



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

*Oldest Catholic Parish in New Jersey,
Established in 1814*

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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, loved at the Church of the Sacred Heart.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

THE HOLY FAMILY

“He said to them: ‘Why did you search for me? Did you not know I had to be in my Father’s house?’ But they did not grasp what He said to them. He went down with them then, and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother meanwhile kept all these things in memory. Jesus, for His part, progressed steadily in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.”



How often the scriptures reveal meetings with Jesus. Anna and Simeon at the time of the Presentation of the Lord recognized Him. Andrew told Peter “We have found the Messiah.” Others met Him asking that He heal a sick or dying child. The blind man asked for mercy and the cleansed leper returned giving thanks. Meeting Jesus is the common thread in the Scriptures.

Today, a somewhat frantic couple seek out their lost child. Why is He not with us or among our friends? What could we have done wrong, an often asked question in our own time.

The first question of Jesus is one He asks of every family, of every household, of every person. “Why do you search for me?” Mary and Joseph did not answer, but we can. We search for Jesus because we need Him, He should be more the center of our lives. We search for Jesus because He can provide much needed answers for the difficulties we face in living today. When discord and division flourish, it is His healing presence which can make a difference. I continue my search for the Lord.

The second question of Jesus is directed to me. His Father’s house is my parish church, where I am able to make it my home. His Father’s house is my home, with family, relatives and friends. It is a home in which the gifts referred to by St. Paul flourish – kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness. Let’s not forget to also seek forgiveness. Then, and perhaps only then, will the peace of Christ reign in our hearts.

Last summer Pope Benedict XVI addressed the 5th World Meeting of Families. In his teaching he spoke to parents saying “...Christian parents are still called to give a credible witness of their faith and hope. They need to ensure that God’s call and the good news of Christ will reach their children with the utmost clarity and authenticity.” This is the task and goal of our parish family.

The year draws to a close. It has been a year of great distress, with war on many fronts, natural disasters and untold misfortunes. It has also been a year of great grace and blessings, opportunities to grow as the young Jesus did in wisdom, age and favor before the Lord. Probably we can recognize the missed opportunities as well.

Can we begin the New Year with a simple resolution, reflecting the papal teaching at the same meeting? “The Christian family passes on the faith when

parents teach their children to pray and when they pray with them ... if they remain open to the Spirit and implore His help, He will not fail to bestow on them the love of God the Father made manifest in the Incarnate in Christ.”

As a New Year begins, God’s gift to us all, may we express our dependence upon the Lord, who was obedient to His parents, and look for the opportunities to advance in wisdom and grace.

Imagine how Mary felt, remembering the good times as well as the difficult ones. She remained steadfast, steady, in spite of the challenges. As visitors to her home today, may we meet with her and her Son.

Fr. Mick

Fr. Mick Lambeth
Pastor

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one’s parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ’s peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.



Pray for all who are seriously ill, especially for Robert Appleton, Ann Zola, Pedro Maisonet, Mrs. Meredith Holland with child, Holland/George Family, and our brothers and sisters at South Village that they will receive hope and health and be comforted in their suffering by our Lord, we pray to the Lord.

For all those who have gone before us in death, especially for Lena A. Huntowski, Paul Caviston, Rev. Msgr. Armand Padata, that they will be embraced in the love of the Lord for all eternity, we pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2006 VIGIL: HOLY FAMILY

5:15 P.M.

- Patrick & Catherine Cuskley r/o Vera & Ed Cuskley
- Rose M. Betor r/o Gen. & Mrs. George J. Betor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2006 HOLY FAMILY

9:00 A.M.

- People of the Parish
- Ann Marie Dickson r/o Mary Kuklis

11:15 A.M.

- Nellie & Jack Moore r/o Al & Barbara Morrison
- Teddy Movan r/o Hines Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2007

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Not a Holy day of obligation this year.)

9:00 A.M.

- Alba DiGaetano r/o Royal Family
- James Tierney r/o Bob Costantini



TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2007

STS., BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN

12:10 P.M.

- Carmen Quiles r/o Laury Diaz
- Increase Vocations for Priesthood & Vowed Religious Life

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2007 HOLY NAME OF JESUS

12:10 P.M.

- Mary M. Mihalko r/o Fr. Mick and the Parish Family of the Sacred Heart
- John P. Bracoloni r/o Joseph P. Horan

THURSDAY., JANUARY 4, 2007 NO MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2007 ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

12:10 P.M.

- Rev. Msgr. Armand Pedata r/o Fr. Mick & Sacred Heart Parish Family
- All ministers especially ministers who serve in our parish community

INFORMATION



Congratulations to our newly wedded couple.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Coover

MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Vigil: Saturday, December 30, 2006

Confessions - 4:30 p.m.

Mass -5:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 31, 2006

Masses - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 p.m.

SOLEMNITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN, MARY MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2007

***CORRECTION* Mass - 9:00 AM**

(Holy day is suspended for this year; not a day of obligation)

OFFICES CLOSED

**OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2007**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On January 7, 2007, the Epiphany, the Sacred Heart Parish will have the Christmas Pageant at the 11:15 p.m. Mass.

2007 CCD INFORMATION

January 6th - Practice for Christmas Pageant in the Church at 2 P.M.

January 7th - CCD Christmas Party will follow the Christmas Pageant for the 11:15 p.m. Mass in Msgr. Toomey Hall

January 14th - CCD Classes Resumes

A Prayer for Those who Await the Return
of a Member of Our Armed Forces

God of all goodness,
Look with love on those who wait
for the safe return of their loved ones
who serve in the armed forces of their country.
In faith and hope, we turn to you for comfort.
Grant that we may trust in your mercy
to sustain us as we await their safe return.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Let us Pray Especially for:

**Lieutenant Colonel Race Roberson, USMC,
2nd Lt. Will Applegate, USMC
Sgt. Robert W. Stolz, USMC
Sgt. Ryan Mc Sorley, USMC
Sgt. Gared Housal, USA
Staff Sgt. Raymond Housal, USA
Sgt. Robert Colella, 1st Class, USA
Lance Corporal William Sinnett, USMC
Private Robert A Costantini Jr., USA
Private Christopher Poinsett, USMC
Private First Class Ryan Sharkey, USMC
Sailor Carlos Molina, USN
SPC Jay Waalkens, USA**

If you know of someone that you would like to place
on the military prayer list, please e-mail to
wreyes@trentonsacredheart.org.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

MARCH FOR LIFE WITNESS:

Parishes are gearing up for the pilgrimage to Washington for the 34th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Monday, January 22, 2007. The Office of Family Life/Respect Life will publicize bus transportation to the March for Life from the Diocese of Trenton in the Monitor, or you can call 609-406-7400 ext. 5592 or email dgoodw@dioceseoftrenton.org. Join us as

we unite to stand up for life.

If you are unable to travel to Washington for the annual March for Life, Rally for Life on the State House steps in Trenton on Monday, January 22, 2007, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Various Pro-Life Speakers will be featured. Signs will be provided. For more information call 908-276-6620 or email feedback@njrtl.org. This rally is sponsored by New Jersey Right to Life.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

On January 26, 2007 to January 28, 2007 at 7:00 pm in Stella Maris Retreat House, a beginning Experience is an international peer ministry for separated, divorced and widowed persons. It is an invitational process intended to facilitate the resolution of grief, promote healing and thereby free people to live and love themselves, others and God. The weekend self-encounter seeks to enable the grieving to close the door gently on the past and reach to the future with hope and purpose. A person can benefit most from the Beginning Experience program if he or she has navigated through the early sense of despair which marks a loss in one's life. Then, one may seek a new beginning and work to make it a reality. For more information please contact: Mary Ann O'Brien at 732-607-9053, Rich Hobson at 609-333-9868 or Rosemarie Papa at 732-681-1114.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 30, 2006

5:15 PM Bishop John M. Smith, Rev. Msgr. Leonard Toomey, Rev. Msgr. Vaughan, Rev. Msgr. Brietski, Rev. Mick Lambeth

Altar Server

Malloy, Bridget

Malloy, Kelly

Lector Smith, Denning

Eucharistic Minister

Dougherty, Jim

Smith, Susan

Sunday December 31, 2006

9:00 AM Rev. Mick Lambeth

Altar Server

Congdon, Bridget

Congdon, Jack

Congdon, Kristina

Kylander, Olivia

Lector Haynes, Robin

Eucharistic Minister

Hoch, Mary Ann

Salamandra, Maria

11:15 AM Rev. Mick Lambeth

Altar Server

Allaire, Ryan

Law, Tara

Rivera, Selenes

Lector

Royal, Catie

Eucharistic Minister

Royal, Colette

Helen Smith

Monday, January 1, 2007

9:00 AM Rev. Mick Lambeth

Altar Server

Seminarians

Lector

Helen Smith

Eucharistic Minister

Milazzo, Marie

Hovanec, Loretta

Saturday, January 6, 2007

5:15 PM Rev. Msgr. Leonard Toomey

Altar Server

Franko, Emily

Franko, Matt

Lector

Kungl, Dan

Eucharistic Minister

Franko, Christine

Hirsch, Rosanne

Sunday, January 7, 2007

9:00 AM Rev. Mick Lambeth

Altar Server

Kitts, Elizabeth

Zamerowsk, Tom

Lector

McDonough, Jack

Eucharistic Minister

McDonough, Carol

Teresky, Linda

11:15 AM Rev. Mick Lambeth

Altar Server

Silvernail, Catherine

Silvernail, Daniel

Silvernail, Timothy

Lector

Rhodes, Michael

Eucharistic Minister

Barbadore, Ann

Rhodes, Nancy

Our History

New Jersey's first Catholic Church, dedicated to St. John the Baptist on June 12, 1814, and was built at Market and Lambert 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.

Today, Rev. Mick Lambeth, the sixteenth pastor of the Parish, celebrates with a vibrant and growing community. Still attracting parishioners from surrounding areas of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the Church of the Sacred Heart still has as 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.