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
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 8, 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

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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.

Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife.

Saint Leo the Great

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
In Residence:
Rev. David Keyes

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Cathy Reilly
Nancy Van Allen

Holy Redeemer Cemetery:
Lynda Yelenovsky x111
908- 822-5892

Altar Server Schedule

November 14 - 15

5:00PM D. Jastrzeleshi, B. Macwan
9:00AM V. Lacandalo, D. & S. Hettiarachchi
11:30AM S. Fernandes, M. Pahopin, 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
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, November 7, Weekday

5:00 PM The Faithful Departed enrolled in our All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 8, The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM The Faithful Departed enrolled in our All Souls Novena

11:30 AM Nilaxi Christian, r. by Deacon Jacinto & Monica Fernandes



Monday, November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

7:00 PM The Faithful Departed enrolled in our All Souls Novena



Tuesday, November 10, Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM The Faithful Departed enrolled in our All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 11, Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

9:00 AM Ted Romasz, r. by Wife & Family



Thursday, November 12, Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

9:00AM Parishioners of the Parish

Friday, November 13, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

9:00 AM Susan & Paul Janus, r. by Demarest Family

Saturday, November 14, Weekday

9:00 AM Dorothy Fernandes, r. by Darryl Fernandes; Bernice Jeronowitz, r. by Husband Robert; Jeffrey Thompson, r. by Gerry Chalkley; Msgr. Richard Lyons, r. by Barbara Stolarz; Bill Slavoski, r. by Wife Teddy

5:00PM Anna Muglia, r. by Emilia Muglia



Virgin Mary Candle burns in memory of Julia Szot, r. by Bernadette Thimons & John Szot
Sacred Heart Candle burns in memory of Frank Szot, r. by Bernadette Thimons & John Szot
Sanctuary Candle burns in memory Nicholas Anthony Mongiardo, r. by Cousin

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, Consuelo Sosa, Mickki Antoniazzi, Maria Santoro Koehler

For those who have died

Violeta Villanueva, Joseph Giliberti, Wayne Grennier, Lesley Ann Atkinson, Joseph Lacasale, Vito Ciccarella, Patricia Wagner, Felix Anziano, Yvonne Montecalvo, Ida Jackson, Jean Neumann, Margarita Patel 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 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
~~**Nov. 4 – Intercessory Prayer**~~
Dec. 2 – Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed – prepare in prayer for the Season of Advent.
Jan. 6, 2027 - Prayer of Discernment.
Feb. 3 – Praying With Scripture. Preparing for Lent.
Mar. 3 – Music as Prayer
April 7 – Praying with the 5 Senses.
May 5 - Conclusion. Sharing of the graces & sharing of food – donuts/danish and coffee.



Collection Totals

Week Ending November 1, 2026:

Envelopes:	$ 9,206.00
Online giving:	$ 4, 611.50
Totals:	$ 13,817.50

Collection for All Saints Day: $2,008.00
Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

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 **Sr. Nadine at 908-756-0633 ext. 118.** 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.

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal Thank You letter

Dear Father Luciano,

It is with tremendous joy and gratitude that I share the wonderful news that the Diocese of Metuchen has achieved our 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal goal of $7.4 million! Please extend my sincere thanks to the parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish for their generous response to the Appeal. With final gifts totaling **$133,460.00**, your parish earned a final rebate of **$10,230.00**. This income will not be assessed and is to be used for local needs at your discretion.

I am particularly grateful to you, your staff and your parish coordinators for the Appeal, whose dedication helped make this extraordinary achievement possible. Reaching this historic goal while the episcopal see was vacant in 2026 reflects the faith, unity and generosity of our diocesan family. Thanks to your parish's generosity, we are able to continue to live the Gospel message through our pastoral ministries and charitable outreach to those in need.

In Christ's peace and love,
Most Reverend Michael a. Saporito, D.D.
Bishop of Metuchen

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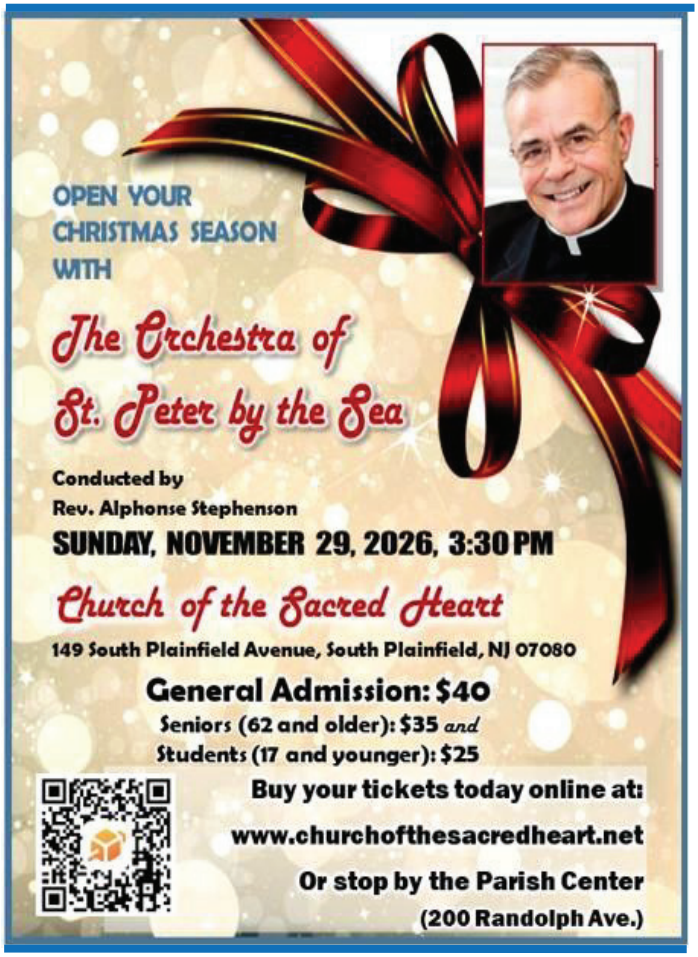
Thanksgiving Pies for Sale



The Rosary Altar Society will be selling Thanksgiving pies after Masses on the weekend of November 21st and 22nd while supplies last.

Pumpkin $9.00
Apple $14.00

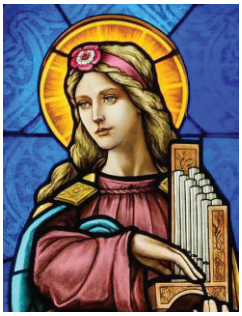






Prayer:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



St. Cecilia Sing Concert

Sunday, November 8, 3:00 - 5:00PM
Admission is free

The **Church of the Sacred Heart** will host the **St. Cecilia Sing** concert featuring choirs from across the diocese.

The concert is named after St. Cecilia, the patron saint of singers and musicians. All are welcome.

Are You Tech-Savvy? We Need a Volunteer!

Beginning in January, we will be scheduling our Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Altar Servers using a new electronic scheduling system. As we prepare for this transition and learn the new system, we are seeking a volunteer to assist with the setup process. If you are interested and available to help, please contact Dan Mahoney at 908-756-0633 ext. 139 or dan41-@aol.com.
Thank you for your consideration and support.



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.

As we prepare Thanksgiving meals for the families we serve, we are in need of the following items:

Canned Yams	Canned Fruit
Canned Carrots	Canned Green Beans
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Turkey Gravy
Jello and Pudding	Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix

socialconcerns@churchofthesacredheart.net

This Is Our Faith

Minimum Obligations

In our consumer-driven world, often our religious practices are seen through the lenses of "products and services" we wish to obtain. I often encounter this with parents and grandparents who seem not at all concerned with what a child believes about faith and morals and much more concerned with "how long" it is going to take to "get" a desired sacrament. For example, recently I was asked about a fifth grade child who had just celebrated her First Communion and how long was it going to take to get Confirmation. When told that in our parish Confirmation is typically celebrated after eighth grade is completed, the result was disappointment. "Why does it take so long?" The idea that this fifth grader should be in Religious Education every year was not even a possibility to be discussed. The goal that being formed in the faith is lifelong and not merely a couple of years here or there was not even to be considered. And that there are obligations that all Catholics have a notion was not even to be imagined.

Yet there are certain minimum obligations that Catholics have. These are called the Precepts of the Church. These precepts, obligations, or requirements are the very minimum effort one needs to put in as a disciple of Jesus.

1. "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor." There are certain days that are holy – that is, they are set aside for God and they are not like other days. If you're going to be in a relationship, you have to put time into that relationship. In the Ten Commandments, given to us by God, the Third Commandment commands weekly worship on the Lord's Day – Sunday for Catholics because Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Sunday.

2. "You shall confess your [serious] sins at least once a year." Like it or not, none of us are worthy to stand before the Lord who is Perfection. All of us our sinners. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the sacrament of Penance (often called Reconciliation). This sacrament ensures that we are properly preparing ourselves to receive Jesus Himself in the Eucharist. We are also continuing to put the work in to improve ourselves, to continue to convert our hearts and minds.

3. "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least once during the Easter season." It's not too much to ask Catholics to receive our Lord once a year especially during the holiest days of the year in the Easter season.

4. "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." There are times that the Church provides for us to help us require mastery over our more selfish instincts. Training ourselves in self-control is a valuable spiritual practice.

5. "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." The Church is a physical reality: there are buildings, there are people, there are activities. As members of the Church, we have the responsibility and obligation to assist in meeting these real material needs. Bills need to paid (Do you like heat in the winter and air conditioning in the summer? Then the church's utility bills need to be paid). Buildings need to be maintained (roofs leak, plumbing breaks. More bills need to be paid.). Would you like to see the parish have activities for families and seniors? Then volunteers are needed to bring such suggestions to fruition.

Catholics have obligations. Are you meeting yours?

—Louise Timko, PhD, Director of Faith Formation

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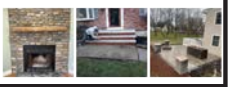
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