

THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Oldest Catholic Parish in New Jersey,
Established in 1814

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DECEMBER 15TH AND DECEMBER 16TH

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 16, 2007

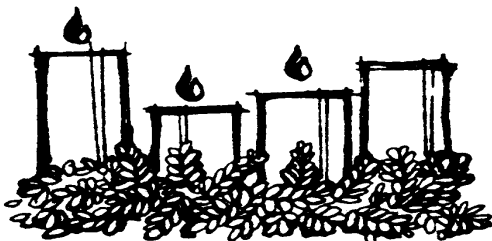
"They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: 'Be strong, fear not! Here is your God ... He comes to save you' ... They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee ...' Be patient, my brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord."

Strangely enough Advent is a time of preparation for something or Someone who has already come. The promise made by the great prophet Isaiah has already been fulfilled, yet we pray today for His coming. Imagine the longing of Isaiah's readers six centuries before Christ, looking for a Savior, and the promise of new found freedom from oppression and servitude. But what about today?

We can use the words of promise for others who suffer physical hurts as described by Him, the hands, the knees, the frightened hearts. We are the source of encouragement and strength. A visit to a nursing home or rehabilitation center teaches us well.

We can be the support person for the one who is depressed, faced with addiction or sadness in any form, to uplift and encourage. Perhaps it is the way God has asked me to live this time of Advent prayer, becoming the source of joy and gladness.

Beginning this third week of preparation, we make it easier for others to recognize the coming of the Lord. Maybe our motive is found in the simple phrase of the prophet: "He comes to save you."



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5: 7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?"

Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled.

He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35: 1-6a, 10; Jas 5: 7-10; Mt 11: 2-11

Monday

Gn 49: 2, 8-10; Mt 1: 1-17

Tuesday

Jer 23: 5-8; Mt 1: 18-25

Wednesday

Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1: 5-25

Thursday

Is 7: 10-14; Lk 1: 26-38

Friday

Peter Canisius, presb., relig., doctor

Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a; Lk 1: 39-45

Saturday

1 Sm 1: 24-28; Lk 1: 46-56

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 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
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
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
Lance 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 seriously ill, especially for: Ann Horan (3), Guillermina Vazquez (2), Kerekes Family (1), Nello Zuech (3), and Debbie Gilvear (4), Totirado Family (1), Teresa Colon (1), Tom Allen (1), Dot Persichetti (1), Jim O'Rourke (1), 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 (2), Helen Getz (3), Richard Pollard, Sr. (3), Isabelle O'Loughlin Tracey (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
December 8th & 9th
\$5,654.00
`Thank You`**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

5:15 P.M.

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:10 P.M.

- Josephine Mallon r/o John Callery
- Stanley Olshevski r/o Council of Of Deacons Diocese of Trenton

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:10 P.M.

- Katherine McGovern r/o McSorley Family
- Renato J. Paglione r/o Edward A. Belmont

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:10 P.M.

- Pasquale Chianese r/o Kathy Valentino

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

No Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

12:10 P.M.

- John, Anna & Robert Marcine r/o Family
- Christine Jacobs r/o Bob Costantini & Bill Henderson

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

5:15 P.M.

- People of the Parish
- Dominick Persichetti r/o Nicholas & Ann Persichetti

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

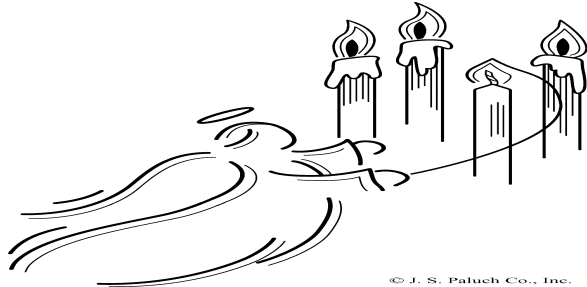
9:00 A.M.

- Charles Schino r/o Johanna Schino
- Dec. members of Saunders & Cassidy Families r/o Bob Cassidy

11:15 A.M.

- Mary & Hugh Boyle r/o Evelyn Quinn
- Bridget & Michael O'Kane r/o Evelyn Quinn

ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART



CALLING ALL ANGELS!

We will need many angels to fill our joyous celebration of Christmas at the 5:15 Vigil Mass. **ALL** of our children are welcome to join the procession and will be provided with "halos." If you would like to dress up in white and add some "wings" you may. The children are asked to assemble at 4:45 p.m. in the vestibule.

BISHOP'S MASS WITH THE SEMINARIANS & INSTALLATION OF OUR PASTOR

December 29th Bishop John M. Smith will be with us and the seminarians of the Diocese of Trenton to celebrate the 5:15 mass. Bishop Smith will also install Fr. Dennis as Pastor of our church at this liturgy.



CHRISTMAS EVE

Vigil: Monday, Dec. 24
Angel Mass 5:15 p.m.

MIDNIGHT MASS

12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, Dec. 25th
9:00 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

2007-2008 NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
(Holy day of obligation)

Vigil: Monday Dec. 31, 2007
7:00 P.M. Mass (please note time)
Tuesday, January 1, 2008
12:10 P.M. Mass

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CRUISE TO CANADA

The Church of Saint Ann, Lawrenceville, is cruising to Canada on the Explorer of the Sea, a Royal Caribbean ship. We will leave from Bayonne, NJ for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec City on September 11, 2008. The cost is: Interior cabin - \$961.27; Promenade cabin - \$1031.27; Outside cabin - \$1301.27; Balcony cabin - \$1711.27. A \$250 deposit, made payable to Church of Saint Ann, will reserve your place. For more information, please contact Sister Beth at (609) 882-6491 ext. 115. *Think about it!*

MARCH FOR LIFE WITNESS,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Please join Bishop John M. Smith on **Tuesday, January 22nd, 2008 for the March for Life Rally in Wahington, D.C.** Buses will be going to represent the Diocese of Trenton. Please contact Donna Goodwin at the Office of Family Life/Respect Life at 609-406-7400 Ext. 5592 or go to www.respectlifetoday.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Marriage Encounter is a weekend enrichment program, designed to help build communication skills between husband & wife. A series of presentations given by married couples & a priest provides meaningful reflection for couples to refocus on their relationship. For more information www.dioceseoftrenton.org



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Our food distribution is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18th and will include a visit from Santa. Come and join the fun! Set up begins at 2 p.m. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 15

5:15 PM

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

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

Lector: Dan Kungl

Presider: Msgr. Vaughan

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: Msgr. Toomey

Saturday, December 22

5:15 PM

Altar Server: Bridget & Kelly Malloy, Daniel & Jayson Yurcho

Eucharistic Minister: Tom Glover, Teddi Hines, Bob Hoyer, Maureen Zuech

Lector: Michelle Jablonski

Presider: Msgr. Toomey

Sunday, December 23

9:00 AM

Altar Server: Matt & Patrick Gibbons, Elizabeth Kitts, Tom Zamerowski

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann Lindner, David & Susan Rimili, Jeanne Scarpato, Linda Teresky

Lector: Sean O'Grady

Presider: Fr. Dennis

Sunday, December 23

11:15 AM

Altar Server: Laoughery DeMille, Angelina & Liz Ferrara, Tara Law

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Barbadore, Anne DeMille, Maria Milazzo, Linda Teresky

Lector: Jeffrey Laurenti

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.