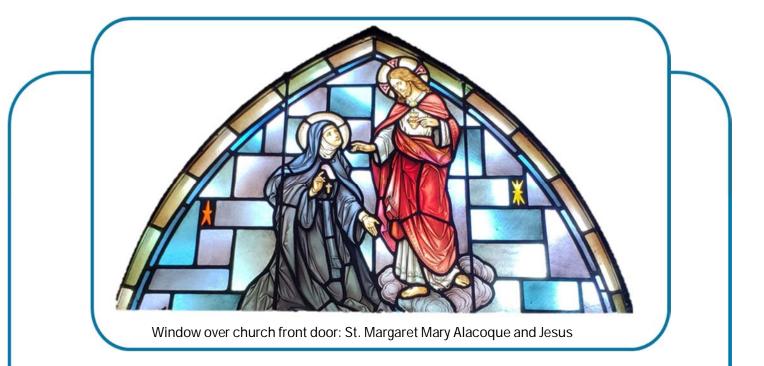
# **Church of the Sacred Heart**

Church: 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080



## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Weekend: Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00PM, Sunday 9:00AM and 11:30AM

Daily: Monday 7:00PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 9:00AM

Holy Days 9:00AM, 12:10 PM and 7:00PM

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 10:00 to 11:30AM and by appointment

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Monday 6:00 to 7:00PM

### **PARISH CENTER HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday 8:00AM to 4:00PM, Friday 8:00AM to 2:00PM

### 908-756-0633

## Welcome

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 and the larger community, while celebrating the Christ present in each of us.

# **Up and Coming**

## The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea Sunday, December 1st at 3:00pm

Connect with us on our parish website churchofthesacredheart.net, Facebook, Instagram. Watch our livestreams on our Parish YouTube channel.

## **Parish Staff**

908-756-0633

Pastor: Rev. Edmund Luciano III, KCHS, KOGCO

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Pervaiz Indrias

Deacons:

D. Gregory Caruso

D. Ketan Christian

Director of Sacred Music: Daniel Mahoney x139

Director of Religious Education: Louise Timko, PhD x143

Office Administrator: Lisa Thompson x110

Facilities Manager: J. Michael Mazzarese x140

Information Technology: Philip Emma x146

Staff Assistant: Sr. Nadine Boyle, RSM x118

Sacristans: Ann Marie Ball Cathy Reilly Nancy Van Allen

## Holy Redeemer Cemetery:

Lynda Yelenovsky x111 908- 822-5892

During the Season of Advent, in addition to our regular weekly Masses, a 7:30am Mass will be celebrated in the church. Advent confessions will be heard on Saturday mornings at 10:00am and on Monday evenings from 6:00-6:45pm.

### **Baptism**

The sacrament is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 1:00PM except during the Season of Lent. Contact: Sr. Nadine Boyle, RSM, ext. 118

## Anointing of the Sick

In the event of serious illness, major surgery, hospitalization, or near death (young or old) arrange for the celebration of this sacrament.

### **Communion Visits**

If you or someone you know is homebound and unable to attend Mass due to age or illness, we can make arrangements for Communion visits on a weekly basis.

### Matrimony

Whether planning a church wedding or a wedding at an outside venue, please contact us so we can help you prepare and lay the groundwork for a successful, lifelong commitment. Couples should begin the process one year in advance of the planned date of marriage.

If you were married in a civil ceremony only and would now like your marriage to be valid in the eyes of the Church, please contact us.

## **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**

If you'd like to learn more about becoming Catholic or receiving the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist as an adult, please contact: Louise Timko, ext. 143.

### **Becoming a Parishioner**

It's easy! Contact our office or download the form on the parish website and return it to the Parish Center.

## **Sponsor Letters**

Sponsor certificates and letters are not automatically provided. There are criteria for these documents, including registration in the parish for at least three months, among other qualifications.

## **Funerals**

The passing of a loved one is a difficult time. We can help you to plan a solemn and reverent liturgical celebration of the Catholic Christian community for the deceased.

## **Holy Redeemer Cemetery**

1734 Clinton Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 908-822-5892 holyredeemercemetery.net Graves, mausoleum crypts, and cremation niches Hours: 8:00AM – 7:00PM (April 15 – Sept 15) 8:00AM – 4:30PM (Sept 16 – April 14)

#### Masses

Saturday, November 23 St. Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

5:00 PM Bill Slavoski, r. by Wife & Family

### Sunday November 24 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

9:00 AM Grace & Bob Holzheimer, r. by Son & Family 11:30 AM Jeffrey Leonia, r. by the Campo & DiVizio Families

### Monday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary 6:30 PM Benediction

7:00 PM Maha Pulomena, r. by Cassaro & Trombetta Families; Marie Dolinski, r by the Bernauer Family; AnnaMarie Grace Rullis, r. by the Walezak Family; Chester "Chet" Czaplinski Jr., r. by Anita Keller; Joseph Chango, r. by Barbara & Jim Benning

#### Tuesday, November 26

9:00 AM The Parishioners of the Parish

### Wednesday, November 27

9:00 AM Roland Parker, r. by Wife & Family

### Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM John F. McNerney, r. by Children, Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren

### Friday, November 29

9:00 AM Marie Dolinski, r. by Paul & Eileen Lorance

### Saturday, November 30 St. Andrew

9:00 AM Lorraine Petroziello, r. by Husband & Family; Viola Burrell, r. by the Ripley Family; Sheila O'Malley, r. by Erin & Jim Murphy; Robert Catalfamo, r. by Noel & John; Marie Dolinski, r. by Eleanore Disch & Family 5:00 PM Connie, Thomas, & Allan Panzarella, r. by Son & Daughter-in-law

### Sunday, December 1 The First Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM For the Intentions of Bob & Carole Holzheimer

11:30 AM Manuel & Maria Valencia & Natalia Ocampo, r. by Family



Virgin Mary Candle burns in memory of Mary & John McNerney, r. by Their Children

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Robert Gray, r. by the O'Sullivan Family

Sacred Heart Candle burns in memory of Anthony Pellegrino, r. by Niece



The Altar Flowers are in memory of Richard Stoeckel, requested by Wife & Family

## We Pray for:

### For those who are sick, or in nursing homes and hospitals

Barbara Nuber, Gabriella Van Heest, Leslie Sanchez-Yackel, Theresa Billian, Maria DeSantis, Kenneth Faulkner-Alexander, Kathleen Towey

### For those who have died

Chester Crovicz, Robert H. Boyle, and The Faithful Departed of Sacred Heart Parish & their families who mourn their loss.

### Those in the Military

LCPL Francis Flannery/US Marines/California Spc. Daniel Rybeck/US Army Cpl. Anthony Mazzaferro/US Marines/Georgia PO2 Shane Zullinger/US Navy

## **Collection Totals**

Week Ending November 17, 2024:

	2024	2023
Envelopes:	\$ 9,699	\$ 7,569
Online giving:	\$ 4,702	\$ 4,268
Totals:	\$14,401	\$11,837

### Thank you for your support!

### **Second Collection Schedule:**

1 December - Major Reno & Repair 7 December - Retirement for Religious

The Parish Center will be closed Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## **Online giving:**



# Opportunities for Memorials & Donations:

Did you know that in addition to Mass intentions for your loved ones, you may remember them by

- Sanctuary Candle
- Sacred Heart Candle
- Virgin Mary Candle
- Remembrance Guild
- Altar Flowers
- Front Foyer Brass Family Tree of Life

Also consider including Sacred Heart in your estate planning and will.

Contact the Parish Center Office for more information.

## Please Note

During the Season of Advent, in addition to our regular weekly Masses, a 7:30am Mass will be celebrated in the church.

Monday, December 9th we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30am, 9:00am, 12:10pm and 7:00pm.

## Thank you

for your most generous support of the annual MSM House of Prayer calendar raffle. Hopefully we have a parish winner this year! Be assured of the prayers of all the "Mercy" sisters. God's blessing - Sr. Nadine

## **Christmas Concert**

Open your Christmas Season with the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea Concert next Sunday, December 1st at 3:00pm in the Church. General Admission \$40/Seniors \$35/Students 17 & younger \$20. Tickets are available online and in the Parish Center.

## **Christmas Tribute Trees**

There is still time to purchase a lighted tree, standing 6-8 feet tall, to honor a loved one (living or deceased - not limited to a memorial), celebrate an organization or group, or share a personal family Christmas greeting. Each tree will feature a printed tribute sign with your message in front and will be showcased around the Sacred Heart Campus. Trees are \$200/ea and can be purchased online or in the parish center. **This is the final week to purchase a tree** so be sure to reserve yours today.

# **Advent and Christmas Traditions**

The traditional Christmas Wafer, **OPLATKI**, is available for \$2.00/pkg after Mass at the church and in the Parish Center. Whether a long-time custom or a new experience, share this prayer with family and friends.

## 2025 Calendars

We are most grateful for the generosity of McCriskin-Gustafson Family of Funeral Homes who provided the 2025 wall calendars for or parish families. Calendars are available in Church after all Masses and at the Parish Center. May God bless you and your families every day of the new year.

# **Events, Opportunities & Resources**

## New Breaking Bread Books Available

The 2025 Breaking Bread books will be introduced on the First Sunday of Advent to mark the beginning of the new Liturgical Year. While these books will be available in church (we ask that you please do not remove these missalettes from the church), some parishioners have expressed interest in purchasing personal copies.

If you would like to buy a copy for yourself, they are available for \$10.00 each. Please bring the exact amount. You can purchase a book from Dan Mahoney after the Saturday night Vigil Mass or after any Sunday Mass or from the Parish Center during the week.

## **Rosary Altar Society**

All Catholic women over 18 years old are invited to join. Meetings are in the Annex the first Monday of the month after the 7 pm Mass.

## In God's Image

Catholic Faith Sharing for LGBTQ Persons and their families. Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 sacredheartigi@gmail.com. View the video at owningourfaith.com

## The God Minute

The God Minute is an online prayer community, led by priests, sisters and lay people who start their day in



prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10 minute prayer experience. This is a free Catholic app that can be downloaded to your cell phone and/or computer (Google/Search **The God Minute app**. Website: www.thegodminute.org) Sr. Kathleen Rooney, SSJ, our Sister in residence, is a member of The God Minute team and offers monthly reflections.

# The Social Concerns Ministry Advent Giving Tree

In the past, the parishioners of the Church of the Sacred Heart have been most generous, especially during difficult economic times. We continue to need your support to help those in need from our community.

Our Advent Giving Tree provides you with the opportunity to experience that feeling of "joyful giving" by taking an ornament to help the poorest members of God's family. Monetary gift cards are needed from local stores (Shop-Rite, Aldi, Target,



Walmart, CVS, etc.) in denominations of \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25. Gift cards can be returned to the Poor Boxes located at the entrances of the church or to the Parish Center.

The trees will be in the church's front foyer and up front a the St. Joseph Statue next weekend.

Our 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 your donations of non-perishable foods.

If you know of families in need, please have them call 908-756-0633 x112, Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 9:00AM & 11:00AM.

socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net

**Thank You** The Social Concerns Ministry would like to thank all of our parish families and the South Plainfield community for your tremendous generosity during the South Plainfield Boy Scouts Food Drive. Over 750 bags were collected to help support those in need in our community.

We thank our bulletin advertisers who make this weekly publication possible. When you shop or use their services, let them know that you saw their ad here in your parish bulletin.

## Formed.org

The Bible Project: Exile. This video describes how Exile in the Bible is the human condition. (5 Minutes)



# **Eucharistic Adoration**

Pray and meditate before Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament Monday evenings, 6-7 pm.

# Rosary

Pray the Rosary Monday evening at 6 pm. The Rosary is based on Scripture and summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith.

# 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

# This Is Our Faith

## The Book of Daniel

Towards the end of the Church's liturgical year, at Mass we hear Scripture readings from the Old Testament Book of Daniel. This is not a history book. It is a book of tales, miracles, and visions, focused on the hero Daniel. It is set in sixth century BC Babylon, during the Babylonian captivity when the upper classes of Jewish society had been deported and were forced to live in the Babylonian and Persian empires. The book promises that just as the God of Israel saves Daniel from his enemies, so He will save the Israelites from being oppressed in exile. For us Christians, the Book of Daniel is a reminder of God's saving power, which will find its final expression when God's sovereignty is restored – of course, through the arrival of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. This is why we hear readings from this book toward the end of the Church's liturgical year.

The Book of Daniel is divided into several sections. One section is about Daniel and some of his fellow

# **Christmas Caroling**

Join us to sing classic religious Christmas carols on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 pm in church. All are invited; families in Religious Ed get credit for attendance.



# **Christmas Pageant**

Children are invited to be in the parish Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 4:30 pm. Rehearsal will be Sunday, Dec. 22, 3-4 pm in church.



Watch for Sign Up information after Thanksgiving.

# **Catholic Family Life**

Engage 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.

## Parish Book Club

Enjoy a good read? Join the parish book club! December: A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. Discussion date: Wednesday, Dec. 18 All meetings are in the Annex at 7 pm.

exiles who stay faithful to God and miraculously triumph over their enemies. The story of Daniel in the lion's den is one of these tales. Another section concerns a series of visions seen by Daniel. These visions use symbols to describe the rise and fall of several empires and predict the victory of God's people against their oppressors. Another section is about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, three young men, who for their faithfulness to the Lord, are flung into a fiery furnace and protected by God from being burnt to death. Also included in the book is the tale of Susannah, a virtuous wife falsely accused of adultery but cleared of all charges by the cleverness of Daniel.

For us, the message of the book is that just as God protected those in the past who were faithful and virtuous, so too will He protect us. We are encouraged to resist temptation with the knowledge that by God's grace we too can conquer adversity. —Louise Timko, Director of Religious Education

### **CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080**

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Celebrate the rich traditions and spiritual treasures of the Seasons of Advent and Christmas with family & friends, at home and in church.

Advent Weekly Masses & Confessions During the Season of Advent, in addition to our regular weekly Masses, a 7:30am Mass will be celebrated in the church. Advent confessions will be heard on Saturday mornings at 10:00am and on Monday evenings from 6:00-6:45pm.

**The Advent Wreath** is composed of candles, light, and evergreen in an unbroken circle - a four-week "calendar" of prayer inviting us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World, Who calls us to everlasting life.

**The Christmas Crêche** was first presented by St. Francis of Assisi in the 13th century at a chapel in Grecio, Italy. It brings to our view the place, people and animals gathered around Jesus at His birth. It is a reminder also that the Wood of the Crib would become the Wood of the Cross. May we never lose sight of God's incredible love for us!

**Bambinelli Sunday** the tradition of the Blessing of the Nativity Baby Jesus at all weekend Masses December 14 & 15.

## The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 - 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:10PM & 7:00PM

## Christmas Eve

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 -5:00PM & MIDNIGHT The Children's Christmas Pageant will begin at 4:30pm prior to Mass.



# The Nativity of the Lord

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25 -9:00AM & 11:30AM



Our liturgies are celebrated in-person and livestreamed and are accessible to you at all times from our parish website. Take the time and enter into the sacred celebrations with family and friends.

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 - 9:00AM & 11:30AM

## The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

World Day of Prayer for Peace

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 — VIGIL 5:00PM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 — 9:00AM & 11:30AM

## The Epiphany of the Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 SATURDAY VIGIL- 5:00PM; SUNDAY- 9:00 & 11:30AM



The Baptism of the Lord

MONDAY, JANUARY 12 - 9:00AM &11:30AM

The Christmas Season ends with The Baptism of the Lord.





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