



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Oldest Catholic Parish in New Jersey,  
Established in 1814

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**FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT –  
10:00 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY

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

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

RECONCILIATION: FRIDAY - 12:30 P.M. &  
SATURDAY: 4:30 – 5:00 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.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2008**

"In their thirst for water, people grumbled against Moses saying: 'Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here with our children and our livestock? So Moses cried out to the Lord: 'What shall I do with these people?'... 'I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock and the water will flow from it for the people to drink'... If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink you would have asked Him instead, and He would have given you living water."

The people of Israel fleeing oppression and slavery were tempted to return to their old ways. They were discouraged, deflated and despairing. Moses was the man in the middle. Like ourselves he asks "What am I to do?" With reassurance the Lord instructed him and he followed His urging. Another step in the right direction.

It sets up the gospel story of the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Gently, yet firmly, Jesus reaches out to her in her need and gradually reveals something of Himself. The common element of "water" in the two passages, reminds us of baptism and the life of grace, the first a physical washing, the second a spiritual rebirth.

We too seek the living water of grace. Lent offers us through our prayer, sacrifice and good works, the opportunity to become renewed and refreshed. As Moses had to strike the rock, we too have to ask for the gift the Lord wants to give us, the gift of His grace, His living water. All we need to do is ask.

*"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill."*



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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7**

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

**Gospel: John 4:5-42**

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir..."

Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

**READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Ex 17, 3-7; Rom 5, 1-2, 5-8; Jn 4, 5-42 or 4, 5-15

**Monday – Casimir**

2 Kgs 5: 1-15a; Lk 4: 24-30

**Tuesday**

Dn 3: 25, 34-43; Mk 18: 21-35

**Wednesday**

Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Mt 5: 17-19

**Thursday – Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs**

Jer 7: 23-28; Lk 11: 14-23

**Friday – John of God**

Hos 14: 2-10; Mk 12: 28b-34

**Saturday – Frances of Rome**

Hos 6: 1-6; Lk 18: 9-14

**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:  
Lt. James Wesley Green, US Military  
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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
25<sup>TH</sup> 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: Dante  
Marasco (2), JoAnne Distasio (1), Maria  
Rodriguez (3), Fred Hillman (3), Joanne Zak  
(3), Brian Bennet (4), Marion Chavis (2), 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: Joe Hovanec (1), Angelo Gibilisco (2),  
Dolores Britton Paul (1), Vincent DeBronzo (1), Mark  
Dromboski (1), Margaret Grant (4), Elsie Glover  
Smith (3), 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 16<sup>th</sup> & 17  
\$4,928.00  
`Thank you`**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **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 Fr. Mick

**11:15 A.M.**

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

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**12:10 P.M.**

- Anne Horan r/o Bernie & Jimmy Walsh
- Joanne DiStasio (L) r/o Yurcho Family

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**12:10 P.M.**

- Raymond Kostura r/o Anna Marie  
Kostura
- Dante Marasco (L) r/o Rose Avanzato

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**12:10 P.M.**

- Ed Bulger r/o Jane Davis
- Eugene O'Rafferty (L) r/o Leo & Helen  
Peer

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**No Mass**

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

**12:10 P.M.**

- Edward J. Smith r/o Family
- Diana L Amoroso r/o husband, Carl

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 1**

**5:15 P.M.**

- Helen Getz r/o Linda Teresky
- People of the Parish

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 2**

**9:00 A.M.**

- Tom McQuade r/o Maureen & Jack  
Sheehan
- Walter Armijos r/o Rosalbo Nazario &  
family

**11:15 A.M.**

- Mary M. Holliday r/o Family
- Ted & Dana Grieb (L) r/o Peter & Rachel  
Grieb

**ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**



**R.C.I.A.**

After the rite of election, held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, the catechumens, now called the elect, start a period of prayer and reflection. This time is called the Period of Purification, which is the final preparation time for the unbaptized who will be received into the church on Holy Saturday. The three purifying rituals, known as the Scrutinies, strengthen the elect and help to complete their conversion. Fr. Dennis will present the creed to our newly elect, **Rachel Cachola and Ronald Malloy** at the 11:15 a.m. Mass. As a community of faith we will all profess our faith together, thus handing on our faith to the elect.

Please keep them in your prayers along with our candidates for full communion: **Jodi Litus, Melanie Stillwell, Jocelyn Ortiz.**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

To our parishioners who have achieved Academic Honors at Holy Ghost Preparatory School for the first semester. They are **Matt Franko, Austin Zuech, Kellen Wojnar, & Philip Pastor.**



**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)**

**"EDDIE B" A.A. MEETING**

7:30 pm every Wednesday – Msgr. Toomey Hall

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**"IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS"**

Join Rev. Charles Krieg, C.M. for a Lenten day of prayer on Friday, March 7, 2008 at St. Joseph Seminary in Princeton, N.J. The sacrament of penance will be made available. Lunch will be included.

**ADOPTIVE FAMILIES MASS**

The Adoptive Parents Association of N.J. invites all area adoptive families to a special celebration of the Mass honoring adoptive families. Mass will be held Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great Church, Hamilton Square, N.J. There will be a dessert reception immediately following the Mass. For more information: [www.apocnj.tripod.com](http://www.apocnj.tripod.com) or call Mary at 609-587-9016.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**CATHOLIC CHARITIES – EL CENTRO**

Help is needed for helping area residents fill out their 1040 Tax forms. Please contact Bob Hernandez 609-394-2056.

The outdoor passion play on Good Friday, coordinated by El Centro and area churches, is in need of actors/actresses. Costumes will be supplied. Please consider entering into the passion of our Lord in a special way. For more information and meeting dates call Bob Hernandez 609-394-2056. Thank you!  
*(May be used for service hours!)*

**THE PASSION PLAY**

St. Ignatius Parish, Yardley, PA invites you to Passion Play to be held on Friday March 14, 2008 @ 7:30 pm in the Church Auditorium (directly below the Main Church). Special lighting, sound effects, period costumes and inspiring music reveal the dramatic story of the life and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Your attendance (along with any friends and family) will be a wonderful, spiritual, and enriching preparation for Holy Week observances. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door and can also be purchased in advance by contacting St. Ignatius Rectory @ 215-493-3377.

## OUR MINISTRIES

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, February 23

5:15 PM

Altar Server: Maggie Marchok, Katelyn Reilly,  
Will & Caroline 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, 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

### Saturday, March 1

5:15 PM

Altar Server: Loughery DeMille, Maggie  
Marchok, Brighid Quinn-Gordon, Kate, Sam  
& Mary Webb

Eucharistic Minister: Anne DeMille, Jim  
Dougherty, Teddi Hines, Mary Ann Lindner

Lector: Dan Kungl

Presider: Fr. Dennis

### Sunday, March 2

9:00 AM

Altar Server: Bridget, Jack & Kristina Congdon  
Olivia Kylander

Eucharistic Minister: David & Susan Rimili,  
Maria Salamandra, Linda Teresky

Lector: "Q" Kuser

Presider: Msgr. Toomey

### Sunday, March 2

11:15 AM

Altar Server: Tara Law, Catherine, Daniel &  
Timothy Silvernail

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Barbadore, Aggie  
Green, Donna Lee Kuebler, Nancy Rhodes  
Jeanne Scarpato

Lector: Ricardo Rodriguez

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.