

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

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 25, 2026



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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 6:00 to 7:00PM

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday 8:00AM to 6:30PM

Tuesday to 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.

Save the Date

Murder Mystery Dinner &
Show Fundraiser.
February 28 at the Spain Inn,
Piscataway.



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

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908- 822-5892

Altar Server Schedule

January 31—February 1

5:00PM D. Jastrzeleshi, K. & P. Inigo

9:00AM V. Lacandalo, M. Pahopin

11:30AM B. Macwan, S. Fernandes

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, January 24, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:00 PM Michael Cox, r. by Rosemary, Thomas & Steve

Sunday, January 25, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Fran Laanui, r. by Matthew Marciano

11:30 AM For the Intention of Rebecca & Jeremy Baluyot, r. by Family, Thanksgiving for Successful Surgeries

Monday, January 26, Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

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

7:00 PM For the Intention of Kathy Devine, r. by Friends; For the Intention of Maria Akyuz, r. by Sister In Thanksgiving

Tuesday, January 27

9:00 AM For the Intention of Philip & Maria Simonelli, r. by Anna & Maria In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, January 28, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM For the Intention of Helen Banaria & twin sister Baby Corpuz, r. by Jun & Helen Banaria In Thanksgiving of Birthday

Thursday, January 29

9:00AM Parishioners of the Parish

Friday, January 30

9:00 AM Theresa Gonnella, r. by Debbie Pinto

Saturday, January 31, Saint John Bosco, Priest

9:00 AM Armando Quinio, r. by Family; Palmina Baratta, r. by Ivana Palma

5:00 PM Grace Dolores Comito, r. by Pinto Family

Virgin Mary Candle burns in memory of Louise Jeavettorea, r. by Daughter Rosemarie

Sacred Heart Candle burns in memory of Albert & Eleanor Giunta, r. by Donna & Jay

Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Courtney Brown, r. by Bob & Audrey Ginda



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, Alfonsina Brizuela, Daniel Canty, John Dmytruk, Thomas Zullinger

For those who have died

Michelina Panzarella, Nelson Tamayo, Carmen Cabell, Nora Buckley, Dolores Odom, Matthew J. Peterson, Judith Antonini 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

WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET-WORSHIP?

Have you ever thought or heard someone say, “Mass is boring”? Or, “I don’t get anything out of the Mass”?

Sr. Kathleen Rooney will offer 3 informative sessions on the Mass spotlighting parts of the liturgy that you might find surprising, helping to make your Mass experience more engaging.



When: Wednesday, January 21, 28, and February 4th.

Where: In person: Parish Center, 10 – 11 AM
OR Online Zoom: 7 – 8 PM.

If Zooming, call/text Sr. Kathleen (908-370-9690) or send an email to kathleenrooneyssj@gmail.com so she can send you the Zoom link.



Catholic Schools Week Jan. 25 – 31, 2026.

From **January 25 - 31, 2026**, Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies, events and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members to join the celebration around what makes Catholic schools stellar. Please support Holy Savior Academy, our community’s local Catholic school. <https://holysavioracademy.com/donate/>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend February 2026

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 13—15. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904—9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wme.org for more information



2026 Bishop’s Annual Appeal ONE IN CHRIST: Called to Love and Serve

Please watch your mailbox this week for a letter from Very Reverend Jonathan Toborowsky, our Diocesan administrator, announcing the 2026 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Visit the diocesan website www.diometuchen.org to learn the many ways your gift touches the lives of the faithful throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. Thanks to your generosity to the Appeal, together we are serving as an instrument of hope, bringing comfort and counsel to those in crisis. We are also providing the formation of our future priests and deacons, inspiring our children and young adults to embrace our Catholic faith, and so much more. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Sacred Heart Parish Goal: \$113,000

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.**



Our primary source of funding is from the Poor Boxes at the doors of the church. Also, bins at the doors are provided for donations of non-perishable food items.

Currently we are in need of:

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Church Upkeep

Certain items in the church will be undergoing some restoration. The bronze banisters in the sanctuary and the Communion gates have been temporarily removed while they are being refurbished. The

Stations of the Cross have also begun the restoration process, beginning with the Third Station. This project is expected to take several weeks.

Nonna's Sunday Dinner

Hosted & Prepared by Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026
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CHILDREN 12 & UNDER: \$15
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Collection Totals

Week Ending January 18, 2026:

	2026	2025
Envelopes:	\$ 4,956	\$ 11,291
Online giving:	\$ 3,748	\$4,236
Totals:	\$ 8,704	\$15,527

2nd Collection: Catholic Education: \$1,190

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

2025 Parish Contribution Statements are available. Please contact the Parish Center 908-756-0633 x110

Life Choices Resource Center

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You Are Cordially Invited to Our Annual Charity Banquet

Sunday, February 22, 2026

The Pines Manor

2085 Route 27, Edison, NJ 08817 (4pm-8pm)

Tickets are \$85 Per Person

(Which covers the cost of dinner)

Please RSVP NO LATER than February 9, 2026

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Knights of Columbus

All Catholic men over 18 years old are invited to join. Be part of a Catholic brotherhood unit in Christ. Help those in need in our church and our community through charity. Call 908-755-6203.

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.

Lenten Fish Dinners

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 6203

Location: Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish Center

Time: 5-7pm

Dates: Feb 20th, 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27

Prices: \$10 for children 12 and under; \$15 for adults

Menu: fish entries (fried flounder & baked tilapia) and for non-fish eaters, pasta. Everyone will enjoy a side of salad, rice, vegetables, rolls, and desserts.

No reservations are required, 50-50 raffles sold at the door.

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 woven into a brief prayer experience. The God Minute prayer is only 10 minutes and mobile; so you can now pray no matter how busy you are or where life takes you. This is a free Catholic 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.



Podcast: The Catholic Man Show

These days there's a podcast, Instagram account, website, or other online resource for every aspect of Catholic spirituality.



The Catholic Man Show is one of the top-rated podcasts available. This weekly podcast and radio show is for men who want to grow in virtue, deepen their Catholic faith, and live with intentionality. The show blends humor, practical wisdom, and authentic Catholic teaching—Each episode focuses on building up men to be stronger husbands, fathers, and disciples of Christ in everyday life.

Rosary

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

This Is Our Faith

Basic Bible Information

The Bible is like a library because it is a collection of books written over a period of about a thousand years. The books were originally written in several languages including ancient Hebrew and Greek.

How is the Bible organized?

The Bible is divided into two main sections: the Old Testament, containing a variety of materials (poetry, history, prayers, prophecies, etc.) written before Jesus was born. The New Testament was written after Jesus rose from the dead and returned to the Father and contains books about Jesus (the Gospels) as well as books about the early Church (The Acts of the Apostles, Letters, and Revelation).

Why is the Bible important?

The Bible is important because it is God's revealed Word. This means that the writers who wrote the books were inspired by God to tell us about Him, what He wants, what His plans are for us, and how we are to live. Despite being written in different literary styles (poetry, history, prophecy, etc.), the books of the Bible reveal eternal truth.

Who decided what's in the Bible?

Over the centuries Jewish and Christian scholars recognized certain books as inspired by God, based on their consistent teaching, their widespread acceptance among the respective Jewish and Christian communities, and how they

came to be written. For Christians, St. Athanasius and the Church historian Eusebius aided in developing the final collection of books and St. Jerome created a Latin translation. Church councils like the ones held in Hippo (393 AD) and Carthage (397 AD) formally approved the established collection. When some Christians broke away from the Catholic Church beginning in the sixteenth century (the Protestant Reformation), they created their own lists of approved books for the Bible. This is why Catholics and Protestants have different Bibles.

Why are the books about Jesus called Gospels?

The word Gospel means "good news." This word was used in ancient times to refer to a good announcement. For Christians, obviously, the good news refers to Jesus Christ.

What's the Good News exactly?

The Good News (or Gospel) is that God, recognizing that we human beings are in a mess having sinned and facing death, decided out of His love for us to send His only Son, Jesus. Jesus would rescue us from sin and death, offering us forgiveness and eternal life through His perfect life, sacrificial death, and resurrection. This would restore the broken relationship between God and people and put God in charge again. (Since in the past, people were mainly ruled by kings, they expressed these ideas by using the term the Kingdom of God.) —Louise Timko, PhD, Director of Faith Formation



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