

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 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 6:30AM

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

Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM

908-756-0633

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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.



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

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908-756-0633

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908- 822-5892

Altar Server Schedule

May 16—17

5:00PM D. Jastrzeleshi, J. Baluyot

9:00AM K. & P. Inigo

11:30AM S. & D. Hettiarachchi, 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, May 9, Easter Weekday

5:00 PM All Mothers of the Parish

Sunday, May 10, Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM All Mothers of the Parish - **May Crowning**

11:30 AM All Mothers of the Parish

Monday, May 11, Easter Weekday

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

7:00 PM Novena for All Mothers Living and Deceased

Tuesday, May 12, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Novena for All Mothers Living and Deceased

Wednesday, May 13, Easter Weekday, Our Lady of Fatima

9:00 AM Novena for All Mothers Living and Deceased

Thursday, May 14, Saint Matthias, Apostle, The Ascension of the Lord

9:00AM Novena for All Mothers Living and Deceased

Friday, May 15, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Novena for All Mothers Living and Deceased

Saturday, May 16, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Novena for All Mothers Living and Deceased

5:00PM Mario Abbruzzese, r. by Denise & Jose Figueroa



Virgin Mary Candle burns in memory of Stephen & Mary Adlassnig, r. by Richard Adlassnig

Sacred Heart Candle burns in memory of Patricia Maurath, r. by Henry & Richard

Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Michael & Rose Pleban, r. by Richard & Karen



Bread & Wine are in memory of Josephine Egidio, r. by Bob & Carole Holzheimer



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, Ivonne Montecalvo, Lisa Saverd, Alfonsina Brizueta, John Dmytruk, Thomas Zullinger, Larry Makoski, Dorothy Mercier, Felix Anziano, Leonor Fessock, Ana Serro, Consuelo Sosa, Tom Walsh

For those who have died

Josephine Egidio, Carmela Limoncelli Ciccarella, Kristen Vetesy, Terence Barry, Michael N. Encardone, Rosa M. Florentino, Gerald J. Vitale, George T. Jones, Patricia A. Wagner, Robert Bressler, Myrna Basalo, Mariano DeSantis 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

Congratulations to all our First Communicants May 2 & 3



Kaylin Acosta Aguayo	Adelina Kiernan
Scarlett Alleman	Harrison Lemchak
Hunter Bardecker	Payton McCriskin
Kylie Callejas	Hailey McMahon
Isabella Canty	Ella Mundy
Bryson Cardines	Luke Mundy
Ryan Cordero	Mckenzie Nolan
Matthias Cunalata	Naomi Nwosisi
Jake DeLeon	Kara Parada
Naomi Drakeford	Adam Pinto
Nyla Drakeford	Declan Rinaldi
James Feyrer	Christiano Salese
Luciana Frosioni	Delaney Thornton
Conrado Gracia	Addison Tiru
Xavier Jackson	Grace Tortorelli
Carolina Javier	Jalen Vega
Kacey Kapinos	Colin Ventura

Collection Totals

Week Ending May 3, 2026:

Envelopes:	\$ 12,603
Online giving:	\$ 4,751
Totals:	\$ 17,354

Collection for **Mother's Day Novena:**
\$ 2,499

Thank you for your continued support.



International Rosary

On **Saturday, May 16** at 10 am, join us in praying the ROSARY (in several languages) in honor of the first Apparition of VIRGIN MARY in Fatima. As Our Lady requested, we will pray for the conversion of

sinners and for much needed peace in our world. Meet outside the church by the Blessed Mother statue after the 9:00 am Mass.

MEN'S MORNING

All men are welcome to attend.

Presenter: **Kevin Wells**

Saturday, JUNE 6, 2026 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

"What it means to be a Catholic Man in Today's World."

The Shrine of Saint Joseph will offer a Men's Morning hosted by the Men of Saint Joseph. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel, followed by coffee, bagels, music, and a talk by **Kevin Wells**, an award winning Catholic author, acclaimed speaker, and former sports reporter for the Tampa Tribune. He is the best-selling author of several books, including *Priest and Beggar*, *The Priests We Need to Save the Church*, and *The Hermit*, and has spoken nationally at Catholic conferences, retreats, and on EWTN, sharing a message of heroic virtue and bold faith. His articles have appeared in leading Catholic publications worldwide. A husband and father of three, Kevin lives in Maryland and enjoys serving alongside The Sisters of Mary.

FREE WILL OFFERING.

Questions? Contact Deacon Kevin Reina krreina@gmail.com

To register for the event, go to

www.shrineofsaintjoseph.com/menofsaintjoseph

Shrine of Saint Joseph

1050 Long Hill road, Stirling, NJ 07980

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Prayer:

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Summer Camp

Do your kids need something to do this summer? Holy Savior Academy is running a Summer Camp between June 22 and August 14. Children can attend either daily or for a week or more. Beforecare and Aftercare are available as well. This is not a Religious Education program. No credit for Religious Education can be given. For details and to register, use this QR code or contact Holy Savior Academy (908-822-5890).



Rise Up and Run Challenge

Support Holy Savior Academy by donating to its 5th Storm Rise Up and Run FUNd Fitness Challenge! between now and May 18. School goals include exercising for 150,000 minutes, raising \$30,000, and getting donations from every state! Use the QR code at right. (To learn more click on the yellow tab the QR code brings you to.)



2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal ONE IN CHRIST: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2026 Bishop's Annual appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

Parish Goal: \$113,000

Average Gift: 419.50

%Pledged Goal: 105.06

%Received Goal: 95.05

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.

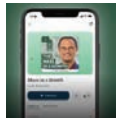
Our primary source of funding is from the Poor Boxes at the doors of the church. Also, bins at the doors are provided for donations of non-perishable food items.

Currently we are in need of:

Toilette Paper, Tooth Paste, Paper Towels.

socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net

The Mass in a Month Podcast from Ascension Press



Beginning May 1, Dr. Edward Sri—creator of the best-selling *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* is hosting *The Mass in a Month*, a 31-episode podcast designed to walk listeners through every part of the Mass in bite-sized daily reflections. The series offers both foundational teaching and practical preparation for new and lifelong Catholics to fully participate in the Mass. **(You can go back to listen to any segments you missed)**

Reminiscent of Ascension's popular "In A Year" podcasts, *The Mass in a Month* systematically guides listeners through every part of the liturgy, helping them know what to do, what to pray, and how to enter more deeply into the mystery being celebrated. Visit ascensionpress.com/mass to learn more and download the free *Mass in a Month Prayer Guide*

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Singers Wanted for a Special One-Time Concert!



The Sacred Heart Choir is seeking singers for a special concert on **June 13** celebrating **our nation's 250th birthday**. Lend your voice to our parish's celebration of this historic milestone!

No music-reading experience is required.

Rehearsals will take place on **Sundays, May 17, May 24, and May 31**, after the **9:00 a.m. Mass** and before the **11:30 a.m. Mass**.

Please contact Dan Mahoney at the Parish Center
908-756-0633 ext. 139.

Consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

In June 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence marking the establishment of this nation, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart in June.

There will be a novena leading up to the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 12). It will begin on June 3 and end on June 11.

For more information go to:

<https://www.usccb.org/weholdthesetruths>

This Is Our Faith

Understanding Church Authority

The word magisterium is the term we use to talk about the Church's authority. Magisterium comes from the Latin word "magister," which means teacher. The official "magisters," or teachers, of the Catholic Church are the pope and the bishops. They have the responsibility to preserve, explain and spread our Faith. Notably, they cannot add to what the Church has always held and taught, referred to as the Deposit of Faith, which is found in Scripture and Tradition.

Unlike Protestant churches and sects, the Catholic Church does not depend on Scripture alone. For one thing, the Church recognizes that there have been many wise and necessary things about the Faith explained in other sources, such as the writings of Church Fathers, for example, St. Augustine. But also, the Church is itself the source of our current Bible. Church Fathers, such as St. Jerome, decided the original canon, or list, of books that make up the Bible we have today.

Why is authoritative Church teaching necessary? For at least two reasons. No sensible person would want to take on themselves the job of figuring out the entire history of Church teaching and tradition. Why reinvent the wheel? Not only is it an enormous amount of work, but there's a very good chance something will be overlooked or misunderstood. Second, the Catholic Church is not a collection of individuals making up their own spiritual paths. The Catholic Church is one distinctive spiritual path. That path goes all the way back to the time of the Apostles. It's available to everyone throughout the world, should they accept it, and it comes from Jesus Himself (the source of

holiness). The Church is one, holy, catholic (universal) and apostolic – just like it says in the creed we profess each Sunday at Mass.

The Magisterium makes sure that Church teaching is consistent – not just over several years or generations, but for the past two thousand years. The teaching authority of the Church also provides interpretation of the Word of God: Scripture. The popes and bishops give guidance on how to understand the Bible and how to apply its teachings to their lives. From this consistency and wisdom about the Bible and Tradition, the Magisterium has the responsibility to teach about morality and Church doctrine.

Another difference from current Protestant spirituality, especially of the Evangelical sort that currently saturates American religious culture, is that the Catholic Church understands that individuals do not live in isolation. Our faith is not just about me and Jesus by ourselves. There is always a larger context, a community reality. Whenever we are in the public sphere, our Faith informs not only how we choose to act, but what we perceive and how we think. Our Faith requires our participation in the world at large to promote the common good. We are always part of society, helping to order it toward truth and justice (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1913-1915, 2240).

The Magisterium is not only necessary but a great gift for our quest for holiness. While we're like individual boats on a stormy sea, the Magisterium is the lighthouse that guides us to safe harbor in Christ.
—Louise Timko, PhD, Director of Faith Formation



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