

# 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

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 18, 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 4:00 to 4:45PM  
Monday 6:00 to 6:45PM when we have  
Adoration. Confessions are also available 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 4:00PM

**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.

***“My confidence is placed in God,  
Who does not need our help  
to accomplish His designs.  
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to give ourselves to the work  
and to be faithful to Him.”***

**St Isaac Jogues (1607-1646)  
Martyr**

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### **Parish Staff**

908-756-0633

#### **Pastor:**

Rev. Edmund Luciano III, KCHS, KOGCO

#### **In Residence:**

Rev. David Keyes

#### **Deacons:**

D. Gregory Caruso

D. Ketan Christian

#### **Director of Sacred Music:**

Daniel Mahoney x139

#### **Director of Religious Education:**

Louise Timko, PhD x143

#### **Office Administrator:**

Anna Stillo x110

#### **Facilities Manager:**

J. Michael Mazzaresse x140

#### **Facilities Maintenance:**

Brian Sporman

#### **Information Technology:**

Marvel Abaquita x146

#### **Staff Assistant:**

Sr. Nadine Boyle, RSM x118

#### **Sacristans:**

Cathy Reilly

Nancy Van Allen

### **Holy Redeemer Cemetery:**

Lynda Yelenovsky x111

908- 822-5892

## **Altar Server Schedule**

### **October 24 - 25**

5:00PM D. Jastrzeleshi, A. Flannery

9:00AM J. & K. Singh, E. Marasigan

11:30AM C. & E. Ciccarella, B. Rinaldi

## **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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Hours: 8:00AM – 7:00PM (April 15 – Sept 15)

8:00AM – 4:30PM (Sept 16 – April 14)

## Masses

### Saturday, October 17

5:00 PM Victoria Bielawski, r. by Neil & Helen Towey

### Sunday, October 18, **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM Richard Timinski, r. by Wife Denise & Family

11:30 AM Frank, Mary, & Frank Paul Simon, r. by Demarest Family

### Monday, October 19, **Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs**

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

7:00 PM Patrick Power, r. by Demarest Family; For the Intention of Deacon Ketan & Family, In Thanksgiving for First Grandchild, Myra

### Tuesday, October 20, Weekday

9:00 AM Michele Galek, r. by Dot Waskiewicz

### Wednesday, October 21, Weekday

9:00 AM Geraldine Dalfonzo, r. by Sr. Nadine Boyle & Sr. Kathleen Rooney

### Thursday, October 22, Weekday

9:00AM **No Mass** due to Bishop's Installation

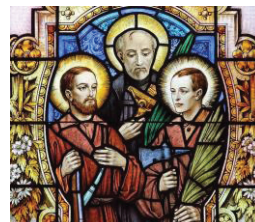
### Friday, October 23, Weekday

9:00 AM Nicola DeSantis, r. by Anna Razzano & Family

### Saturday, October 24, Weekday

9:00 AM Angelo Campo, r. by Wife Pauline & Family; Edward Sitar, r. by John O'Malley; Fidelio Lim, r. by Mercado family; Rev. John Wake, r. by Barbara Stolarz; Maria Justine Alyssa DeLeon, r. by Maria Capili

5:00PM Eleanor Mahoney, r. by Family



**Virgin Mary Candle** burns in honor of Pope Leo XIV, r. by Staff

**Sacred Heart Candle** burns in honor of Bishop Michael A. Saporito, r. by Staff

**Sanctuary Candle** burns in memory of Ana Gregory Stillo, r. by Niece



## We Pray for:

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

Michael Lauten, Barb Napoleon, Barbara Number, Theresa Billian, Kenneth Faulkner-Alexander, Rain Patton, Ivonne Montecalvo, Lisa Saverd, Alfonsina Brizuela, John Dmytruk, Thomas Zullinger, Larry Makoski, Dorothy Mercier, Felix Anziano, Consuelo Sosa, Mickki Antoniazzi, Maria Santoro Koehler

### For those who have died

George R. Decker, Anna Conlon, Angela D'Alessandro, John J. Villares, Katherine Ford Villares, Violeta Villanueva, Joseph Giliberti, Wayne Grennier, Lesley Ann Atkinson, Joseph Lacasale, Vito Ciccarella, Patricia Wagner 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

## Heart to Heart: Pathways to Prayer

One hour, one day, once a month...come and pray!

*Heart to Heart* is a monthly prayer gathering beginning **Wednesday, October 7** and continuing on the **first Wednesday of each month through May**. Everyone is welcome to join, either **in person** or **via Zoom**.

**In Person:** Parish Center Chapel, 10:00-11:00AM

**Zoom:** 7:00-8:00PM

Each month, participants will be introduced to a different path of prayer, followed by time for personal reflection and prayer. **Sr. Kathleen** will facilitate each session.

To receive the Zoom link, please email:

**kathleenrooneyssj@gmail.com**

### Monthly Topics

**October 7—Feast of the Holy Rosary.** The rosary has been called a Bible study on beads. Come and enter more fully into the Mysteries.

**November 4 – Intercessory Prayer.** Intercession, Petition and Thanksgiving (1 Tim. 2:1)

**December 2 – Adoration.** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed – prepare in prayer for the Season of Advent.

**January 6, 2027 - Prayer of Discernment.** How to use prayer in decision making.

**February 3 – Praying With Scripture.** Preparing for Lent.

**March 3 – Music as Prayer**

**April 7 – Praying with the 5 Senses.** Sight, Touch, Smell, Sound, and Taste.

**May 5 - Conclusion.** Sharing of the graces & sharing of food – donuts/danish and coffee.



## HSPT FALL PREP COURSE

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## Collection Totals

Week Ending October 11, 2026:

Envelopes: \$ 9,500.00

Online giving: \$ 4,366.50

Totals: \$ 13,866.50

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

## Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Almighty Father, look favorably on your servant our Pope Leo XIV, whom You have set at the head of Your Church as her shepherd. Grant him healing now and an easy recovery. O Lord, return him to good health soon and may he continue healthy in the future so that he may be of service to those over whom he presides for many years to come.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



## Installation Mass

The **Church of the Sacred Heart** has been given the honor and privilege of hosting the **Installation Mass** of **Bishop Michael A. Saporito** as the sixth Bishop of Metuchen on Thursday, October 22 at 2:00PM.

In observance of this historic occasion, both the Parish Center and Holy Savior Academy will be closed, and all Holy Savior Academy activities will be canceled for the day. Please note that attendance at the Installation Mass is **by invitation only** given out by the Diocese of Metuchen. The parish has no invitations to distribute. **Note: Security will be locking down the campus at 8:30AM. Only those with tickets/parking passes will be allowed to enter.**

## Volunteers Needed

The **Rosary Altar Society** is seeking volunteers to help beautify and refresh our church on **Monday, October 19, at 11:00AM**. If you can spare **1-2 hours**, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. All cleaning supplies will be provided.

## Mount St. Mary House of Prayer CALENDAR RAFFLE



Tickets for a Calendar Raffle to benefit Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, are on sale now by calling **908-753-2091**. Tickets are \$20 for 13 chances to win from December 2026 through February 2027. Prizes range from \$300 to \$400. The last day to purchase tickets is November 30. Proceeds benefit the ministry of the House of Prayer, which depends on the generosity of its benefactors. The Sisters are most grateful for your support.

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## Relics of the Saints

In honor of **All Saints Day**, Fr. Edmund will display relics of saints on **Saturday, Oct. 31** and **Sunday, Nov. 1**. More details to come in upcoming bulletins. This special exhibit offers an opportunity to venerate these holy men and women, seek their intercession, and reflect on their inspiring witness of faith.

Saint relics that will be on display:

**St. Anthony of Padua**  
**St. Bernard of Clairvaux**  
**St. Catherine Laboure**  
**St. Charles Borromeo**  
**St. Crispin Viterbo**  
**St. Edmund the Archbishop**  
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**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
**St. Frances Cabrini**  
**St. George**  
**St. Gerard Majella**  
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**St. Helena**  
**St. John Bosco**  
**St. John Neumann**  
**St. John Vianney**  
**St. Jude Thaddeus**  
**St. Lucy**  
**St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**  
**St. Maria Goretti**  
**St. Philip Neri**  
**St. Philomena**  
**St. Pius X**  
**St. Thomas Aquinas**  
**More to be added...**



## Announcement:

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Monsignor James P. Moran, a retired priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, who passed away on September 30, 2026. Monsignor Moran was ordained to the priesthood in 1972. He served as Vicar General of the Metuchen Diocese and Pastor of St. Cecelia Parish, Iselin; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Three Bridges; Guardian Angels Parish, Edison; and Our Lady of Mercy Parish, South Bound Brook, before retiring in 2018.

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## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came on Saturday for the annual **International Rosary** in honor of the last apparition of the **Virgin Mary in Fatima**.

Your presence helped make this a beautiful reflection of faith and devotion to the message of Fatima.



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## 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 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.

With much gratitude, the Social Concerns Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners who so generously donate to the food pantry.

[socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto:socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net)

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## This Is Our Faith

### Let's Talk Bishops

Most Catholics will probably never have a conversation with one of their Church leaders apart from their parish priest. They may not even realize that their parish priest's boss is their own bishop. But while these Church leaders may not have a direct effect on the life of the average Catholic, they certainly wield an indirect influence.

The word bishop comes from the Greek word "episkopos," meaning overseer or foreman. This was not a title but in the period of the late Roman Empire (fourth and fifth centuries) a description of someone who had some administrative authority. For Romans, the diocese (Latin dioecesis, meaning territories of administration) was the way their government was organized, just as we have municipalities, counties, and states. In these regions various kinds of officials held supervising duties, such as tax collection, the maintenance of public order, courts for justice, and any civil projects like roads and aqueducts. Eventually, once the Church was given legal status in 313 AD with the promulgation of the Edict of Milan, local churches began to organize themselves into regions based on these imperial regions. Episkopos began to be associated with those who exercised religious supervision.

Today the appointment of a bishop for a diocese is a complicated process with various bishops, the apostolic nuncio (ambassador to the Vatican), members of the Roman Curia (the administrative offices at the Vatican) and the pope all having a role. The official duties of a bishop are to teach, to sanctify and to govern. This means that a bishop must combine a number of different skills in order to supervise preaching and liturgy, Catholic education, providing for the administration of the

sacraments, and deciding matters of canon law (Church law) for his diocese. Among other qualifications, a bishop must be a priest for at least five years and be at least thirty-five years old. He should possess advanced graduate degrees in theology, canon law, or some other applicable field. Of course, he should also demonstrate solid faith, piety, morality, prudence, and a desire to bring people together as the Body of Christ.

Once named by the pope, the priest designated to be a bishop in a particular diocese must be installed. That is, there is an official ceremony during which he is officially allowed to assume the office to which he has been appointed. The idea is that ceremonially, he is physically led to a fancy throne or seat, which symbolizes his authority. He is also given his mitre (peaked hat) and crozier (shepherd's staff) as further insignia of his new position. The official papal bull (document) of his appointment is read aloud to all in attendance as well.

Here in the Diocese of Metuchen, our new bishop, Michael A. Saporito, will be installed as the sixth bishop of the diocese on October 22. Because our parish church is the largest physical church building in the diocese, his installation ceremony will take place here. The Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi remains the cathedral parish (cathedral from the word cathedra, meaning throne), of course. Our church building is simply being used for the convenience of accommodating more guests.

Because getting a new bishop is always an important and exciting time for any diocese, many people want to attend, but unfortunately not all can be accommodated. The installation is by invitation only, issued by the diocese. Our parish has no extra invitations.

Let's welcome our new bishop by keeping him in our prayers! —Louise Timko, PhD, Director of Faith Formation



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