



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Oldest Catholic Parish in New Jersey,  
Established in 1814

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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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 2, 2008**

"There was a time when you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Well, then, live as children of the light. Light produces every kind of goodness, justice and truth... Rabbi, was it his sin or his parents' that caused him to be born blind?' 'Neither' answered Jesus. 'It was no sin either of this man or of his parents. Rather it was to let God's works show forth in him. We must do the deeds of Him who sent Me while it is day. The night comes on when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'"

The themes of light and life go together. The days begin to grow longer. The dead of winter is giving way to spring. With light, new life will also appear with buds reflecting an awakening world. They are apt themes for Lent as well. The light of grace conquers the darkness of sin. The fruit of light – virtues, right relationships and honesty are so important to Christian living. The life of grace calls us to a deeper union with God and a closer relationship with others.

Where light is absent and grace is missing, we find sin and death. The reminder of Paul tells us from where we have come and where we stand with the Lord today. The dark world of the blind person has been transformed by God's grace to the brilliance of His light. My own spiritual life has been touched in the same way. Because I can see this truth, let me lead someone else to the one who said "I am the light of the world."

While I have the light and vision, may I look around, see how good God has been and is to me, and respond, helping to bring someone else from darkness into His own wonderful light. "Blessed are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs."



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**  
In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**  
Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as "children of light" in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds "done in darkness."

**Gospel: John 9:1-41**  
Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a "sinner," but the blind man said, "He is a prophet." Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

**READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS**  
**FOR THE WEEK**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1 Sm 16, 1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5, 8-14;  
Jn 9, 1-41 or 9, 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday**

Is 65: 17-21; Jn 4: 43-54

**Tuesday**

Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Jn 5: 1-16

**Wednesday**

Is 49: 8-15; Jn 5: 17-30

**Thursday**

Ex 32: 7-14; Jn 5: 31-47

**Friday**

Wis 2: 1a, 12-22; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday**

Jer 11: 18-20; Jn 7: 40-53

**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](mailto: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), 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: JoAnne Zak (1), Arturo Medina (1), Josephine Tulli (1), Joe Hovanec (2), Dolores Britton Paul (2), Vincent DeBronzo (2), Mark Dromboski (2), Elsie Glover Smith (3), Mark Dromboski (1), William Parent (1), Lionel Augustus Ellis, Sr. (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 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
\$5,777.00  
` Thank You `**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **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

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 3**

**12:10 P.M.**

- Herminia Zapata r/o Jane Davis
- Joseph Hovanec r/o Mickey & George Eggers

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 4**

**12:10 P.M.**

- A. Marie Larkin r/o Family
- Rose Marasco r/o Rose Avanzato

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5**

**12:10 P.M.**

- David Connor r/o Religious Ed Dept., Notre Dame High School
- Stella Wanat r/o Council of Deacons Diocese of Trenton

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 6**

**No Mass**

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 7**

**World day of prayer**

**12:10 P.M.**

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

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 8**

**5:15 P.M.**

- Francis R. Garofalo r/o M/M Shannon
- Doris A. Brown r/o Family

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

**9:00 A.M.**

- John & Elizabeth Bodnar, Sr. r/o John T. Bodnar, Jr. & Family
- Charles Ragazzo r/o Family

**11:15 A.M.**

- Oliver A. Holliday r/o Family
- People of the Parish

## ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION STUDENTS

The handmade crosses that are displayed on the Church windowsills were made by our first Holy Communion class children. The crosses are symbols of their journeys with Jesus during these 40 days of lent. As we encounter each cross let us say a little prayer for them as they continue their preparation for the reception of the Holy Eucharist on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

### OUTDOOR PASSION PLAY

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. **Attention students! This may be used for service hours!**



### 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 on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM)

### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER CENACLE

The prayer cenacle will meet this Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm in Msgr. Toomey Hall.

### FOOD COLLECTION

The next food collection will be the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday weekend. Please bring your bagged groceries and place them near the sanctuary. Thank you!

### RICE BOWL

If you haven't picked up your rice bowl please do so. The bowls are located in the vestibule of the church.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND

Please join us at St. Mary's Church, 45 Crosswicks St., Bordentown, N.J. for our last C.U. of the season, **on Saturday, Mar. 8, 2008, 7:30 pm.**

Catholic Underground features popular Christian Bands, great music, fellowship, food & refreshments in a traditional coffeehouse setting with a difference. The evening begins with a holy hour of Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction with live music @7:30 pm, followed by music from our featured performer starting around 8:45pm. Admittance is free, all are welcome! For more information please call 609-588-4177 or visit [www.catholicunderground.org](http://www.catholicunderground.org)

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Trenton, will celebrate a Mass for the Feast of St. Patrick, March 14 at 12:15 in Immaculate Conception Church, 540 Chestnut Ave. The celebrant will be Msgr. Michael Walsh. A bagpiper & Irish step dancers will perform after the Mass. For more information call 695-6089.

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT WEEKEND

St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish will hold the retreat on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm and on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Spiritual directors for the retreat are Fr. Jeff Kegley, Fr. John Jakub & Fr. Lines Dela Cruz.

The Life in the Spirit Retreat Weekend primarily serves to establish or deepen the relationship between the participants & Jesus Christ and to lead them to experience an awakening of the Sacramental power of Baptism & Confirmation. The Retreat is most effective when approached with a personal posture of faith, expectancy & openness. For information call 609-585-7049. (\$10-includes lunch)

### GOD IS CALLING YOU!

If you are a single Roman Catholic man between the ages of 18 and 40 and would like to know more about this exciting and powerful approach to life in the Lord, join us for this month's Vocation Discernment Meeting.

This month we will meet on Sunday, March 16, 2008, from 5:00 p.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. at The Catholic Centre at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, N.J. Join Rev. Brian Woodrow, as he shares with us his ministry in the priesthood, Mass attended by the students of the centre, followed by great fellowship and a meal.

For further information concerning the directions, or any other details, please contact us at the Office of Vocations at (609) 406-7400x5698 or by contacting us at [www.GodisCallingYou.com](http://www.GodisCallingYou.com).

## OUR MINISTRIES

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 1

5:15 PM

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

Eucharistic Minister: Anne DeMille, Tom Glover, Teddi Hines, Loretta Hovanec, Aggie Green

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, Donna Lee Kuebler, Jeanne Scarpato Nancy Rhodes

Lector: Ricardo Rodriguez

Presider: Fr. Dennis

### Saturday, March 8

5:15 PM

Altar Server: Suzanne Carpenter, Emily & Matt Franko, Katelyn Reilly

Eucharistic Minister: Karen & Sam Farruggio, Christine Franko, Mary Komjathy, Patricia Hartanowicz

Lector: Michelle Jablonski

Presider: Msgr. Vaughan

### Sunday, March 9

9:00 AM

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

Eucharistic Minister: Maribeth Hardiman, Mary Ann Hoch, Judy Vernon

Lector: Mary Ann Lindner

Presider: Msgr. Vaughan

### Sunday, March 9

11:15 AM

Altar Server: Ryan Allaire, Hope Hartanowicz, Anthony Milazzo, Celines Rivera

Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Milazzo, Linda Teresky, Helen Smith, Carmella Staub

Lector: Jeffrey Laurenti

Presider: Msgr. Vaughan

# 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.