

THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Oldest Catholic Parish in New Jersey,
Established in 1814

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FEBRUARY 16TH & 17TH, 2008

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

MASS: MON.TUES.WED. FRI.:12:10 P.M.

ROSARY: WEDNESDAY - 12:30 P.M.

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:15 P.M.

SUNDAY MASSES: 9:00 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

FRIDAY: 12:30 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

HOLY DAY VIGIL: - 5:15 P.M.

HOLY DAY MASS: - 12:10 P.M.

RECONCILIATION: FRIDAY: 12:30 P.M.

SATURDAY: 4:30 P.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, whatever your own self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Church of the Sacred Heart.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 17, 2008

“God has saved us and called us to a holy life, not because of any merit of ours but according to His own design – the grace held out to us in Christ Jesus before the world began but now made manifest through the appearance of our Savior. He has robbed death of its power.”

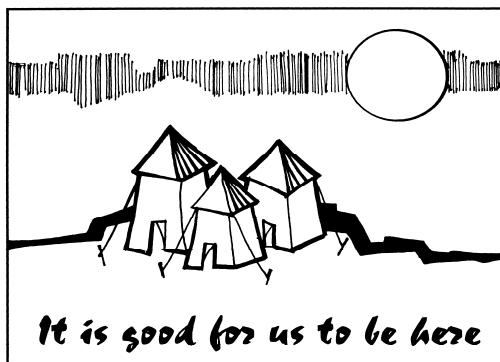
With Peter we say “Lord it is good for us to be here,” walking this second week of dying to self and rising with the Lord. Our destiny, our salvation awaits us. The means is by living a holy life. The gift has been extended to us, but it is something we must accept.

John tells us in his gospel that “whoever received Him He gave the power to become sons/daughters of God.” The life of grace, our union with God is a gift. We don’t earn it, in fact, we don’t deserve it save for the fact that God wanted to share His life with us and save us. He robbed death of its power. We have the ability of overcoming sin and death to live a new life in the Lord. It may cost us something, but look what it cost the Son of God.

Jesus told His friends “Get up! Do not be afraid.” He addresses me as well inviting me with Abraham and the disciples to acknowledge my need to reach out to Him for this gift, this power, to walk with Him without fear.

“Blessed are the lowly, they shall inherit the land.”

(May we suggest repeating this bible verse or mantra each day this week.)



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them.

When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: “This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him.”

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12, 1-4a; 2 Tm 1, 8b-10; Mt 17, 1-9

Monday

Dn 9: 4b-10; Lk 6: 36-38

Tuesday

Is 1: 10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18: 18-20; Mt 20: 17-28

Thursday

Jer 17: 5-10; Lk 16: 19-31

First Friday

1 Pt 5: 1-4; Mt 16: 13-19

(Special observance: World Day of Prayer)

First Saturday

Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

MEMORIAL CANDLES

You may memorialize one of the candles in the Prayer Chapel adjacent to the vestibule of the Church for one year. The one year memorial Candle costs \$100. The Candle will remain on for 1 year and a small plaque with the name of the person or persons will be placed near the candle. For further information, please contact the Parish Office at (609) 393-2801 Ext 109

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Let us pray for all soldiers, especially:

First Lieutenant Brian S. Williams, USMC
First Lieutenant Derrick Syed, US Army
First Lieutenant Will Applegate, USMC
Staff Sergeant Raymond Housal, US Army
Sergeant Robert Colella, 1st Class, US Army
Sergeant Gared Housal, US Army
Sergeant Ryan Mc Sorley, USMC
Seaman Carlos Molina, US Navy
Lance Corporal William Sinnett, USMC
Lance Corporal Christopher Poinsett, USMC
Private First Class Ryan Sharkey, USMC
Private First Class Jay Waalkens, US Army
Private First Class Matthew Conyers, US Army
MU3 Daniel Fitzsimons, US Navy
Private Keith Buzinski, US Army
Lieutenant Kristen P. Domboski, USAR
25TH Infantry Division – Alpha Company 127
Sergeant Alberto Rosario, US Army
Sergeant Ivan Cosme, US Air Force
LCPL John Tambourakis, USMC
Private Aimee Figueroa, US Air Force
Corporal Brett R. Flavin, USMC
Hospital Corpsman, Thomas J. Douglas, US Navy
Colonel Lars Braun, U Army

If you know of someone that you would like to place on the military prayer list, please e-mail name to lteresky@trentonsacredheart.org

WE ARE CALLED TO PRAY

For all who are sick, especially for: Carl Strock (1), Dante Marasco (1), Maria Rodriguez (2), Fred Hillman (2), Joanne Zak (2), Brian Bennet (3), Marion Chavis (1), Joe Hovanec (3), and our friends at South Village: Tom Allen, Rosalie Davis, Margaret Fennimore, Rose Barclay, Dot Persiketti, Maria & Elaine Mantuana, Gloria McGuire, Ramond Tirado, Ruth Krukowski, Wayne Smith that they would be comforted in their suffering we pray to the Lord.

For all of those who have gone before us in death especially: Angelo Gibilisco (2), Dolores Britton Paul (2), Vincent DeBronzo (2), Mark Dromboski (2), Elsie Glover Smith (4), that they may be embraced by the love of our Lord for all eternity we pray to the Lord.

**Our Weekly collection for the weekend of
February 9th & 10th
\$5.500.00
`Thank You`**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

5:15 P.M.

- Frank Czap r/o McIntyre Family
- Mary Stansley r/o Office of Vocations

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 A.M.

- Gasson Family r/o Family
- Pearl & Anthony Lee r/o The Schusters

11:15 A.M.

- John A. Estrella, Jr. r/o Family
- John Shurgala r/o Family
- John M. Holliday, Sr. r/o Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - 12:10 P.M.

NO MASS



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

12:10 P.M.

- Frank Vasti r/o Thomas Vasti & Family
- Angelo Vasti r/o Thomas Vasti & Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

12:10 P.M.

- Cecelia Fitzgibbon Pacera r/o Maria Milazzo
- Irene Hawes r/o Maureen & Bill Larkin

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

No Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12:10 P.M.

- J. Ferd Convery r/o Family
- Diana L. Amoroso r/o husband, Carl

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5:15 P.M.

- Helen Getz r/o Helen Smith
- Pasquale & Joseph Imbalzano r/o Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 A.M.

- People of the Parish
- Anne Horan r/o Father Mick

11:15 A.M.

- Geraldine Kemler r/o Gloria & Steve Iorio
- Bea Pippel r/o Carole Rhodes

ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL 2007

This week we received a rebate check from the Office of the Annual Bishop's Appeal for **2007** in the amount of **\$2,775.00**. Thank you to all who pledged and contributed to last year's appeal.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to parishioner, Jessica Marie Giordano for her outstanding academic achievement at Mt. St. Joseph Academy.

REMINDER – PRESIDENTS' DAY

There will be no religious education classes K-9th grades this weekend. R.C.I.A. will meet their usual time.

**The office will be closed and there will be no 12:10 pm afternoon Mass on Monday, Feb. 18th.*

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services Lenten solidarity program that calls all participants to pray, fast, learn & give to and for those who are in need around the world. Please pick up a rice bowl located in the vestibule of the church. Let this be a way of being mindful of those who are in need during Lent. God bless you!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Sunday during Lent following the 9:00 Mass. Please try to attend the stations during this holy season.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday from 4:30 – 5:00 pm
Every Friday following the 12:10 pm Mass
Holy Saturday 9:00 – 10:00 am (*no 4:30 pm confession*)
(Community Penance Service – **Immaculate Conception** Church, Chestnut Ave., Trenton at 7:00 PM)

DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday – 12:10 pm
(*No mass Monday, 2/18 - Presidents' Day*)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

TRENTON CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Trenton Catholic Academy Upper School will be hosting a Spring Open House on Thursday, March 6th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Prospective students & their parents are invited to attend. A placement test will be administered on Saturday, March 8th at 8:00 am for incoming students. For more information please visit our website at www.trentoncatholic.org or call 609-586-3705.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

This once in a lifetime experience provides an opportunity to gather & unite with Catholics in prayer & meditation under the exceptional spiritual guidance of two eminent religious leaders, Theodore Cardinal McCarrick & Fr. John Catoir, director emeritus of the Christophers ("Light one candle..") Round trip airfare from New York with breakfast & dinner daily & first class accommodations \$2,598.00. Visit us at www.1800Catholic.com or call 1-800-CATHOLIC.

LENTEN MISSION - O.L.S.-ST. ANTHONY PARISHES, Hamilton N.J.

The mission will be led by Fr. Peter Girard, OP, STD. The mission starts at St. Anthony Parish on March 3rd at 7:00 pm with Exposition, Adoration, Talk & Benediction. Mar. 4th at O.L.S., Rosary, Talk & Marian procession, Mar. 5th at O.L.S., Mass and talk, Mar. 6th at St. Anthony Church for the last evening Exposition, Adoration, Talk.

JESUS DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY

The next monthly Day of Inspiration is Saturday, March 8th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Roman Hall Restaurant, Butler St., Trenton, N.J. The day includes Mass, celebrated by Msgr. Edward J. Arnister, Pastor of Divine Mercy Parish, lunch (family style full course turkey dinner) & fellowship. The cost is \$22 with registration in advance. This month's guest speaker is Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist & Author, Paul Moses "Days of Intense Emotion: Praying with Pope John Paul II in the Holy Land." For additional information please call: 609-443-3573

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 16

5:15 PM

Altar Server: Suzanne Carpenter, Loughery
DeMille, Emily & Matt Franko

Eucharistic Minister: Anne DeMille, Bob Hoyer
Mary Komjathy, Tom Glover

Lector: Margot Rick

Presider: Fr. Dennis

Sunday, February 17

9:00 AM

Altar Server: Matt & Patrick Gibbons, Bridget &
Kelly Malloy

Eucharistic Minister: Maribeth Hardiman, Mary
Ann Hoch, Jeanne Scarpato, Judy Vernon,
Carmella Staub

Lector: Robin Haynes

Presider: Fr. Dennis

Sunday, February 17

11:15 AM

Altar Server: Ryan Allaire, Anthony Milazzo,
Celines Rivera

Eucharistic Minister: Carmen & Maria Milazzo,
Colette Royal, Helen Smith

Lector: Catie Royal

Presider: Msgr. Toomey

Saturday, February 23

5:15 PM

Altar Server: Maggie Marchok, Katelyn Reilly,
Will & Carolyn Royal

Eucharistic Minister: Tom Glover, Patricia
Hartanowicz, Bill & Joan Kearney

Lector: Llew Royal

Presider: Msgr. Toomey

Sunday, February 24

9:00 AM

Altar Server: Kate Hickey, Elizabeth Kitts, Ryan
Rizzuto, Tom Zamerowski

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Teresky, David &
Susan Rimili, Carmella Staub, Carol
McDonough

Lector: Jack McDonough

Presider: Fr. Dennis

Sunday, February 24

11:15 AM

Altar Server: Angelina & Liz Ferrara, Jayson
Yurcho

Eucharistic Minister: Aggie Green, Donna Lee
Kuebler, Nancy Rhodes, Helen Smith

Lector: Michael Rhodes

Presider: Fr. Dennis

Our History

New Jersey's first Catholic Church, dedicated to St. John the Baptist on June 12, 1814, and was built at Market and Lamberton Streets in Trenton. A small simple brick building 30 feet wide by 50 feet deep, St. John's drew a congregation of 30 families from both sides of the Delaware River, who continued to depend on traveling Philadelphia priests until 1837 when Rev. Daniel Magorien, was appointed the first resident pastor.

Fourteen years later, Irish immigrants fleeing the potato famine, had begun to swell the ranks of a congregation of German, French and Irish origin. The cornerstone for a new, much larger St. John's Church was laid that year at Broad and Centre Streets. Completed and dedicated on August 27, 1848, the new church was classical in design, built of stucco brick with a three-story bell tower. The growth of the parish of St. John was so rapid that wing was added in 1856.

On Sunday night, September 30, 1883, fire destroyed St. John's Church, leaving only the exterior walls, belfry with its bell and cupola standing. Undaunted, Pastor Rev. Thaddeus Hogan inspired his congregation of St. John's Parish and plans were drawn up for a new church building slated to be dedicated to the Sacred Heart.

On August 3rd, 1884 Bishop Jeremiah Shanahan of Harrisburg laid the cornerstone for a new church. On June 12th, 1885 the surviving St. John's bell, rang out again to signal the partial completion of the new church as Mass was celebrated for the first time in the basement chapel. The basement chapel was designed to seat 1,300, although the pews hadn't arrived and parishioners stood.

Sacred Heart was dedicated on June 30th, 1889 by the Most Rev. Michael S. O'Farrell, first Bishop of Trenton. On the north side of the church a rectory was built and on the south side a Catholic club house was built, both matching in design of the new Church of the Sacred Heart. The Catholic Club where gentlemen could be molded according to the highest standards was dear to the heart of Msgr. Hogan and he achieved his ambition so successfully that it was a cultural center for the men of Trenton for many years.

Romanesque Revival in style, Sacred Heart Church was designed by Patrick Charles Keely (1816-1896), himself an Irish immigrant. He was 19th century America's most prominent and prolific Catholic architect - the designer of many cathedrals in Boston, Hartford, Buffalo, Albany and Chicago, as well as some 150 churches, including ones in New Brunswick, Jersey City, Mount Holly and Newark.

In 1918, Msgr. Hogan's successor, Rev. Peter J. Hart built a modern school and convent adjacent to the rectory. On June 17, 1966 Msgr. Leonard R. Toomey was appointed the thirteenth pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart (formerly known as St. John). In 1972 the stores, houses and a tavern adjacent to the Catholic Club were purchased from the City of Trenton through an Urban Renewal Program and transformed into a landscaped parking yard for the parish, thus completing the current Parish Campus.

Still attracting parishioners from surrounding areas of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the Church of the Sacred Heart continues its mission to be a source of help and education, a place of vibrant worship, and the security of being a solid Catholic Christian community for all who come. Having been listed on the National Historic Registry for the United States Department of Parks and Wildlife, The Church of the Sacred Heart, moves into the new millennium anticipating the 200th celebration of the Parish in 2014.