



# THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Oldest Catholic Parish in New Jersey,  
Established in 1814

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DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AND DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

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

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

**ROSARY: WEDNESDAY - 12:30 P.M.**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**  
**FRIDAY: 12:30 P.M. - 1:00 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 ADVENT  
DECEMBER 9, 2007**

“Everything written before our time was written for our instruction, that we might derive hope from the lessons of patience and the words of encouragement in the Scriptures. May God, the source of all patience and encouragement, enable you to live in perfect harmony with one another according to the Spirit of Christ Jesus”... “Reform your lives, the reign of God is at hand.”

Two virtues mentioned in Paul’s letter are gifts to be sought in a special way during this special season. Patience and encouragement ought to be placed high on our wish list, as they are gifts we can all afford to give and are most welcome for the person receiving them.

Patience is one of the fruits of the Spirit, and during the busy days of Advent is a most necessary attribute. We are more aware of it when it is absent, on the road, at the mall, sometimes even in our own homes. There seems to be so much to do and little time to arrive at our goals. Treat yourself. As you read these words, consider others who are upset, impatient, yes even unhappy. Don’t fall into their trap. Sit back, quietly ask the why of their condition, and imagine the inner peace of the pregnant Mary awaiting her child. Patience can win out.

Encouragement is a positive gift that can be found at a bargain price. Expressed by word, a gesture or helping hand it tells one that there is reason for hope and our greatest hope is in Christ Jesus. It may be especially helpful to steer others to the person of Christ whose birthday celebration we await. Helping to redirect one’s vision or to shift focus will allow the Advent time to be more fruitful.



**The Lord is near**

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

**Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9**

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words “Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God” are as needed today as they were in Paul’s own time.

**Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel’s hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

**READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Is 11: 1-10; Rom 15: 4-9; Mt 3: 1-12

**Monday**

Is 35: 1-10; Lk 5: 17-26

**Tuesday – Damascus I, pope**

Is 40: 1-11; Mt 18: 12-14

**Wednesday – Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Zec 2: 14-17 or Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1: 26-38 or Lk 1: 19-47

**Thursday – Lucy, virgin, martyr**

Is 41: 13-20; Mt 11: 11-15

**Friday – John of the Cross, presb., relig., doctor**

Is 48: 17-19; Mt 11: 16-19

**Saturday**

Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11; Mt 17: 10-13

**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 Derrick Syed, US Army  
D-CO 2/325 Air 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division  
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  
Lance Corporal Brett R. Flavin, USMC  
Hospital Corpsman, Thomas J. Douglas, US Navy

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 seriously ill, especially for: Ann Horan (2), Jack Rhodes (2), Guillermina Vazquez (2), Nello Zuech (2), and Debbie Gilvear (2) 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: Marjorie Trow (1), Helen Getz (2), John Pollard, Sr. (2), Baby Bowden Truit Adare (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  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2007  
\$5,009.00  
` Thank You `**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 - VIGIL MASS – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:15 P.M.

- Diana Amoroso r/o Loretta & Joe Hovanec
- James Carlin r/o McSorley Family

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 A.M.

- Pete & Sophie Terella r/o Family
- Frank & Mary Bruno r/o Family

11:15 A.M.

- People of the Parish
- Michael Callahan r/o Carole Rhodes

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

12:10 P.M.

- Alice Callery r/o John Callery

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

12:10 P.M.

- Joseph P. Sheehan r/o Family & Friends

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

12:10 P.M.

- Alice Feehan Lee r/o Family

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

No Mass

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

12:10 P.M.

- Monica Price (L) r/o Family
- Patrick Sheehan r/o Family & Friends

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:15 P.M.

- Diana Amoroso r/o Annamarie Kostura
- Lena A. Huntowski r/o Joseph DiGianni

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 A.M.

- Jacqueline Morgan r/o Susan & Denning Smith
- Sadie Callery r/o John Callery

11:15 A.M.

- People of the Parish
- Barletto Family r/o Frank Barletto

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



**Thank you for your generous response to those in need! Our "Giving Tree" gifts will benefit Kingsbury Towers, El Centro (Catholic Charities), Haitian Center, Mt. Carmel Guild, Tabor House and the families from the National Guard.**

**A special thank you to Margot Rick for heading up the project! May God bless all of you!**

**Help will be needed to sort the gifts after the 11:15 a.m. mass this weekend. Thank you!**

**ADVENT PARISH MISSION**

God bless our Parish family for enduring the inclement weather to come out for the mission! Thank you to all of you! Many blessings and graces were bestowed on the Parish as a result of our coming together for this renewal. Thank you to Fr. Claude Lenehan, Fr. Dennis, the choir, the confirmation class & our witness speakers who made it very special!



**COMING UP!**

**D. M. Prayer group** – Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – Msgr. T.H. – 4:30  
**"Eddie B"** – A.A. meeting – every Wed. 7:30 – Msgr. Toomey Hall  
**Food collection weekend** – Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Food distribution** – 2 pm set up - 5 pm distribution –  
**Help welcomed!**

**Please Note**

**Sectors** - If you haven't already picked up the Sector Manual, you may do so in the Vesting Sacristy

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**CALL TO ACTION: HELP ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY**

The Bishops of NJ have recently released a joint statement of continuing support for the abolition of the death penalty in our state. This is an important life issue that invites "faith in action." Your voice makes a difference! Here's what you can do to help achieve an important victory for life. God bless your efforts.

**Call and/or send an email and/or fax to your State Senator and ask him or her to vote yes on S-171, bipartisan legislation that would replace the death penalty with life without parole.**

If you do not know your Senator or district, please contact New Jerseyans against the Death Penalty (NJADP) at 1-609-278-6719 or [abe@njadp.org](mailto:abe@njadp.org).

**Call and/or send an email and/or fax to the two Senate Leaders on the Senate Budget Committee and ask them to vote yes on S-171.** As leaders, they represent all New Jerseyans. Reach them at:

Senate Minority Leader Leonard Lance: 908-788-6900 \* [SenLance@njleg.org](mailto:SenLance@njleg.org)  
Senate Majority Leader Bernard Kenny: 201-653-1466 \* [SenKenny@njleg.org](mailto:SenKenny@njleg.org)

**Jesus, Prince of Peace Prayer Group Sponsors a**

Monthly Healing Mass for all of Mercer County  
**Thursday**

**December 20, 2007**

Fr. John Campoli, Celebrant  
7:00 P.M. – Music  
7:30 P.M. – Mass

The Anointing of the Sick & Individual Prayer will be Available

The Chapel at the Church of St. Ann,  
Lawrenceville, N.J.  
All Are Welcome!!

609-882-6491

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, December 8

5:15 PM

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

Eucharistic Minister: Patricia Hartanowicz, Bill & Joan Kearney, Mary Komjathy

Lector: Llew Royal

Presider: Fr. Dennis

### Sunday, December 9

9:00 AM

Altar Server: Bridget, Jack & Kristina Congdon  
Olivia Kylander

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

Lector: Jack McDonough

Presider: Msgr. Toomey

### Sunday, December 9

11:15 AM

Altar Server: Loughery DeMille, Catherine, Daniel & Timothy Silvernail

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Barbadore, Anne DeMille, Nancy Rhodes, Helen Smith, Carmen Milazzo

Lector: Michael Rhodes

Presider: Fr. Dennis

### Saturday, December 15

5:15 PM

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

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Dougherty, Karen & Sam Farrugio, Christine Franko, Teddi Hines

Lector: Dan Kungl

Presider: Msgr. Toomey

### Sunday, December 16

9:00 AM

Altar Server: Kate Hickey, Maggie Marchok, Ryan Rizzuto, Kate, Sam & Mary Webb

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

Lector: "Q" Kuser

Presider: Fr. Dennis

### Sunday, December 16

11:15 AM

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

Eucharistic Minister: Aggie Green, Donna Lee Kuebler, Carmen Milazzo, Carmella Staub

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.