

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 Body and Blood of Christ, June 7, 2026

Happy 90th Birthday!

*from all of us at
Sacred Heart Parish*



Sr. Nadine Boyle, RSM

90 Years Loved

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Holy Redeemer Cemetery:

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Altar Server Schedule

June 13—14

5:00PM	D. Jastrzeleshi, R. & J. Adenau
9:00AM	S. & D. Hettiarachchi, A. Flannery
11:30AM	Y. Ericson, J. Baluyot

Baptism

The sacrament is celebrated on the third Sunday of every month after the 11:30AM Mass 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

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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, June 6, Weekday

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

Sunday, June 7, **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Palmer Family, r. by Daughter in Law

11:30 AM Donald & Ann Francavage, r. by Donna Approvato

Monday, June 8, Weekday (Tenth Week in Ordinary Time)

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

7:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society, r. by Altar Rosary Society; Josephine Egidio, r. by Geri Diegnan; Lydia Marcaida Sese, r. by Anna & Mary Ellen; Mary Lynch, r. by McGonigle Family; Hazel Decibus, r. by Cathy Reilly

Tuesday, June 9, Weekday

9:00 AM William McDonough, r. by Connie Besser

Wednesday, June 10, Weekday

9:00 AM Patricia Blount, r. by John, Germania, Bobby, Rose Yuill & Family

Thursday, June 11, Saint Barnabas, Apostle

9:00AM Parishioners of the Parish;

Friday, June 12, **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

9:00 AM Michael & Rose Pleban, r. by Richard & Karen

Saturday, June 13, Weekday

9:00 AM Leo Thomas Ryan Sr., r. by Daughter; Bernice Jeronowitz, r. by Husband Robert; Berta Angel, r. by Muradas Family; Ensuno Orozco, r. by Muradas Family; Cecilia Bravo, r. by Muradas Family

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

Virgin Mary Candle burns in memory of Theresa DeFoe, r. by Cousin

Sacred Heart Candle burns in memory of Salvina DelNegro, r. by Niece Rosemarie

Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Michele Galek, r. by Jose & Denise Figueroa



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

Carolyn Keane, Hazel Decibus, Ellen M. Fender, Basil Fratesi, Laurie Butrico, Geraldine Dalfonzo, Michele Galek, Rosanna Gnudi 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 Confirmandi!

On May 27, parish teens and 8th graders, accompanied by their sponsors, complete their Sacrament of Initiation. Please keep them in your prayers.

Juliana Altomare
Angelo Banaria
Jake Butrico
Daniel Canty
Zoe Carrazana
Lindsey Carreno
Charlotte Cioffi
Olivia Cioffi
Camila Cisneros
Logan De Castro
Nicholas Dobos
Brandon Echenique
Matthew Espinosa
Nathaniel Espinosa
Jeovany Fernandez
Shannon Fitzharris
Damian Forbes
Alessandro Grazia
Cole Gustafson
Ryan Koell
Sebastian Koell
Payton Kurilew
Valerie Lacandalo
Kaitlyn Levine
Cadence Lodato
Joseph Magliulo
Mateo Matusz

Mark McConville
Mason McConville
Olivia Medina
Gabriella Melick
Dylan Miralles
Bria Pacheco
Brynlee Paltjon
Grant Patterson
Henry Prybella
Jake Prybella
Elliana Reba
Nicholas Riccardo
Vincent Rubinetti
Matthew Rubinetti
Mia Russo
Gia Salvatore
Kayla Singh
Mason Smith
Hayley Spina
Reid Squier
Annabelle Stoeckel
Carl Tan
Chelsea Taveras
Lauren Taveras
Joseph Valluzzi
Sophia Vasquez
Griffen Welch

Prayer:

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, save us and the whole world!



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 31, 2026:

Envelopes:	\$ 8,701.00
Online giving:	\$ 3,831.50
Totals:	\$ 12,532.50

Collection for Catholic Communication:

2,032

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Parish Center Office Hours

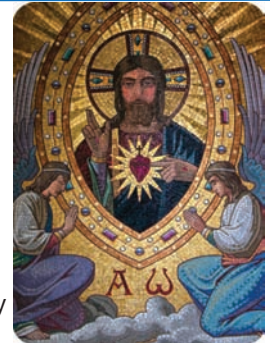
The Parish Center will be closed on Fridays for the summer starting June 5 and ending Sept. 4.

Change to Confession Schedule

Please be advised that there will be no confessions on Saturday, June 20 due to Ordinations taking place 10:30AM at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral. There will be no confessions on Saturday, July 4.

In order to better serve the parish, confessions are being permanently rescheduled to Saturdays, 4-4:45PM and Mondays from 6-6:40PM when we have adoration. There will be no more Saturday morning confessions. This starts effective on Saturday, July 11. Confessions remain available by appointment.

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).



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: \$121,005
Amount Pledged: \$129,957
Average Gift: 433.19
% of Goal Received: 107.08
% of Goal Pledged: 115.01



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.

Rosary

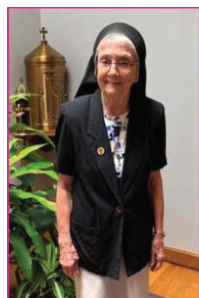
Pray the Rosary Monday evenings at 6 pm. The Rosary is based on Scripture and summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith.

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.



Happy Birthday Sr. Nadine!

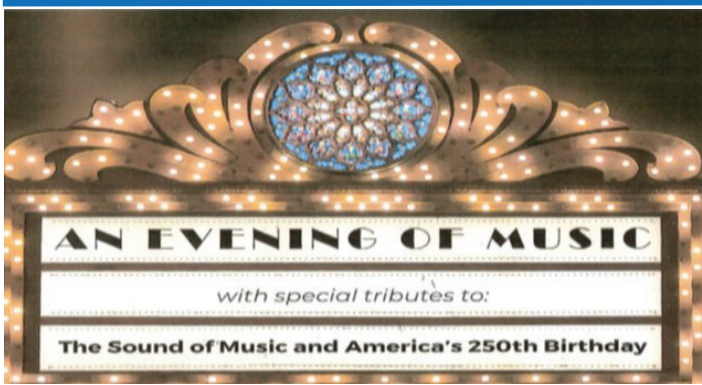


This week, our beloved Sr. Nadine turned 90! What a blessing and a treasure she has been to our Sacred Heart family.

Sr. Nadine was born to Martha Margaret (Connor), lovingly known as "Matty," and John Joseph Boyle ("Buck") in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, on that wonderful June day in 1936. She was given the name Noreen and was the third of five children. Betty and Jack were her older siblings, while Sally and Tom were younger. Today, Betty, Jack, and Sally are rejoicing with their sister from their heavenly home.

Sister Nadine entered the Sisters of Mercy on September 8, 1957, beginning many happy years in the ministry of education. Her first mission was at St. Francis Cathedral School, where she taught the primary grades from 1959 to 1965. She then served at St. Matthias School in Somerset, Our Lady of Victories in Sayreville, and came to Sacred Heart School for the first time as a teacher from 1980 to 1983. Sister's next assignment was to Holy Family School in Hazlet, where she served as principal for the next 21 years. Sacred Heart became her "home" again in 2004, when she became principal of the school. Sister Nadine has continued to faithfully serve Sacred Heart Parish, where she is currently the assistant to the staff.

We give praise and thanks to God for the gift of life in Sr. Mary Nadine Boyle, RSM! May abundant blessings and graces be yours from the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Happy Birthday!



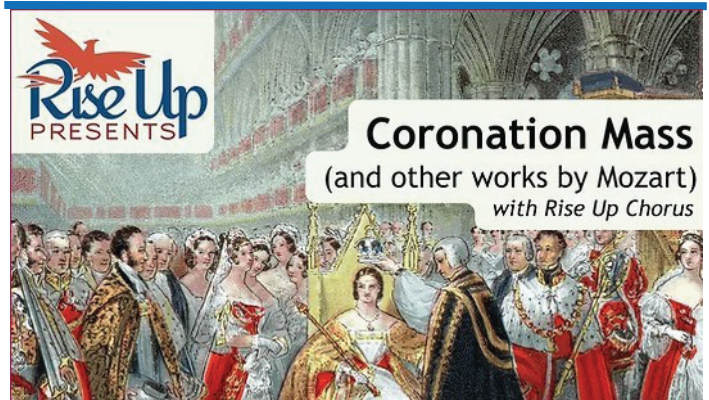
An Evening of Music

Presented by the Adult Choir

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Saturday, June 13th at 7:00PM

Admission is free.



Rise Up Community Arts

Sunday, June 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield

Tickets \$25 for adults; \$23 for seniors, and students are free

Purchase tickets at riseup.org

This Is Our Faith

Devotion to the Sacred Heart

What Is the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is an image of Jesus with His heart visible on His chest. The heart is surrounded by a crown of thorns and topped with a flame. It is an important Catholic symbol of Jesus's passionate love for all of us. It's kind of an old-fashioned symbol, originating with the visions of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in the seventeenth century, but it's meant to encourage a deeper personal relationship with Jesus. Saint Margaret Mary had several visions of Jesus between 1673 and 1675 in which Jesus revealed His Sacred Heart as a symbol of His burning love for humanity (the flame above the heart) despite our sinfulness (the thorns surrounding the heart).

When is the Feast of the Sacred Heart?

This Feast occurs on the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost. Because our parish is named Sacred Heart, we frequently move our commemoration of this Feast from Friday to Sunday to make it more convenient for parishioners to come to Mass.

What does believing in the Sacred Heart do for us?

In His visions to St. Margaret Mary, Jesus told her that He wanted Catholics to honor His heart publicly and to make reparations for the indifference and offenses committed against Him.

What does it mean to make reparations to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

This means to make amends for a wrong done by trying to fix the problem or damage one caused. While Jesus forgives us our sins if we are sorry (have contrition), damage to our relationship with Him has still been done. By sinning, we have distanced ourselves from Jesus. To make reparations means to take action to close this gap and to demonstrate that we are

serious about improving our relationship with Him. Such behaviors might include extra charitable acts, additional prayers, self-sacrifices big and small, etc. Unfortunately, many Catholics today were taught that since Jesus forgives us all the effects of our sins are wiped out. This is not true. Reparation must still be made if not in this life, then in the next (Purgatory). When we have a devotion to the Sacred Heart, we acknowledge that our sinfulness causes Jesus to suffer and that we can lessen His suffering by the way we live our lives and extend ourselves to others.

What does one do to have a devotion to the Sacred Heart?

Catholics can observe the Feast of the Sacred Heart by going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion. We can pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart to meditate on Jesus and how He is present in our lives even when we are unaware of it. We can consecrate our homes and families to the Sacred Heart. Other things we can do include displaying an image of the Sacred Heart in our homes, wearing a Sacred Heart Scapular, praying the Novena to the Sacred Heart between June 3 and June 11 this year or on Fridays during the rest of the year, and by observing the Nine First Fridays devotion (which entails going to Mass and Holy Communion on the first Fridays of nine consecutive months).

—Louise Timko, PhD, Director of Faith Formation





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