednesday, Friday &
Saturday at 8:00 am (*No Masses on Thursday*)

Holy Days (except Christmas & New Year's):
8:00 am, 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

By Appointment Only

Baptisms: Arrangements must be made with the Parish Secretary by calling the Rectory during office hours. Baptism can take place either on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

Marriage: Following the Common Policy, a marriage should take place in the parish of either the bride or the groom. Marriage preparation is generally one year. Please call the Rectory as soon as possible after the engagement to discuss your wedding plans.

Hospital Visits and Communion Calls: The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated twice a year for anyone who may have a chronic condition (October & Easter Season) and is for the healing of body, mind or spirit. If someone is admitted to the hospital, due to the Patient Privacy Law, the priest can only make a visit upon the request of the family. If someone hasn't been to Mass due to illness, please call the Rectory to have a Minister or the priest bring the Eucharist.

Faith Formation is open to all children of the parish. Sessions are held in the parish center on Sunday mornings from 10:15 am – 11:45 am. Children who need to prepare for First Holy Communion and Confirmation must be enrolled in faith formation for at least two years, according to Archdiocesan policy. Please contact the parish coordinator of faith formation for more information.

Parish Membership: Anyone who worships with us should consider becoming a registered member of the parish. Unfortunately, unless there is a formal registration into parish we are unable to write letters of recommendation and/or fill out sponsor forms for Baptism and Confirmation.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming multi-ethnic Community of Believers, that in our diversity we are united in our discipleship in following in the footsteps of the Lord as we worship in the Catholic tradition. As we come together to celebrate the Eucharist we are empowered by our life and our witness to be living disciples of Gospel values.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

— OF THE WEEK —

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

4:30 PM Ita Slatter
By Ronnie & Derdre Parkes
9:00 AM Velimir Zic
By Mom
12:00 PM The Masse Family
By Patty Masse

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026 (CHAPEL)

8:00 AM For The People

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 (CHAPEL)

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00 AM Julia & Oreste Ciardi
By MaryAnn & Tony Franco

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

ST. PETER CLAVER
NO MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

NO MASS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 (CHURCH)

8:00 AM Victims of the World Trade Center
By Patricia Kelermen

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 (CHURCH)

8:00 AM August & Ann Schott

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

4:30 PM Deceased of the Schott & Rusnak
Families
9:00 AM Liz Konopka
By Patricia Kelemen
12:00 PM Mark Bumanlag
By The Long Family

IN MEMORIAM

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Sime Bijelic
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Daughter-In-Law, Maria
& Family*

A MESSAGE FROM FR. KEVIN

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Before the answers to last week's trivia questions, a quick update. At the time of writing you, the devotional candles near the statue of the Blessed Mother should be in this weekend. Should anyone wish to light a candle, the cost is \$1.00 per candle.

Now for the answers:

1. According to the "Acts of the Apostles," where were Jesus' followers first called Christians? In Syria. People who heard the word of God were baptized and followed the Lord.
2. What is the first diocese established in the United States? The Diocese of Baltimore set the norms of how the church was to be governed in the new land. Hence, the Baltimore Catechism.
3. What does the word "Islam" mean in Arabic? The word Islam means "submission."
4. What is the staff used by a Bishop called? The staff the Bishop carries is called the "crozier." As the Shepherd of the Diocese, it resembles the same staff shepherds carry while watching their flocks.
5. Who was the Old Testament person who lost his strength when his hair was cut? Sampson
6. A Bishop wears a Cross around his neck. What is it called? A Bishop's Cross is called the Pectoral Cross. It may hang loosely or be tucked into his pocket.
7. What does the word "Jesus" mean in Hebrew? "God Saves."
8. What is the feast in which Mary is taken body and soul into heaven? (Hint: We celebrated it a few weeks ago). The Assumption
9. What is the only American University founded by the Bishops? The Catholic University of America.
10. What does the word Gospel mean? Good news.

God's Peace!

Fr. Kevin

PARISH ASSESSMENT WEEKEND

*Our Next Assessment Collection This Weekend Of
September 5th & 6th*

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Our goal each month is \$7400.00.

We thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC JOKE

A little girl whispered to her mom during church, "If God is everywhere, why do we have to whisper?"

SACRED HEART CHURCH - NORTH BERGEN, NEW JERSEY

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Maritza Castillo	Pam McGonagle
Jaydi Tejada	Gail Newmann
Noel Pabatto	Alfred Koegler
Monica Maria Cano	Carla Clancy
Kim Pozharsky	Ryan Newmann
Jennifer Hoyte Mayer	Kevin Trelease
Charles Edward Koegler	

FOOD DRIVE

This is a reminder that Food for the Franciscan Sisters Development Service is collected each weekend.

The Food Pantry accepts Turkey, Ham, and Chicken year-round; however, dropping off these items needs to be coordinated with:

Ani Jorge – 973-931-6343 or

Mercedes Avello -201-637-9726

Please remember those who have less than we do.

MASS ATTENDANCE

August 29th & 30th

Saturday – 4:30 PM – 33

Sunday – 9:00 AM - 80

Sunday - 12:00 PM - 94

Total – 207

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Our Goal is \$3,000 a Week

Collections from 8/29- 8/30

\$ 1,766.00.....First Collection

\$ 23.00.....Candles

1,799.00 – Total for 1 Week

Thank you for your generosity

MASS BOOK FOR 2026

**We Are Booking Masses The Weekend Of:
September 26th & 27th.**

- The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.**
- You can book up to two Sunday Masses and/or three Weekday Masses each time.**
- The Sanctuary Lamp costs \$10.00, and the Bread and Wine for Mass is \$10.00.**

If a parishioner memorializes both, the cost of the candle for the Blessed Mother is \$10.00. If the candle is purchased alone, the cost is \$20.00.

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we celebrate this Labor Day Weekend, we are sadly reminded that summer is coming to an end. Kids are back in school, and for most of us, vacations have come and gone. But as we return to our normal routines, perhaps this is also a good time to reflect on Sacred Heart and get back to the things that matter most.

First, we need to continue to grow our parish. Attendance is steady, but we would certainly like to see it continue to grow. The best way we can do that is with your help by supporting our social media. For starters, if you haven't already, please write a Google review. This is important because today, when people are looking for a church, one of the first things they will do is search on Google. We presently have 72 reviews, but it would be fantastic if we could reach 100. To write a Google review, just go to your browser, type Sacred Heart North Bergen in the search (not our website), and on the right side of the page, you will see "Google Reviews."

In addition to writing a review, please support us on Facebook and Instagram by "Liking" and "Sharing" our posts. The more people who see us online, the greater the chance we have to bring new people into our church. Lastly, always mention Sacred Heart Church and invite family and friends to worship with us if they are looking for a church. Sometimes a simple invitation can be the first step in helping someone find or strengthen their relationship with God.

On a completely different matter, I have a request. I wrote several weeks ago asking everyone to PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE the doors open after Mass. We are doing everything we can to control expenses. There is NO reason to chain the side door open, and there is really no reason to push the front door open. When people do, those doors stay open until I can get to them, which is usually at least 10 minutes after Mass ends. We have signs on the doors asking people not to leave them open, but unfortunately, it continues to happen. If you see that a door has been left open and there is no one walking out behind you, PLEASE close it and help us save a few dollars on our utility bills. Every little bit helps.

This weekend we will sing Psalm 95: "If Today You Hear His Voice, Harden Not Your Hearts." This psalm is an urgent call to respond to God with humble faith and to open our hearts to what He is asking of us.

As we begin this new season, may we take a little more time to listen for the Lord's voice, open our hearts to Him, and allow Him to guide us in the days ahead. Perhaps September can be a new beginning for each of us and an opportunity to grow a little closer to our Lord.

Joyfully in Christ,
Art Suriano

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50/50 RAFFLE

Sacred Heart Church is holding our next 50/50 Raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be sold after all the Masses. Please support our parish by purchasing a Raffle Ticket. The drawing will take place on Sunday, September 20th, during the Parish Picnic.

OCIA ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

OCIA is a process of faith formation for people who wish to become members of the Catholic Faith Community. Some people may not have a religious affiliation or have been baptized. This May Be For You!

Some people may have been baptized in another Religion or faith tradition but wish to become Catholic. This May Be For You!

Some people may already be Catholic through Baptism but have never received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation and now want to do so. This May Be For You!

For more information, please contact Fr. Kevin or complete the form below and submit it via mail or collection.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

- ☐ I am a Catholic but have never received the Holy Eucharist.
- ☐ I am a Catholic, but never received Confirmation:
- ☐ I am from another religion, but wish to become a Catholic
- ☐ I have never been Baptized
- ☐ I wish to receive more information:

If you would like, you can provide us with your information through our website email, which is info@shpnb.com, and we will register you

THE SACRED HEART CHURCH BAND

The Sacred Heart Church Band will be at the

- 9 am and 12 noon Masses on Sunday, September 27th
- 9 am and 12 noon Masses on Sunday, October 11th
- 9 am and 12 noon Masses on Sunday, November 22nd

REGISTRATION FORM

TO REGISTER, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Number of Family Members _____

Email _____

- ☐ I have someone at home who wishes to receive Holy Communion.
- ☐ I have an issue that I would like to discuss with a priest. Other:

How Did You Hear About Us?

- ☐ Referred By a Family Member or Friend
- ☐ Google/Facebook/Instagram/Internet
- ☐ Other: _____

You can also use our QR Code:



PARISH PICNIC - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH Immediately after the 12 PM Mass

After all Masses this weekend, we will be signing up for our church picnic. The picnic is free, but you must sign up so we know how many people are coming. If you plan on attending, we can also use your help!

We need:

*Sausage & Peppers – cooked - Baked Beans
Chicken Wings – Ribs - BBQ Pulled Pork – Burgers - Hot Dogs
Burger Buns - Hot Dog Buns - Rolls for sausage & peppers
Corn on the Cob – cooked - Onion/Sauerkraut/Relish - Pickles
Ketchup – Mustard – Relish - Cheese for hamburgers
Coleslaw - Potato Salad - Macaroni Salad - Green Salad
Fruit Salad (We already have two trays) - Water – miniature
bottles preferred - Juice for kids.*

*Please let us know what you can bring when you sign up!
Remember, our noon Mass on the 20th will be outside in the
backyard of the Parish Center.*

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 18:15-20

Jesus promises, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

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PAPER PRAYER CHAIN

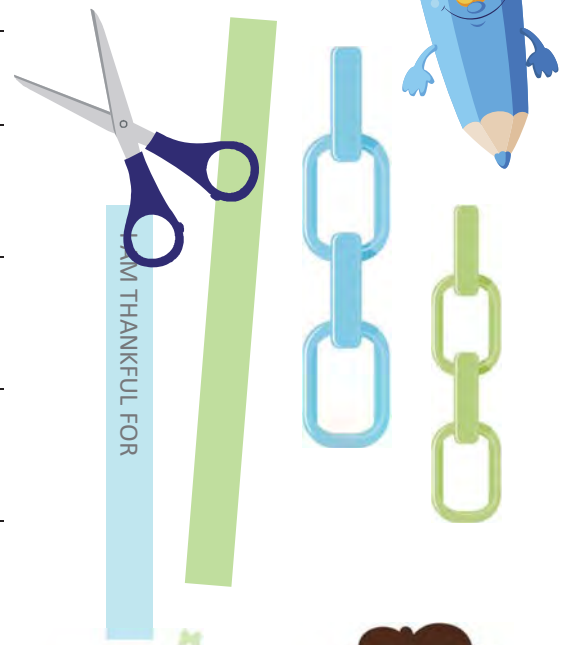
We call God to us when we gather in prayer, two or three or more! Most churches have a "prayer chain". Not a real chain, but a group of people who link up and pray together.

Make a personal prayer chain. Write your thanks, needs, forgiveness or requests to God, one on each link or strip of paper. Attach the links together to form a chain. Have other family members add their own links! Hang it in your home and during family prayer time, as two or three are gathered in Jesus' name, He will hear your prayer. If it is His will, it will be done.

DIRECTIONS

- Step One** Cut the construction paper lengthwise into strips that are about an inch wide. They can be of pretty much any length, keeping in mind that the longer the strip, the bigger each link in the chain. Write your requests to God on each link.
- Step Two** Bend the first strip around to form a circle or loop.
- Step Three** Seal the open ends of the circle link with glue, tape or a stapler so that it stays connected on its own.
- Step Four** Take another strip and thread it through the first loop forming a second, connected circle.
- Step Five** Seal the second circle with glue, tape or a stapler so that you have two linked circles.
- Step Six** Repeat Steps 4 and 5 to make the chain as long as you like.

I AM THANKFUL FOR



**For where two or three gather in my
name, there am I with them.**

Matthew 18:20



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