



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Oldest Catholic Parish in New Jersey,
Established in 1814

343 South Broad Street,
Trenton, New Jersey 08608
Telephone: (609) 393-2801
Fax: (609) 989-8997

Website: www.trentonsacredheart.org

APRIL 12TH AND 13TH, 2008

STAFF

PASTOR

Rev. Dennis A. Apoldite

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Patrick McPartland

PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Msgr. Leonard Toomey

COORDINATOR OF THE PROGRAM
FOR PRIESTLY FORMATION

Rev. Dennis A. Apoldite

PARISH SECRETARY

Mrs. Linda Teresky

PARISH RECEPTIONIST

Ms. Helen Smith

TRUSTEES

Mrs. Maribeth Hardiman

Mr. Nello Zuech

LITURGY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS: MONDAY, TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY - 12:10 P.M.
(NO MASS THURSDAY - 12:10 P.M.)

HOLY DAY VIGIL: - 5:15 P.M.
HOLY DAY MASS: - 12:10 P.M.

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:15 P.M.
SUNDAY MASSES: 9:00 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

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

ROSARY: WEDNESDAY - 12:30 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 13, 2008

“Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in His footsteps ... by His wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls ... ‘I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly.’”

Last week we listened to Peter speak on Pentecost. Today he has sent you a letter, encouraging all in your sufferings and difficulties to unite yourself to Jesus in His suffering. Pope John Paul also sent a letter to us, teaching that we should join our sufferings to the redemptive suffering of Jesus Christ. When a negative medical report might lead us to say “Why me?”, when the tragedies of natural disasters or the inhuman ravages of war remind us of our fragility and weakness, perhaps the only hope is to unite our sufferings with the Paschal Mystery. But we also are called to alleviate the suffering of humankind.

The parable of the Good Samaritan speaks of compassion. The corporal works of mercy, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, welcoming the immigrant and refugees are signs of action in behalf of others to make their lives better.

St. Paul spoke about himself when he wrote “It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of His body, the Church.”

We can offer our aches and pains, difficulties and problems as did Paul in his imprisonment and chains. We can offer our joys as well as sorrows, our hopes and anxieties for the building up of the body of Christ. We never forget that He came that we might have life and have it in its fullness. For some it might happen as we accept part of their suffering. We suffer with Him to have life in Him. From the cross flows the gift of Easter and new life!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as he did for them. Healed by his wounds, they have “returned to the shepherd.”

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheep gate and promises that “Whoever enters through me will be safe.”

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2, 14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2, 20b-25; Jn 10, 11-18

Monday

Acts 11, 1-18; John 10, 11-18

Tuesday – George, martyr

Acts 11, 19-26; Jn 10, 22-30

Wednesday – Fidelis of Sigmaringen, presb., relig., martyr

Acts 12, 24—13, 5a/ Jn 12, 44-50

Thursday – Mark, evangelist

1 Pt 5, 5b-14; Mk 16, 15-20

Friday

Acts 13, 26-33; Jn 14 1-6

Saturday

Acts 13, 44-52; Jn 14, 7-14

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, 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
Lance Corporal 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, US 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: Gerri Nabinger (1), Joan Falkiewicz (1), 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: Thomas Blakely (3), Neil Curlee (2), Richard Boardman (2), Maurice Rizziello (1), Pamela Vallimont (1), 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
April 5th & 6th
\$6,023.50
~Thank You~**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

5:15 P.M.

- Deceased members of the Judge Family r/o M/M William O'Brien
- Antonio Nazario r/o Rosalba Nazario

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

9:00 A.M.

- M/M John Gadicola r/o Frank Barletto
- Jim & Catherine Cunningham r/o Jim & Judy Cunningham

11:15 A.M.

- Alice Feshan Lee r/o daughter, Donna
- People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 14

12:10 P.M.

- Edward J. Smith r/o Family
- Stanley Orkis r/o Council of Deacons Diocese of Trenton

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

12:10 P.M.

- Joseph Hovanec r/o Bill Henderson & Bob Costantini
- Feliz Morales r/o Council of Deacons Diocese of Trenton

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

12:10 P.M.

- Jose George Quiros r/o Carrubba Family
- Dolores McSorley r/o McSorley Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

No Mass

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

12:10 P.M.

- Diana L. Amoroso r/o husband, Carl
- Terry Treewaser Dr. & Mrs. Richard Vassallo

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

5:15 P.M.

- Deceased members of the O'Brien Family r/o M/M William O'Brien
- People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 A.M.

- M/M Walter Kopistansky r/o Frank Barletto
- Jack & Vi Keating r/o Jim & Judy Cunningham

11:15 A.M.

- Mary & Jack Seltzer r/o Carole Rhodes
- Anne Horan r/o M/M Vincent Rossi

ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

**Our Parish Family of the Sacred Heart
Warmly Welcomes
Our Holy Father
Pope Benedict XVI
to the United States this week.
Our prayers are with you
as you bring your message of God's love to
our fellow citizens.**

EASTER SEASON

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere appreciation to all who prepared and participated in the Holy Week Liturgies. In particular I am grateful, as always, to Msgr. Toomey, who is always so willing to offer his time to our parish. Thank you to Deacon Patrick, and the Seminarians, Matt, Joe and Eric; to our Music ministry; to the Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors and Special Ministers of Holy Communion who participated in the Liturgies. I offer my thanks to all who took care of the church and decorating.

In a special way, I publicly thank the members of the RCIA team, who worked with our catechumens and candidates to prepare them for the reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Your Easter gift to our beloved Sacred Heart Church amounted to \$20,147.00. Your generosity and support of our parish not only at Easter but throughout the year is deeply appreciated.

May the Risen Lord continue to bless you with a renewed Faith and Hope during this Easter season.

Fr. Dennis

~Food Outreach program~

**Lord's Table – April 20th * *note change of date*
Food Collection Weekend – April 19th & 20th
Food distribution – Tuesday – April 22nd**

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Knights of Columbus are looking for your support to mark their second annual New Jersey Marathon weekend. The K of C, Vincent Lombardi Council #6522, in Middletown, NJ, is seeking your support for their second annual Run (and Walk) for Vocations, Sunday, May 4th. Last year's efforts raised \$600 in proceeds and were donated to support formation programs in the Diocese of Trenton. This year's run, led by members of the Knights of Columbus will benefit the diocesan Sacred Heart House of Priestly Formation.

The run is conducted by a four person relay team whose members each run a portion of the marathon course, 26.2 miles through Long Branch and Monmouth Beach. If you or anyone you know would like to join this team by forming relay teams and supporting the Knights of Columbus, please contact Tom Gagliastro, team captain at (732) 492-6117 or thru his email at gagliast@aol.com to register. Further information may also be found on the website at www.njmarathon.org.

Supporters are also invited to send donations of \$1 or more, per mile to help sponsor this essential element for Vocations. Donations may be made payable by check to: Run for Vocations/Lombardi Council #6522 at K of C Council #6522, PO Box 104, Middletown, NJ 07748.

**National Healthcare Decisions Day Set for
April 16, 2008!**

Join Americans across the country in making future healthcare decisions known to your family, friends and healthcare providers. Make your preferences known!

First, choose a health care representative, and then complete your advance directive, because...

**YOUR DECISIONS MATTER-especially to
YOU!**

If you want to be sure that your preferences for end-of-life decisions will be honored, *now* is the time to complete a NJ State Advanced Directive.

The NJ Catholic Bishops' approved version of the NJ Proxy and Advanced Directives form (239k.pdf) is available on the Diocese of Trenton-Office of Pastoral Care Website:

<http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/justice/docs/AdvanceDirectivesforHealthCare.pdf>

OUR MINISTRIES

Pastor/Coordinator of the House of Priestly Formation

Fr. Dennis A. Apoldite (609) 393-2801 Ext. 105
frdennis@trentonsacredheart.org

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Patrick McPartland (609) 393-2801
deaconpat@trentonsacredheart.org

Seminarians(609) 393-2801

The Lord's Table Food Pantry/Monthly Meal

Loretta Hovanec (215) 295-6902

Director of Music

Kelly Dunn (609) 558-1966
kdunn@trentonsacredheart.org

Religious Education Coordinator

Linda Teresky (609) 393-2801 Ext. 101
lteresky@trentonsacredheart.org

Parish Pastoral Council

Nancy Berchtold (215) 295-3369
nberchtold@trentonsacredheart.org

Finance Council

Michael Franko (215) 428-1245
mfranko@trentonsacredheart.org

Parish Web Page

Michael Rhodes (609) 671-0539
mrhodes@trentonsacredheart.org

Ministry Schedule Coordinator:

Johanna Schino (609) 585-3168

Pre-Baptism Coordinator

Deacon Patrick McPartland (609) 393-2801
deaconpat@trentonsacredheart.org

Parish Receptionist

Helen Smith (609) 393-2801 Ext. 109
hsmith@trentonsacredheart.org

Parish Secretary

Linda Teresky (609) 393-2801 Ext 101
lteresky@trentonsacredheart.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 12

5:15 PM

Altar Server: Bridget & Kelly Malloy, Will & Caroline Royal

Eucharistic Minister: Karen & Sam Farruggio, Tom Glover, Patricia Hartanowicz, Mary Komjathy

Lector: Llew Royal

Presider: Fr. Dennis

Sunday, April 13

9:00 AM

Altar Server: Suzanne Carpenter, Emily & Matt Franko, Kate Hickey

Eucharistic Minister: Christine Franko, Carol McDonough, Carmella Staub, Judy Vernon

Lector: Jack McDonough

Presider: Msgr. Toomey

Sunday, April 13

11:15 AM

Altar Server: Ryan Allaire, Loughery DeMille, Anthony Milazzo, Celines Rivera

Eucharistic Minister: Anne DeMille, Mary Ann Lindner, Carmen Milazzo, Nancy Rhodes

Lector: Michael Rhodes

Presider: Fr. Dennis

Saturday, April 19

5:15 PM

Altar Server: Maggie Marchok, Brigid Quinn-Gordon, Hope Hartanowicz, Jayson Yurcho

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Dougherty, Bob Hoyer, Bill & Joan Kearney

Lector: Dan Kungl

Presider: Fr. Dennis

Sunday, April 20

9:00 AM

Altar Server: Matt & Patrick Gibbons, Tom Zamerowski

Eucharistic Minister: Maribeth Hardiman, Maria Salamandra, Jeanne Scarpato, Linda Teresky, Susan Smith

Lector: "Q" Kuser

Presider: Fr. Dennis

Sunday, April 20

11:15 AM

Altar Server: Angelina & Liz Ferrara, Ryan Rizzuto, Kate, Sam & Mary Webb

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Barbadore, Aggie Green, Donna Lee Kuebler, Maria Milazzo

Lector: Ricardo Rodriguez

Presider: Msgr. Toomey

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.