



Church of the SACRED HEART

A Faith Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition Since 1905

■ PARISH MISSION STATEMENT ■

The Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, NJ was established in 1905. We are a diverse community striving to foster spiritual growth and Catholic identity through liturgy, sacraments, service, education and our shared faith in God. We are committed to being an instrument of love, healing and hope by ministering to the needs of our parishioners & the larger community, while celebrating the Christ present in each of us.

We welcome all to join us for worship and invite you to become an active member of our parish family.

Sacred Heart Church is open every day as a quiet refuge for prayer and reflection from 6:30AM until 4:30PM.

■ MASS SCHEDULE ■

Weekend: 5:00PM – Saturday Vigil; Sunday – 9:00AM, 11:30AM
Daily: 9:00AM – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
7:00PM – Monday
Holy Day: 9:00AM, 12:10PM, 7:00PM

■ EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ■

Monday: 6:00-7:00 PM

■ MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA ■

Monday: 6:45PM with Benediction and **Saturday:** following 9:00AM Mass

■ BAPTISM ■

The sacrament is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 1:00PM with the exception of the Season of Lent.

■ RECONCILIATION ■

Saturday: 10:00 - 11:30AM *and* at other times by appointment.

■ MARRIAGE ■

Marriage is a major step in anyone's life. If you are planning your marriage, whether in a church wedding or at an outside venue, please contact us so we can help you prepare and lay the groundwork for a successful, lifelong commitment. For those planning to be married in a church wedding, the Policy of Marriage Preparation set forth by the bishops of New Jersey recommends that couples should begin the process one year in advance of the planned date of marriage. To coordinate scheduling and allow time for marriage preparation, arrangements should be made with the church before any other plans are set. All details and information will be gladly provided upon calling the parish office.

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The Parish Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM - 4:00PM, Friday from 8:00AM - 2:00PM. Please schedule other times by appointment.

SACRED HEART CHURCH IS LOCATED AT 149 SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE

⊕ MASSES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

5:00 PM PATRICIA RITCHIE-DeVIVO, Req. by Terry Carusone & Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM MARIE THOMPSON, Req. by Geraldine Chalkley

11:30AM JAMES & RUTH BOLGER, Req. by Don & Elaine Bolger

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL, **Religious**

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary

6:30 PM Benediction

7:00 PM ROBERT DISCH SR., Req. by Wife & Family, DONALD DIEGNAN, Req. by Stanley Stachowicz, DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SCHROEDER & PORNOVETZ FAMILIES, Req. by Family, DIANA FALVO, Req. by Family, FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MELINDA HANLON, Req. by Dan Mahoney

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

ST. PONTIAN, **Pope & Martyr**

ST. HIPPOLYTUS, **Priest & Martyr**

9:00 AM THE PARISHIONERS OF THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, **Priest & Martyr**

9:00 AM DENNIS NAPOLEON, Req. by Lucy Hudson

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(*A Holyday of Obligation*)

9:00 AM WILLIAM SLAVOSKI, Req. by Bill & Pat Butrico

12:10PM THE PARISHIONERS OF THE PARISH

7:00 PM FRANK DeLILLO, Req. by Valerie Hoffmann

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

9:00 AM JEREMIAH O'SULLIVAN, Req. by the O'Sullivan Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 AM CHRISTOPHER J. LAMBERT, Req. by Mom & Dad, JOSEPH & DONALD DIEGNAN, Req. by the McGonigle Family, CAMILLE MOGLIA, Req. by Jim Sansone, FOR THE INTENTIONS OF REV. JOHN P. ALVARADO, Req. by Catherine Chung, FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JEAN MILLER, Req. by Dan Mahoney

5:00 PM MIKE & ESTHER SIVULICH, Req. by Teddy Slavoski

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM PHILOMENA & JERRY IZZO, Req. by Family

11:30 AM THE PARISHIONERS OF THE PARISH

**Beginning with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday, August 15th, Holy Day Masses will be celebrated at the following times:
9:00AM, 12:10PM and 7:00PM.**



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

August 11–August 18, 2024

You can find the complete **DAILY** SCRIPTURE READINGS at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYER

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK, especially: Daniel Hedden, Robert Larsen Jr., Thomas Buttery, Celeste Ginder, Barbara Nuber, Nick Cocco, John Lobosco, Michelina Panzarella, Magdalena Zawadzki, Walter Williams, Ana Serro, Jeffrey Vogel, Joseph Lacasale, Jimmy Caldrony, Isabel Tomassini, Alexandra Hurtado, Ileana Rodriguez, Marie Grasso, Antonia Mocharski, Barry Michalak, Roger Sheldon, Rosalia Castrogiovanni, Gary Kaczka, Peter Callan, Gloria Lissette Haskens, Alfonsina Brizuela Chamorro, Christine Cancela, Soonja Lee, Josephine Sgalardi, Jennifer Munoz, Arvind Patel, Thomas Zullinger, Mary Melando, Brendan Keogh, Barbara Kaplan, Gabriela VanHeest, Ish Bhatia, MaryEllen Heim-Harris, Kenneth Faulkner-Alexander, Charles Huber, Donna Przybylski, Loann Dmytruk, Leona Condit, Peter Donnelly, Joan Williams, Angela Zipf, Theresa Billian, Sue Rasmussen, Kathleen Parker.

FOR THOSE IN HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES, especially: William McDonough, David Quiroga, Winifred Broadley.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, especially: Josephine Delgado and the Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

VIRGIN MARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

MARIE DOLINSKI

Requested by the Capparelli & Hanley Families

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

OLIVER TRONZANO

Requested by the O'Sullivan Family

SACRED HEART CANDLE

burns in memory of

VI BURRELL

Requested by Ann Schenck



ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE August 17-18

5:00PM - M. Zampella, A. Lopez, J. Sanchez

9:00AM - J. Baluyot, J. Baluyot, B. Rinaldi

11:30AM - D. & S. Hettiarachchi



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

We are a tithing parish & give thanks for God's gifts.

TITHING OR DONATION: CHURCH SUPPORT

Whether you are tithing or donating, however you choose to monetarily support the Church, we need your contributions. Thank you for your financial assistance.

Thank you

Week Ending August 4, 2024

	2024	2023
Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 12,006	\$ 9,863
Online Giving:	\$ 4,425	\$ 4,873
Totals:	\$ 16,431	\$ 14,736

Thank you for your charitable and generous support in the various diocesan collections and mission appeals.

Our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here. Thank you and God bless you.

Have you considered including Sacred Heart Parish in your Estate Planning & in your will?

Remember the Church of the Sacred Heart in life and after death. Please call 908-756-0633 x114, in the Parish Office and someone will be pleased to help you with any questions about a legacy gift to your parish. All inquiries are confidential.

SACRED HEART CHURCH OFFERS ONLINE GIVING for parishioners who prefer to donate through automatic draft. Online Giving is a secure and personalized way to give to the parish. In the convenience of your home you choose how much to give, how often to give, and what form of payment you wish to use. Online Giving can stand on its own as a means of donation or can be used in conjunction with your offering envelopes. Sign up at our parish website: www.churchofthesacredheart.net Have your weekly offering automatically debited from your checking account or credit card. If you have reward credit, you can be earning points or cash back.



2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Stay With us, Lord: Renew our Hearts and Send us on Mission

If you missed it, you can still see the Bishop's Annual Appeal video by going online to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>. Watch it and see all the good work being done in your name, thanks to your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider a gift today!



GOAL: \$106,000 PLEDGED: \$136,644 DONORS: 345

STAY CONNECTED — Our daily 9AM Masses and 5PM Saturday Vigil & 9AM Sunday Masses are live-streamed and posted on our parish website AND at our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChurchoftheSacredHeartofSouthPlainfieldNJ/>



Live stream of our daily and weekend Masses comes at a cost. If you are enjoying Mass via live-stream, you can still support our parish by giving online or by mailing your weekly contribution envelope to the parish center. We thank you for your generosity and continued support.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Any new family who has moved into the parish area and adult children 21 years of age and older, are invited to **register as a parishioner**. The definition of an active parishioner is: *One registered, attending Mass weekly and contributing to the support to the church.* There is a (3) month minimum registration requirement before registering for a baptism or requesting letters of eligibility/ sponsorship. Registration forms can be found on the parish website: www.churchofthesacredheart.net.

If you are moving, have changed your phone number or address, please call Lisa 908-756-0633 x110 or email us at: lthompson@churchofthesacredheart.net so we can update your records. Thank you!

SPONSOR LETTERS - Canon (Church) Law states that a Godparent for Baptism and a Sponsor for Confirmation **be an active, fully-initiated Catholic** (Confirmed). An **active Catholic** is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, publicly leads a genuine Christian lifestyle and is in a valid Catholic marriage (**an individual married civilly by a judge or mayor, or divorced and remarried without an annulment is not eligible to act as a sponsor**). Please note that we can only write *Letters of Eligibility* for parishioners who meet these criteria.

BAPTISM/SPONSORSHIP CLASS - Parents and godparents are required to attend one session before their child's Baptism date can be confirmed. Sessions are held on **the FIRST Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM**. *Registration is required.* Please contact Sr. Nadine 908-756-0633 x118 to register for the class or with any questions.

ARCHIVE FINDING AID: The parish archives can be accessed *via* the parish website. Instructions for using the Finding Aid are included.

DO YOU USE THE PARISH WEBSITE?

See <http://www.ChurchoftheSacredHeart.net>

VISIT THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE AT
www.diometuchen.org

► And don't forget to "like" us on **FACEBOOK**

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WE PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Especially for our parishioners



Pvt. Alterreek Booker/US Army/KY
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 LCdr. Edward Quaranta/US Reserves
 Col. Dirk H. Smith/US Army, Florida
 Pfc. Jackson Smith/US Army, Georgia
 Pvt. Edward C. Forsthoffer/US Army
 CPO Michael Brand/US Navy, USS Harry S. Truman
 Sgt. Damian Henderson/NJ National Guard/US
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 Sn. Shane Zullinger/US Navy
 LCpl. Miles J. Farrell/US Marine Corp/Maryland
 LCpl. Anthony Mazzaferro/US Marines/Georgia
 Lt3 Rachel Ann Fallet/US Navy/Virginia
 Capt. Charles J. Butrico JAG/ US Marines/Okinawa
 Sgt. James Minogue/US Army National Guard
 PFC. Francis Flannery/US Marines/California
 Spc. Daniel Rybeck/US Army



May we work for Justice as we pray for Peace.

We remember our loved ones serving in the military.
 We are grateful for their sacrifice and commitment.
 We pray for their safety and well being and that
 they may return home to us soon.



Respect for Life

"You are called to stand up for life!...You are called to work and pray against abortion." — St. John Paul II



I am a life choices Metuchen Baby! Thank YOU!!!

*Dear Father Edmund,
 Thank you again for your loving support! This is one of our saves! Please pray for them and all of us here at Life Choices. We keep you in our prayers! J+M-J Christen*

SACRED HEART EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us for our weekly Holy Hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass at 7:00PM. Every Monday from 6:00-7:00PM we begin with the Rosary followed with quiet time before the Lord in the Eucharist. Pray together in person, virtually as part of the live-stream or at any time on the *parish YouTube*



Church of the Sacred Heart of South Plainfield, NJ.



The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society

invites you to pray the Rosary with them before the Monday evening Mass each week.

FR. PERVAIZ'S SCRIPTURE SHARING

Do you sometimes wonder what the readings at Mass are all about? Come to Fr. Pervaiz's weekly Scripture Sharing to discuss the Sunday Mass Scripture readings. Join us **via Zoom** Wednesdays at 4:00PM. ID: 456 888 3051 Passcode: 3E8HN

NEW! CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE

Are you facing challenges trying to raise Catholic kids? Do you want to talk about it? Engaged in relaxed conversations about family daily life challenges either one on one or in a small group. Contact: Deacon Ketan Christian, 908-756-0633 to set up an initial appointment.

Summer Book Club



Enjoy a good read? Join the parish book club!

August: **The Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux**

September: **Night, Elie Wiesel**

Discussion date: Tuesday August 20, September 17, 7:00pm in the Annex. Hybrid meeting with Zoom and in person at the same time. Contact Louise Timko religionseducation@churchofthesacredheart.net or 908-756-0633 ext. 143 for Zoom link or details.

SACRED HEART SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation

It's summertime and our pantry is low on donations. During this time of vacations and plans for time away, we may forget about those who aren't so fortunate.

Please remember those who count on our food pantry. Your help and continued generosity is greatly needed and appreciated at this time. **We especially are in need of canned fruit & brownie mix.**



If you know of a family or person in need, please encourage them to call 908-756-0633 x112 to make an appointment. The pantry is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9AM to 11AM.

The primary source of funding is from the Poor Boxes located at all the doors of the Church. Also, at all doors bins are provided for you donations of non-perishable food items.

socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Timko, Director
908-756-0633 x143



For more information please visit our web page

www.churchofthesacredheart.net

or send us an email:

religiouseducation@churchofthesacredheart.net

Registration for Religious Education 2024-2025 has begun and continues until Labor Day. Program includes flexible scheduling, Mass attendance, and family gatherings.

Everyone hears the Sunday Scripture readings proclaimed, but do we take time to think about their meaning in our lives?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK – August 11

The question of the week is: What restores and reenergizes you when you feel burned out and depleted? Consider Christ.

Coming in September Adult Bible Study: Learn about the Old Testament. Tuesdays at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Details to be announced.

WATCH: Find the answers to common questions about Catholic beliefs in this video series (10 min. each)
FORMED.ORG

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you or someone you know need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Our program includes Sunday Mass at 9:00AM, and a class session afterward. Please contact Louise Timko: ltimko@churchofthesacredheart.net or 908-756-0633 x143.



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8:00AM - 7:00PM (APRIL 15 - SEPT 15)

8:00AM - 4:30PM (SEPT 16 - APRIL 14)

— POSITIONS AVAILABLE —

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IN GOD'S IMAGE: CATHOLIC FAITH SHARING FOR LGBTQ PERSONS & THEIR FAMILIES

In God's Image, the Lesbian, Gay, Transgender Faith Sharing Group at Sacred Heart Church, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7PM in the Parish Annex (behind the school). **Gatherings are currently hybrid with Zoom.** For info call Fr. John Alvarado at 732-790-3136, OR email: sacredheartiqi@gmail.com. View & share the online video presentation at OwningOurFaith.com.

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THIS IS OUR FAITH

This week on August 15, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation. It's a good time to reflect on the Blessed Virgin Mary's role in our salvation and to answer some common questions.

If we have Jesus, what do we need Mary for?

To become man, Jesus, the Son of God and Second Person of the Holy Trinity, had to be born. The Blessed Virgin Mary fulfilled this unique role in the story of salvation when, using her free will, she agreed to become the Mother of God.

Was she really always a virgin?

Yes. Mary's situation is unique. Not just any human woman can give birth to the Savior of the world. Through the grace of God, Mary was spared original sin, becoming an appropriate vessel for the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Holy Trinity. God gave Mary the grace of redemption, ahead of time, one might say. Recall that God is outside of time and not bound by it, or anything else. But why did she remain a virgin? Think of Mary's conversation with the archangel Gabriel. Mary says to him, "How is this to be when I know not man?" The Catholic scholar Brant Pitre explains Mary's perpetual virginity this way: "Just as someone who says, 'I do not smoke' means 'I do not smoke (presently), nor do I have any intentions of smoking (in the future),' so also Mary's words mean 'I do not have sexual relations (presently), nor do I intend to have relations (in the future).'" Having contained divinity, Mary's body would not be available for anything else.

What's the holyday of the Assumption about?

All human beings die because of original sin. The first people, Adam and Eve, rejected God and disobeyed Him. As a result, we die and our bodies decay away. By the grace of God, Mary did not have original sin. So at the end of her earthly life she was spared death and the corruption of the flesh. As the Mother of God, it is fitting that she would be delivered from death and that God would bring her body and soul to heaven, glorified and enjoying eternal life with Him before any of the rest of us. This is why we say that Mary was "assumed" into heaven – as in, God took her to heaven. She did not go to eternal life under her own power. Our Lady is a human being, after all. On the feast of the Assumption, we celebrate that Mary was taken – assumed – into heaven body and soul by the power of God. This holyday is so important that it is one of a handful of holy days on which Catholics are obligated to go to Mass to worship God.



How does venerating Mary connect to worshipping God?

There's a difference between veneration, which is similar to profound respect, and worship, which is adoration. We adore and worship God. We respect Mary and look to her for help and support. The Blessed Virgin Mary always leads us to her Son, Jesus, and so to our own redemption. When we think of heaven, most of us miss the point that our eternal life is not being a disembodied soul forever. Mary, in her bodily assumption, experiences immediately what we hope to experience eventually: that our redemption is to be physical as well as spiritual. Mary shows us what is possible when a human being chooses of their own free will to cooperate with God's grace and abandon their own plans in order to follow His will for them. Look to the Virgin Mary if you want to pursue the path of holiness.—Louise Timko, Director of Religious Education & Faith Formation



SAVE THE DATE! A Sacred Heart Family Oktoberfest. Sunday, October 13, 2024 at 3:00PM. Look for more information in future bulletins.



**SOUTH PLAINFIELD
LABOR DAY PARADE**
This Year's Theme:
ONCE UPON A PARADE
Monday, September 2
Mark your calendars and be ready to join our parish entry.

SILVER & GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



You are cordially invited to celebrate your **5th, 25th or 50th** Wedding Anniversary, renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 3:00PM

Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on **October 11, 2024**. 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. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or call: 732-562-1543.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP - As Catholics, we have an obligation to consider public policy issues in light of the Gospel and the moral and social teaching of the Church.

As faithful citizens, we are called to respond in both prayer and action and consider how public policy can impact our communities, nation and world in the context of Catholic teaching. To provide the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen with information and resources about issues affecting public policy and to highlight our lifelong responsibility as Catholics to form our own consciences in accord with the Church's teaching, the diocese has launched a new webpage: <https://diometuchen.org/issues-and-action>. There you can sign up to receive action alerts directly from the diocese, or sign up to receive alerts directly from the New Jersey Catholic Conference and the USCCB. Visitors to the page can also take action on current pending legislation and can see the latest news affecting public policy in our state, nation and world.

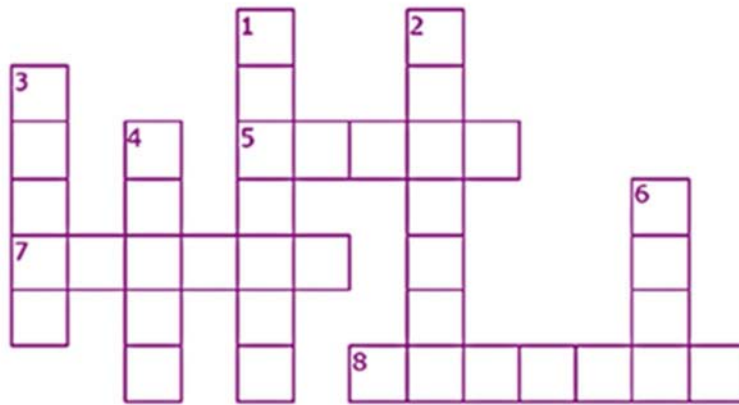




"I am the Living Bread"

Jesus said, "I am the Living Bread." In the Eucharist, He gives us the gift of Himself. When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we are united with Him and are given the grace to grow in faith and love. We can cooperate with God's grace to grow holier and to become closer to Him.

Can you solve the puzzle below?



ACROSS

- 5. To gain knowledge through experience or study
- 7. To make an effort to hear something; to pay attention
- 8. A person who speaks for God; Isaiah, for example

DOWN

- 1. To accept as true or real
- 2. For everlasting time; eternally
- 3. The earth with its inhabitants
- 4. The Son of God
- 6. To continue to be alive

LIVE	BELIEVE	FOREVER	PROPHET
LEARN	LISTEN	WORLD	JESUS



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHEDRAL - *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world."* (John 6:51)

In the midst of today's problems and concerns, remember that Jesus desires to heal and renew you. Can you hear Our Lord calling you, waiting for you? Consider spending one hour a week with Him in our Lady Chapel. Located in the Parish Center 45 Library Pl., Metuchen. (Side entrance near parking lot) Hours: 8:30AM – 5:00PM (Mon- Fri) Visit: <https://www.stfranciscathedral.org/eucharistic-adoration-1> for info or to schedule an hour, or call Marie (732) 906-6537.

LECTIO DIVINA SCRIPTURE SHARING — You are invited to share scripture with a small group of people on Monday mornings 11:00-11:30AM. We reflect and share on the gospel of that day. Make a commitment for just one Monday, and if you like it, come back the next Monday. Start your week with prayer, community, and hope. We look forward to sharing this time with you! Bring your bible with you! To join this meeting, visit: <https://diometuchen.org/onechurchtogether>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - The New Jersey Mass and March for Life will take place on Thursday, September 26, 2024. Mass will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral in Trenton at 9:30 AM, with Cardinal Joseph Tobin as the main celebrant and Bishop David O'Connell the homilist. This will be followed by a rally at the NJ State House at 11:00 AM and the March at 12:00 Noon. With the Dobbs ruling sending the decision on abortion laws to the individual states, this New Jersey event takes on a more important role than the Washington DC March for Life (plus the weather should be better!).

BUS TRIP NJ STATE MASS & MARCH FOR LIFE IN TRENTON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 - The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus trip to the NJ State Mass for Life and March for Life in Trenton on Thursday, September 26. Bus seats are \$20 per person. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 7:45 AM and then attend the 9:30 AM Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. After Mass it is a short walk to the 11:00 AM Rally at the State House Annex which will be followed by a 1 mile walk through Trenton beginning at 12:00 Noon. The bus will depart Trenton at 1:15 PM to bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center. If you have any questions and/or would like to reserve a bus seat please visit www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity or email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

2024 SUMMER CHOIR CAMP - August 12-16. The Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi is pleased to announce its 2nd ANNUAL SUMMER CHOIR CAMP for all rising 3rd-8th grade students. Students from any parishes within or outside of the Diocese are welcome to attend! Every day, students will participate in choir rehearsals, music theory classes with the Camp's outstanding music faculty, work on composer projects, and sing for the Cathedral's daily 12:10 Mass. There will also be fun outdoor activities (weather permitting), games, and snacks! Plus, each chorister will have an opportunity to play the Cathedral's pipe organ! For more information and to register, use our QR Code! Deadline is July 30, 2024!



THE CHURCH THROUGH DIGITAL MEDIA - The Diocese of Metuchen regularly uses its social media platforms to share news, events and engage with the faithful. If you haven't already, we invite you to follow us on social media @diocesemetuchen and tag us in your posts so we can help you share your good news.

DIOCESAN BLACK CATHOLIC GATHERING - Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at St. Peter the Apostle University & Community Parish Hall, 94 Somerset St. in New Brunswick. The Black Catholic Committee is a multi-ethnic committee of passionate Catholics who are working to implement the Pastoral Plan of Action recommended by the National Black Catholic Congress last July. A \$10 donation is requested to cover lunch. To register please visit: www.diometuchen.org/multiculturalministry. For more information contact mperez@diometuchen.org or deaconrickfortune@gmail.com

SAINT PETER'S GIANNA CENTER - The Center, located in New Brunswick, is dedicated to offering truly prolific women's health care, including infertility services, general gynecologic care, and more. All services are provided in accordance with the US Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. For more information, please visit <http://www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/> or contact us at 732-565



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DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities.

24 HOUR PRAYER LINE - Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. (732) 765-6431 or email us at: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE, SEPARATION OR FAMILY BROKENNESS - A 3-day Life-Giving Wounds Healing Retreat will be held on Friday, August 23 – Sunday, August 25, 2024 at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch NJ (right on the beach). Topics discussed will include identity, relationship with God, suffering, forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. Cost is \$300 per person which includes accommodations for 2 nights and all meals. For more information and/or to register, please visit www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce For questions, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT - August 23-25 San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch. A unique opportunity for adult children of divorce or separation. Registration and more information: <https://diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce>

COUNSELING AND WELLNESS SERVICES are offered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available. For an appointment, call (800) 655-9491.

HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930- 4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For information on how to report abuse, visit: <https://diometuchen.org/report--suspected-abuse>.

THE REMEMBRANCE GUILD
The following have been enrolled in
The Remembrance Guild for 2024

— **January** —

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 LINDA & LOU CIOFFI
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 MARIE & NICHOLAS GIANNATASIO
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— **February** —

ALFRED & EVELYN SCHROEDER
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— **March** —

JOANNA DEPASQUALE

— **May** —

DONNA PREKEL
 RICHARD WEST
 JOSEPH F. ABEL

— **June** —

MARIE DOLINSKI

— **August** —

EMÉRITA HENRIQUEZ ALVARADO
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*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
 perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

THE REMEMBRANCE GUILD

The Church of the Sacred Heart offers an additional option to the weekly Mass intentions and candle offerings. You are invited to enroll the names of your loved ones in the Sacred Heart Remembrance Guild. The intentions of those enrolled will be remembered in prayer at the First Saturday 9AM Mass, each month for one year. The names of those entered each month will be printed in the church's bulletin and on a Remembrance Guild Page that will be placed in church. The Guild's hard-cover, distinctive Mass card may be obtained at the Parish Center Office with an offering of \$75 for this annual remembrance.



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- † ADORED
- † RECEIVED
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Jesus, I trust in You.

**PRAYER FOR MY
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**My Jesus, I believe that You are in the
 Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things,
 and I long for You in my soul.
 Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
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 As though You have already come,
 I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
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