



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Oldest Catholic Parish in New Jersey,
Established in 1814

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DECEMBER 22ND AND DECEMBER 23RD

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 23, 2007

“Greetings from Paul ... called to be an apostle and set aside to proclaim the gospel of God which He promised long ago through His prophets, as the Holy Scriptures record – the Gospel concerning His Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh but was made Son of God in power according to the Spirit in Holiness ... we have been favored with apostleship, that we may spread His name ...”
Please use this passage as a special greeting card, composed by Paul and saved for that special occasion, his Christmas card for you in 2007.

Twice he uses the word “Gospel”, the Good News or Glad Tidings to remind us of the reason for this season. Like Paul, we too are called to be apostles, His witnesses, if we really believe the Word and accept Jesus Christ. Christ’s coming in the flesh at Bethlehem is recalled in a special way this week. Christ’s coming in Spirit and sacrament to me this year is even more special, as He lives among us, answers our needs and buoys our hopes.

Many people who awaited the Messiah missed Him when He came. They were looking for something other than the new born of Bethlehem and continued to fail to recognize Him as He lived, taught and died for them.

We who believe, who have also been graced with the call of apostleship, are asked to look closely as He comes again, to recognize that special presence and bring others to discover that presence as well.

As many point out the Christ in the manger to little ones this week, so may we point out the Christ by word and example. This is my Christmas prayer in my card to St. Paul.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is “The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.”

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus’ birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that “All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets.”

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7: 10-14; Rom 1: 1-7; Mt 1: 18-24

Monday

2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16; Lk 1: 67-79

Tuesday – Christmas

Day: Is 52: 7-10; Heb 1: 1-6; Jn 1: 1-18 or 1: 1-5, 9-14

Wednesday – Stephen, first martyr

Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59; Mt 10: 17-22

Thursday – John, apostle, evangelist

1 Jn 1: 1-4; Jn 20: 1a and 2-8

Friday – Holy Innocents, martyrs

1 Jn 1: 5—2: 2; Mt 2: 13-18

Saturday – Thomas Becket, bp., martyr

1 Jn 2: 3-11; Lk 2: 22-35

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, 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 seriously ill, especially for: Ann Horan (4), Guillermina Vazquez (3), Kerekes Family (2), Nello Zuech (4), Teresa Colon (2), Tom Allen (2), Jim O'Rourke (2), and our friends at South Village: Dot Persichetti (2), Tirado Family (2), Rosalie Davis (1), Tom Jones (1), A. Mantuano (1), Wayne Smith (1), Margaret Fennimore (1), Agnes Cartlidge (1), Connie Peroni (1), Elaine Mantuano (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: A. Marie Larkin (1), Mary Stansley (1), Warren Dohn (1), Jim O'Rourke (1), Marjorie Trow (3), Isabelle O'Loughlin Tracey (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
December 15th & 16th
\$5,289.00**

`Thank You`

MASS INTENTIONS

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
- Deceased members Saunders & Cassidy Families

11:15 A.M.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:15 P.M.

- Marc Deneault r/o Family
- Valerie Heulitt r/o Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH - CHRISTMAS

12 MIDNIGHT

- Samuel Romano r/o Family
- Rita Imbalzano r/o Family

9:00 A.M.

- Diana Amoroso r/o Phyllis Cracker
- Klein & Murphy Families r/o Family

11:15 A.M.

- A. Marie Larkin r/o a friend
- Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

12:10 P.M.

- Mildred Jennings r/o Friends

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

No Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

12:10 P.M.

- Geraldine Kemler r/o Allaire Family
- Beatrice Sullivan r/o Council of Deacons Diocese of Trenton

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

5:15 P.M.

- Rose Betor r/o Gen. & Mrs. George J. Betor
- Anna Chorba r/o Mary Ann Rieger

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 A.M.

- People of the Parish
- Warren Dohn r/o Family

11:15 A.M.

- Cheri Ott r/o Robert Ott
- Marcos Carrasquillo r/o Rosalina Diaz

ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

In the name of Msgr. Toomey, Deacon Patrick and our staff, I take this opportunity to offer you Christmas Greetings. We pray that you may have the gift of Faith, the blessings of Hope and the peace of His love at this Christmas season and always. Merry Christmas.

Please know that all of you are invited to attend the 5:15 mass next Saturday evening, when Bishop Smith will install me as the Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish. The Bishop was already scheduled to be here for mass and dinner with the seminarians, and so I thought this would be a good opportunity for the installation ceremony as well.

On New Year's Eve, December 31st, Fr Mick will be celebrating the 7:00 evening mass.

Again, Merry Christmas, Fr. Dennis

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
9:00a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (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

Divine Mercy Cenacle - will meet on Thursday Dec. 27th instead of their usual Wed. meeting at 4:30 p.m. "**Eddie B**" - A.A. meeting will meet at the regular time on Wednesday, Dec. 26th at 7:30 p.m.

Religious Ed classes (Christmas party) are scheduled for the 23rd at 10 a.m. - Angel Mass participants will meet at 4:45 p.m. in church on Dec. 24th - **No classes on Dec. 30th**. Classes will resume Jan. 6, 2008

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

The Mercer County chapter of the Widows & Widowers will hold its monthly dance social on December 28th, 2007 at 7:30 P.M., Knight's of Columbus, 1451 Klockner Road, Hamilton, N.J.

For more information, call Marilyn 609-587-8959 or Regina 609-585-3453. Refreshments will be served. All widows & widowers are invited to attend.

Pregnant Mary wandered around looking for a place to stay...We've all wandered at some point...

There are young mothers in the foster care system in need of a place to live for a short while to learn how to raise a family. The **SAFE** program (*Strengthening Adolescent Families through Empowerment*) is in need of more foster homes (for mothers and infants.) We provide training and support as foster families nurture and guide young mothers and their children. If you would like to talk about this unique opportunity, please call or e-mail: Heather Mueller, MSW 609-695-6274 ext. 179 hmueller@chsofnj.org

MT. CARMEL GUILD

Emergency Assistance program is expanding its services & is seeking volunteers to work directly with families in need. A commitment of three hours per week is required. Training will be provided. We invite you to be part of the Church's presence here in Trenton. For more information please contact Sister Loretta Maggio, O.P. 609-392-3402 or by e-mail SLMaggiomcg@aol.com



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MASS SCHEDULE

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: David & Susan Rimili, Jeanne Scarpato, Linda Teresky

Lector: Mary Ann Lindner

Presider: Fr. Dennis

Sunday, December 23

11:15 AM

Altar Server: Loughery DeMille, Angelina & Liz Ferrera, Tara Law

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Barbadore, Anne DeMille, Maria Milazzo, Helen Smith

Lector: Jeffrey Laurenti

Presider: Fr. Dennis

Saturday, December 29

5:15 PM

Altar Server: Anella, Mark & Torey Anderson, Katelyn Reilly

Eucharistic Minister: Seminarians

Lector: "Q" Kuser

Presider: Bishop John M. Smith

Sunday, December 30

9:00 AM

Altar Server: Bridget, Jack & Kristina Congdon Olivia Kylander

Eucharistic Minister: Carmella Staub, Maribeth Hardiman, Jeanne Scarpato, Judy Vernon

Lector: Robin Haynes

Presider: Msgr. Toomey

Sunday, December 30

11:15 AM

Altar Server: Kate Hickey, Catherine, Daniel & Timothy Silvernail

Eucharistic Minister: Aggie Green, Donna Lee Kuebler, Helen Smith, Anne DeMille

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.