

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 Most Holy Trinity, May 31, 2026



Detail of Trinity, Coronation stained glass, Parish Center Chapel

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.

Glory be to the Father,

who created us,

Glory be to the Son,

who redeemed us,

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,

who sanctifies us.

*Glory be to the Holy, Undivided Trinity,
now and forever. Amen.*

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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Holy Redeemer Cemetery:

Lynda Yelenovsky x111

908- 822-5892

Altar Server Schedule

June 6—7

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, May 30, Weekday

5:00 PM Robert Stilo & Patricia Stilo-Mitchell, r. by Bobby & Pat Stilo

Sunday, May 31, **The Most Holy Trinity**

9:00 AM William & Regina Hand, r. by Family

11:30 AM Irineo & Iniega Acorda, r. by Family

Monday, June 1, **Saint Justin, Martyr (Ninth Week in Ordinary Time)**

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

7:00 PM Michelina Panzarella, r. by Donatelli Family; Jean Karwowski, r. by Stanley Stachowicz; Carmine A. Rullis Jr., r. by Walezak Family; Theresa Paster, r. by Joanne, Jennifer & Mary Otlowski; Kathryn Giordano Spisso, r. by Yurinko Family

Tuesday, June 2, Weekday

9:00 AM For the Intentions of Caleigh Banaria, r. by Jun & Helen Banaria In Thanksgiving of Birthday

Wednesday, June 3, **Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**

9:00 AM Deceased and Living Members of the Boyle & Connor Families, r. by Sr. Kathleen Rooney

Thursday, June 4, Weekday

9:00AM Parishioners of the Parish; James Benning, r. by Wife Barbara

Friday, June 5, **Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**

9:00 AM Don Venitelli, r. by Family

Saturday, June 6, Weekday

9:00 AM Remembrance Guild

5:00PM Ben Bonafede, r. by Linda, Joe & Iole

Virgin Mary Candle burns in honor of Sr. Nadine, r. by Bridget & Tom

Sacred Heart Candle burns in memory of Charles Perretti, r. by Daughter

Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of William & Regina Hand, r. by 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, Ivonne Montecalvo, Lisa Saverd, Alfonsina Brizuela, John Dmytruk, Thomas Zullinger, Larry Makoski, Dorothy Mercier, Felix Anziano, Leonor Fessock, Ana Serro, Consuelo Sosa, Tom Walsh

For those who have died

Robert Bressler, Myrna Basalo, Mariano DeSantis, Ellen M. Fender, Basil Fratesi, Laurie Butrico, Geraldine Dalfonzo, Michele Galek 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



Congratulations to Our Adult Confirmandi!

On May 24, the Solemnity of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles, three adults from our Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program were confirmed, completing their Sacraments of Initiation. Accompanied by their sponsors, they are from left to right: Theresa Lanzetta, Thomas Doyon, and Shane Zullinger.

Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. Teens and adults can complete their Sacraments of Initiation at any point in their lives through the OCIA program.



Podcast interview with Sr. Kathleen

Sr. Kathleen Rooney, our sister in residence, was recently interviewed by Jay Donofrio, the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Metuchen, on his **No Half Saints Podcast**. You can view the podcast, entitled, "The Importance of Prison Ministry" on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Edlomw5orTQ>)

PRAYING WITH THE SENSES

presented by Mary Pollini

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, NJ
Saturday, June 6 from 10am-3pm

In his Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius of Loyola recommends that we pray with scripture by putting ourselves in the scene and contemplating the gospel passage with our senses: what do we see, hear, smell, etc.? During this guided retreat, we will immerse ourselves in each of our senses through sensory experiences, memories, poetry, reflections, and scripture.

Lunch will be provided. In Person Program.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

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 **July 17 – 19**.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

See: www.wwme.org for more information.

Collection Totals

Week Ending May 24, 2026:

Envelopes:	\$ 7,991.00
Online giving:	\$ 3,900.50
Totals:	\$ 11,891.50

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Baptisms

Baptisms are held the third Sunday of the month after the 11:30am Mass.

KoC: Handicap Access Ramps

The Knights of Columbus local Council 6203 performs worthwhile community projects for those in need. The Council is looking for any South Plainfield residents who would benefit from a handicap access ramp installed in their home. They can work with you to provide it free of charge in most cases. Please call Grand Knight Tom Berry at 908-531-0428 if interested.

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.

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. To get the novena and for more information go to:

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

Parishioners are invited to participate in saying the novena at **Sacred Heart** after the **9:00am Mass** starting **June 3**.

See the new movie: "**Sacred Heart: His Reign Has No End**" either at the Regal Hadley Theater on Stelton Rd. or on Rt. 1 on either **June 9, 11 or 14**.

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).



Stations of the Cross

With grateful hearts, we extend our sincere thanks to all who have generously contributed to the lovingly restored Stations of the Cross. Your kindness, devotion, and support have made it possible to cover the restoration cost for all fourteen stations.

As we continue to care for and renew our church, there will be additional opportunities for parishioners to participate in future restoration efforts. We look forward to sharing more information with you in the coming months.

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
Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity



2026 Bishop’s Annual Appeal ONE IN CHRIST:

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2026 Bishop’s Annual appeal. While we’ve reached our goal, donations are still being accepted. Half of everything donated now comes back to our parish! Also, gifts donated now help other parishes who don’t have the means to meet their own goals.

Parish Goal: \$113,000
Amount Received: \$120,723
Amount Pledged: \$129,957
Average Gift: 433.19
% of Goal Received: 106.84
% of Goal Pledged: 115.01



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:

Toilet Paper, Tooth Paste, Paper Towels.

socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net

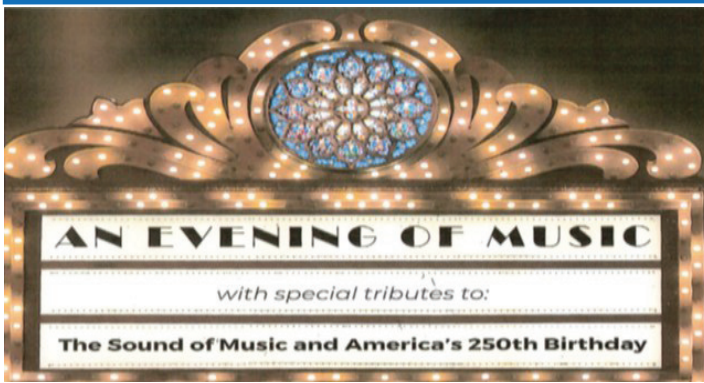


Everyday Heroes in Our Community

Thank you to the Adenau family for coming out on a rainy morning to line the entrance of Holy Redeemer Cemetery with American Flags, and to the Boy Scouts who placed a new flag on all the individual graves in honor of our Fallen Heroes.

God Bless all of you for your patriotism and help. May our Heroes continue to rest in peace.

Lynda Yelenovsky



An Evening of Music

Presented by the Adult Choir

Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, NJ

Saturday, June 13th at 7:00PM

Admission is free.

Corpus Christi Procession

Will take place at **Our Lady of Fatima Church, Piscataway, NJ on Sunday, June 7, 2026** beginning at 3:00PM. Participants will gather in front of the church by 2:45PM and process around the streets of the parish neighborhood. Prayers will be recited in the church for those unable to participate in the procession. Light refreshments will be served following the event.

For more information or questions please contact Roberta Maurer at (732) 245-9124 or by email at rmaurer@olfparish.org.

This Is Our Faith

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Since we have come to the end of May, the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, let's look at a little-used title for Mary: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. This title for Mary was started in the nineteenth century in central France by Fr. Jules Chevalier, the founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

In 1854, while praying a novena to the Immaculate Conception, Fr. Jules promised Our Lady that if his dream of beginning a religious order in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus came true, he would consider Mary as the foundress and true ruler of his Order. Continuing to pray novenas to Mary, over several years he was given the means to establish his religious order and to start building a church now called the Basilica of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in the town of Issoudun, France. Fr. Jules sought to combine devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with giving honor to the Blessed Virgin. Mary is preferred above all women by God because she leads us to the Son of God and so, is an especially powerful advocate for us.

Since descriptions of Mary and her titles are often expressed in art in a consistent way (referred to as iconography), what is the iconography of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart? Mary and Jesus appear together – sometimes Jesus is shown as a child in His mother's arms or sometimes Jesus as a child stands in front of Mary. In both representations, Jesus touches His sacred heart with His left hand. In pictures or statues of Mary carrying Jesus, her right hand either gestures towards us

or shows His Sacred Heart. This indicates that through Mary we can reach the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Here is a prayer to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart:

Remember, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, the great things the Lord has done for you; He chose you for His mother, He wanted you close to His cross, He gives you a share in His glory. He listens to your prayer. Offer Him our prayers of praise and thanksgiving. Present our petitions to Him. (Mention your request here.) Let us live like you in the love of your Son that His kingdom may come. Lead all people to the source of living water that flows from His heart, spreading over the world hope and salvation, justice, and peace. See our trust in you, answer our prayer.

Show yourself always, our Mother. Amen.

—Louise Timko, PhD, Director of Faith Formation





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