



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Oldest Catholic Parish in New Jersey,
Established in 1814

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APRIL 26TH & 27TH, 2008

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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2008

“Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear ... If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always. And whoever loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him.”

Peter offered words of encouragement to the first Christians. Jesus prayed for His closest friends in His final discourse. Happily enough both passages are directed to us today. Reflecting upon these words we learn three basic things. 1. We are called to be holy. 2. We are called upon as witnesses and teachers. 3. We are empowered by the Spirit to be able to do all these things.

How many people, friends, family, relatives, work companions have a deep hunger for peace, joy, happiness – yes, all the fruits of the Spirit as spoken of by Paul. How few know where to find them. How ready are we to carry out our mission to exercise the power of the Spirit in us, so that others can have what we have.

We have been given the rich gift of faith and the ability to share that faith with others. If during this week you spend just five minutes speaking about this reflection with someone else, the Spirit of Jesus would come alive, help you grow in holiness. Did anyone ever ask you what your hopes are? Have you been able to satisfy their inquiry and feel good about your answer? Did someone else kind of indicate that they wish they had what you have?

May the Spirit of Jesus really come alive in us. May others both recognize that Spirit and call forth its power from you.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip preaches to the people of Samaria, who accept his word after witnessing the miracles he performs.

Peter and John pray that they will receive the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Christians are urged to remain steadfast in their allegiance to Christ, giving evidence always of gentleness and hope.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

In his words to the apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus promises to send them a comforter, a Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them always.

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8, 5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3, 15-18; Jn 14, 15-21

Monday

Acts 16, 11-15; Jn 15, 26—16, 4a

Tuesday

Acts 16, 22-34; Jn 16, 5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17, 15. 22—18, 1; Jn 16, 12-15

Thursday – Holy Day - Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1, 1-11; Eph 1, 17-23; Mt 28, 16-20

Friday

Acts 18, 9-18; Jn 16, 20-23

Saturday

1 Cor 15, 1-8, Jn 14, 6-14

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, 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: Gerri Nabinger (3), Susan McLuckie (2), Maria Rodriguez (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: Joseph Colombo (1), Marie Vernon (1), Carla Diaz (1), Deacon Joseph Malloy (2), Maurice Rizziello (3), Pamela Vallimont (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
April 19th & 20th, 2008
\$5,113.50
` Thank You `**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

5:15 P.M.

- M. Stanley Harbourt r/o Gen. & Mrs. George Betor
- Patricia Applegate r/o Marie & Bob Murphy

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 A.M.

- People of the Parish
- Veronica Shurgala r/o Marut Family

11:15 A.M.

- Floyd Cimino r/o Joe & Janet Morris
- Peter Contardo r/o Rosanne Hirsch

MONDAY, APRIL 28

12:10 P.M.

- Charles Schino r/o wife, Johanna
- Marion Boardman r/o Radcliff Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

12:10 P.M.

- Joseph Hovanec r/o Jane Davis
- Albert & Helen Getz

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

12:10 P.M.

- Marion Boardman r/o MacArthur Family

Vigil of Ascension

5:15 People of the Parish

ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 1

12:10 P.M.

- Carla Diaz r/o Friends
- Alexander Arcuri r/o Mary Halasz

FRIDAY, MAY 2

12:10 P.M.

- Anna M. Kohlhaas r/o JoAnne & Dave Wilson
- Diana L. Amoroso r/o husband, Carl

SATURDAY, MAY 3

5:15 P.M.

- Margaret Persichetti r/o Nicholas & Ann Persichetti
- Catherine Glass r/o Michael Glass

SUNDAY, MAY 4

9:00 A.M.

- Diana L. Amoroso r/o husband, Carl
- Diana L. Amoroso r/o Sheila Allen

11:15 A.M.

- People of the Parish
- Ann Kostura r/o Anna Marie Kostura

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

**CONGRATULATIONS
MSGR. LEONARD R. TOOMEY**

Our Parish Family of the Sacred Heart
honors you this weekend
as you celebrate your
60th Anniversary
of Ordination to the Priesthood.

We have been blessed with your
priestly presence for over two thirds of these
years of service.

Above all the experiences we have shared
with you, our most treasured,
are the spiritual journeys
on which you have taken us.

Through you, we have been baptized,
reconciled, nourished, confirmed,
anointed and made one.

Our words cannot reflect our feelings
of gratitude and happiness we share
as we honor your Priesthood this weekend.

Congratulations, Msgr. Toomey

THANK YOU

Deacon Patrick McPartland

Our Parish Family of the Sacred Heart
Joins in expressing our special thanks to you
on this your last official weekend as
OUR Deacon.

You have been a wonderful example of
dedication to a life of service to the Church and
have shared your love of Jesus Christ with us
in all you have done.

As you leave us this weekend, we promise our
prayers for you especially as you prepare for
the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

We look forward to your return on
June 7th as you celebrate your
First Mass here with us.

Thank you, Deacon Patrick



FIRST COMMUNION

Please keep the young children of our parish in
your prayers this week as they prepare to
receive their First Eucharist next Sunday, May
4th at the 11:15 mass.

ASCENSION THURSDAY

This Thursday, May 1st is Ascension Thursday, it
is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Liturgy will be
celebrated on Wednesday evening at 5:15 and
on Thursday at 12:10.

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMADI

Our prayerful congratulations to the young
people of our parish who were confirmed this
past Tuesday by Msgr. Gregory Vaughan.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Members of the K.O.C. will be here this
weekend, April 26th and 27th for their annual
membership drive. Originally, the K of C was
formed as a Catholic fraternal benefit society to
render financial aid to members and their
families. The order is still wholeheartedly
committed to this goal. However, they also
engage in many charitable activities aimed at
helping the less fortunate of all faiths. The
Knights welcome all men of the Catholic faith.

PARISH NIGHT AT THE THUNDER

Our Annual Sacred Heart Night at the Thunder is
the Trenton Thunder (AA affiliate: NY Yankees)
against the Reading Phillies (AA affiliate:
Philadelphia Phillies) Game on June 6th, 2008 at
7:05 p.m. at Waterfront Park. The Tickets are
\$10.00 per person. Any profit we benefit will go
toward The Parish Activities of the Church of the
Sacred Heart. It is a great night of fun for
everyone in this family-friendly ballpark. So bring
the kids, the grandparents, the aunts, the uncles,
in fact, anyone you know to a great parish night.
Tickets will be on sale after all masses. Contact
person - David Rimili - 609-468-7805.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 26

5:15 PM

Altar Server: Bridget & Kelly Malloy, Maggie Marchok, Katelyn Reilly

Eucharistic Minister: Tom Glover, Teddi Hines, Mary Komjathy, Maureen Zuech

Lector: Michelle Jablonski

Presider: Fr. Dennis

Sunday, April 27

9:00 AM

Altar Server: Bridget, Jack & Kristina Congdon, Olivia Kylander

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann Hoch, David & Susan Rimili, Carmella Staub

Lector: Sean O'Grady

Presider: Fr. Dennis

Sunday, April 27

11:15 AM

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

Eucharistic Minister: Jeanne Scarpato, Helen Smith, Linda Teresky, Donna Lee Kuebler

Lector: Jeffrey Laurenti

Presider: Msgr. Toomey

Saturday, May 3

5:15 PM

Altar Server: Anella, Mark & Torey Anderson, Loughery DeMille

Eucharistic Minister: Anne DeMille, Karen & Sam Farruggio, Patricia Hartanowicz, Tom Glover

Lector: Beverly Anderson

Presider: Msgr. Toomey

Sunday, May 4

9:00 AM

Altar Server: Suzanne Carpenter, Emily Franko, Kate Hickey

Eucharistic Minister: Christine Franko, Susan Smith, Maribeth Hardiman, Judy Vernon

Lector: Denning Smith

Presider: Fr. Dennis

Sunday, May 4

11:15 AM

Altar Server: Ryan Allaire, Anthony Milazzo, Brigid Quinn-Gordon, Celines Rivera

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Barbadore, Aggie Green, Carmen Milazzo, Teddi Hines

Lector: Michael Glass

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.