

Church of the Sacred Heart

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

Parish Center & Mailing Address: 200 Randolph Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Window over church front door: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and Jesus

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
Monday 6:00-6:45pm during Lent.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 6:00 to 7:00PM

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday 8:00AM to 6:30PM

Tuesday thru Thursday 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM

908-756-0633

churchofthesacredheart.net

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.

All Souls Day, November 2

This year All Souls Day falls on a Sunday. To commemorate this feast, the names of the deceased buried from our parish will be read aloud at each of the weekend Masses.

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,
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Deacons:

D. Gregory Caruso

D. Ketan Christian

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Sacristans:

Cathy Reilly

Nancy Van Allen

Holy Redeemer Cemetery:

Lynda Yelenovsky x111

Altar Server Schedule

November 1 –2

5PM—G. Welch, J. Baluyot, J. Baluyot

9AM—B. Rinaldi, A. Flannery

11:30AM—B. Macwan, S. Fernandes,
M. Pahopin

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

Planning a church wedding? 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, October 25

5:00 PM Antonio Gianotta, r. by Family

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 26

9:00 AM Stuart Chalkley, r. by Wife & Family

11:30 AM Luke & Flo Lorance, r. by Paul & Eileen Lorance & Family

Monday, October 27

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary 6:45 PM Benediction

7:00 PM Deacon Wayne Otlowski, r. by Wife Joanne & Family; Basilio Obispo Jr., r. by Imelda Leung; Charles Huber, r. by Connie Besser; Sheila O'Malley, r. by Husband John; Zachery Ryan Severini, r. by Joseph & Irene Harrah

Tuesday, October 28, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

9:00 AM Tommy Doyon, r. by Mom & Dad

Wednesday, October 29

9:00 AM Jacob Strassburger, r. by Mario & Barbara Ciccone

Thursday, October 30

9:00 AM Christine Sala, r. by Family

Friday, October 31

9:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish

Saturday, November 1, Solemnity of All Saints

9:00 AM Remembrance Guild Members

5:00 PM Octavio Gonzalez, r. by Jane Rundella

Virgin Mary Candle burns for Lisa Saverd, r. by Michelle Kurilew

Sacred Heart Candle burns in memory of John Stevens, r. by Cousin

Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Robert Jones, r. by Judi Jones



The Altar Flowers are in memory of Ann Marie Lauten, r. by Husband and Family



We Pray for:

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

Michael Lauten, Barb Napoleon, Barbara Nuber, Gabriella Van Heest, Theresa Billian, Kenneth Faulkner-Alexander, Rain Patton, George Jones, Ivonne Montecalvo, Lisa Saverd

For those who have died

Barbara Seufert, Basilio Obispo, Dolores Heim, Patricia Stilo Mitchell, Lillian Cosenza and all 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/Hawaii

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Students (17 and younger): \$25



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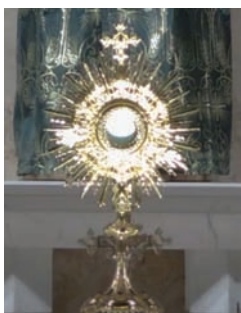


Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer Calendar Raffle

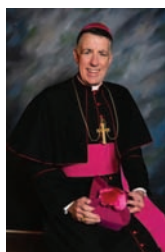
Sr. Nadine will be selling tickets for a Calendar Raffle to benefit Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, after all Masses on November 8 & 9. Tickets are \$20 for 13 chances to win from December, 2025 through February, 2026. Prizes range from \$300 to \$400. Proceeds benefit the ministry of the House of Prayer, which depends on the generosity of its benefactors. Sr. Nadine and all the Sisters are most grateful for your support.

Eucharistic Adoration

Pray and meditate before the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament Monday evenings, 6-7 pm. This Holy Hour includes Exposition and Benediction as well as the Rosary and the Novena of the Miraculous Medal. Take some time to meditate before the Lord.



Mass of Farewell for Bishop Checchio



Save the Date

Cathedral of St. Francis
Saturday, November 1, 2025 at
11:00 AM

Announcement

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Reverend Daniel Sloan, a retired priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, who passed away on October 19, 2025. Father Sloan was ordained to the priesthood on September 18, 1982. He was pastor of St. Cecilia, Monmouth Junction, for 5 years before retiring in 2013.

PETITION: For the repose of the soul of Reverend Daniel Sloan, priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, that he find eternal happiness in the presence of the Risen Lord, we pray to the Lord.

Christmas Tribute Trees

Each 6-8 foot tree features a printed tribute sign with your message. Honor a loved one, celebrate an organization, share a personal Christmas greeting, advertise a business, or celebrate a milestone. Each tree is available for a donation of \$200 toward parish upkeep. Place your order on our website: churchofthesacredheart.net, use this QR code, or visit the Parish Center.



**Join us for our Christmas tree
lighting at 6pm on Saturday,
December 6, 2025!**



Collection Totals

Week Ending October 19, 2025:

Weekend collection:

	2025	2024
Envelopes:	\$ 8,976	\$ 8,881
Online giving:	\$ 3,951	\$4,552
Totals:	\$ 12,927	\$13,433

World Mission Sunday Collection: \$3,737

Thank you for your continued support

Social Concerns Ministry

On behalf of the Sacred Heart Social Concerns Ministry, we thank all those whose generosity has enabled us to serve the less fortunate of our community. If you know of families in need, please have them call 908-756-0633 x112, **Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 9:00AM and 11:00AM.**

With Thanksgiving approaching, Social Concerns will once again be providing the family it serves with all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving dinner.

Please consider donating: Frozen Turkey, Vegetables, Instant Potatoes, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, etc.) to complement the Thanksgiving baskets which are being prepared at this time. Non-perishable items may be dropped off in the bins at the Church doorways, turkeys should be brought to the Parish Center during normal business hours.

Missionary Discipleship Mini-Retreat

Shrine of Saint Joseph, Stirling, NJ

Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025 9:00AM – 12:00PM

This is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Grow as missionary disciples rooted in prayer and the Gospel.
- Hear powerful vocation testimonies from priests, sisters, and consecrated lay people.
- Reflect in small groups about God's call in your own life.
- Be sent forth with a symbolic commissioning, ready to "Be Good, Do Good, and Be a Power for Good."



Blue Mass²⁰²⁵

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840

Wednesday, October 29, 2025
at 10:30 a.m.

* Law enforcement officials are asked to be seated in the Cathedral by 10:15 a.m. sharp

Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the 23rd Annual Blue Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Gathered together with local, county, state, and federal law enforcement officials, we will honor and pray for those law enforcement officials of all faiths who live and work in the Diocese of Metuchen.



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Kevin Wells
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Fr. Kevin Kelly
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\$65 after October 15

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Register at www.stfranciscathedral.org

The 2026 Mass Intention Book is open.

To ensure everyone has a fair opportunity to request Masses, requests are limited to a **maximum of (3) Masses** until the end of November, after which more can be added.



Join Our Parish Photography Team!

We're looking for **3 to 4 volunteers** who like to take pictures, capturing the spirit of various activities, events, celebrations, etc. As part of this team, you would take parish photos of events (like Oktoberfest or Religious Education Family Gatherings), special liturgies, and other parish occasions.

This is **not a weekly commitment**, but your contribution will play a vital role in sharing our parish life.

If you like to take pictures and would like to help, please contact: **Dan Mahoney**, 908-756-0633 ext. 139, Dan410@aol.com.

Thank you for considering being part of this meaningful ministry!

Catholic Podcasts: Catholic Stuff You Should Know



Hosted by a group of priests and seminarians, this podcast blends humor and education to explore Catholic theology and culture, delving into both prominent and trivial topics. Who should listen? Curious Catholics who enjoy learning with a side of humor and trivia. Expect entertaining and educational episodes on topics ranging from theology to quirky Catholic traditions. The perfect time to listen? On a road trip or during chores when you want to laugh while deepening your faith.

This Is Our Faith

All Hallow's Eve

Ghosts and witches and jack o'lanterns glowing in the October dark night! It must be Halloween. The word Halloween comes from the English word "hallowed" or holy. A couple of centuries ago, the word evening was frequently shortened to "e'en." And that's how we get the word Halloween—the evening before the day we celebrate the Holy Ones – All Saints Day, November 1. Then on November 2, we celebrate All Souls Day, remembering all those who have died even if they weren't known to us as being particularly holy. Taken together, these three days (Oct. 31 thru Nov. 2) were known as Allhallowtide.

These days are connected to the Christian belief in the Communion of Saints, the union of all the faithful on earth (the Church Militant), the saints in Heaven (the Church Triumphant) and the Poor Souls in Purgatory (the Church Suffering). These different aspects are bound together supernaturally. For centuries it was believed that at this time of the year the separation between the living and the dead thinned, making the supernatural closer than ever to us. In part this was because it looked as though plants were dying even as the days grew shorter and darker.

Though we may try with all manner of fun, Halloween is at its heart grimly associated with the

reality of death. For example, today we decorate pumpkins, but originally, in Ireland, the custom was to carve turnips to look like skulls or even, some say, the souls of the dead come back to

haunt us on All Hallow's Eve.



Traditions vary widely from culture to culture, but the idea of Halloween goes back as far as the ninth century. It was believed that All Hallow's Eve provides one last chance for the dead to interact with the living. In order to avoid being recognized by any

soul bent on revenge, people would wear masks or costumes to trick the dead. Another tradition says that on Halloween the dead in the cemeteries come forth for one wild night of partying, known as the Danse Macabre, frequently illustrated during the Middle Ages.

While our culture overlooks All Saints Day and All Souls Day in favor of Halloween, these three days are interconnected in profound ways. We are never completely separate from the Saints in heaven, nor they from us. And we would do well never to ignore the next phase that awaits us all. —Louise Timko, PhD, Director of Faith Formation



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