**SACRED HEART PARISH**

Sacred Heart Parish Founded 1814, The First Catholic Parish in the STate of New Jersey

Sacred Heart Church, 343 South broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Holy Cross Church, 233 Adeline Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08611

**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, or

race, whatever your own self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and

respected at the Parish of the Sacred Heart.

**PASTOR**

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Frank Rios

**Trustees**

Jack Breuer and Ellieen Ancrum Ingbritsen,

**OFFICE HOURS**

9:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday

**SACRED HEART PARISH OFFICE**

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**WEB PAGE:**

www.trentonsacredheart.org

**CEMETERY RECORDS**

Contact The Office of Catholic Cemeteries at 609-394-2017 or DirectorofCemeteries@DioceseofTrenton.org

**SACRAMENTAL RECORDS**

Sacred Heart Church, Saint John’s Church, Saint Francis Church, Saints Peter and Paul Church, Saint Stanislaus Church, Holy Cross Church, Blessed Sacrament Church, Our Lady of Divine Shepherd Church, Blessed Sacrament/Our Lady of Divine Shepherd Parish and Divine Mercy Parish.

**Liturgy Schedule**

**Sacred Heart**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

12:10 Noon

Saturday Evening 5:15 PM

Sunday Morning 9:00 and 11:15 AM

**HOLY CROSS**

Monday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 AM

Saturday Evening 4:00 PM

Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Gospel

12:00 Noon Polish

For each Holy Day please reference the bulletin

**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM**

Please call the Parish Office at least one month in advance.

**RECONCILIATION**

Every First Friday following the 12:10PM Mass SHC

Saturday afternoon ~ 4:30 to 5:00 PM SHC

Every Saturday from 3:30 to 3:50 PM HCC

Every Sunday 9:30 to 9:50AM HCC

and by appointment.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Saturday of the Month 2:30 to 3:30 pm

in Holy Cross Church

**MARRIAGE**

Please call the Parish Priest at least one year in advance to set up initial meeting and to confirm a wedding

date and time.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please call the Priests any time 609-393-2801.

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND**

Call the Parish Office to schedule home visit.

**CONSIDERING PRIESTHOOD?**

Email: [Vocations@DioceseofTrenton.org](mailto:Vocations@DioceseofTrenton.org)



**The Ascension of the Lord**

**May 21, 2023**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 20**

4:00 pm ~ Shelby Rowe & Ron Joans

5:15 pm SHC ~ Brian McEvilly, Sr. and

Joseph Farruggio

**Sunday, May 21 Ascension Sunday**

9:00 SHC ~ Daniel and Jean Ridorfino

10:00 ~ The Intentions of the People of the Parish

11:15 SHC ~ Harry Gallo

12:00 HCC Polish ~ The Barber Family

**Monday, May 22**

8:00 am HCC ~ The Sick of the Parish

12:10pm SHC ~ Lee Lugossy

**Tuesday, May 23**

12:10 pm SHC ~ Edline Piard

**Wednesday, May 24**

12:10 pm SHC ~Barbara Freeman

**Thursday, May 25**

8:00 am HCC ~ Zbigniew Kolodziej

**Friday, May 26**

8:00 am HCC ~ Deacon John Grussler

12:10pm SHC ~ The Seminarians of the Diocese

**Saturday, May 27**

4:00 pm ~ Stanley Saganowski

5:15 pm SHC ~ Frank Dempster

**Sunday, May 28**

9:00 SHC ~ Anna Mae Alvino

10:00 ~ The Intentions of the People of the Parish

11:15 SHC ~ Anthony Calabro

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Special Intention

**OUR SICK LIST**

Judith Santigo, Ching Kukis, Dan Breese Jr, Brenna Kennedy-Moore, Dawn Chia, Chris Heulitt, Mark Friedman, Robert Leighton, Patrick Leighton, Alexander A. Ladnyk, Kelly Nitti, Lauren Clayton, Joseph Edralin, Margie Tiongson, Kevin, Vincent Cooper, Jr., Gail Ladnyk, Leo Genovesi, Sloane Donnelly, Richard Buckley, Tony Ragolia, Barbara Burrows, John Matthews, Robert Mahon, Charles Burrows, Dorothy Amoroso, Maryann Sullivan, Regina Friedman, Rita Mich, Stanley Winowicz, Greg Schafer, Jack Hardiman, Paul Leighton, Amy Birk, Julia Grazioli, Matt and Leona Tydryszewski.

**OUR DECEASED**

David DeLeon, Paul T. Wilczynski and our friends at South Village, Riverside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Mill House and Waters Edge.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, May 20 FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

4:00pm HCC ~ Fr. Arian L. R Micharski Em. A Lennon

5:15pm SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L. K Willever EM. S&K Farruggio

**Sunday, May 21**

9:00 Msgr. Dennis L. J Mc Donough Em K Jurczynski M Komjathy

10:00 HCC ~ Fr. Arian L A Dodson Em O Nnadi

11:15 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L. J. Laurenti Em J. Diaz, S. Jurczynski

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Fr. Marian Kokorzycki

**Saturday, May 27**

4:00pm HCC ~ Fr Charles L. F Zielinski Em. E Zielinski

5:15pm SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L. L Bellina EM. B Dumont & T Hines

**Sunday, May 28 PENTECOST SUNDAY**

9:00 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L.R Paci Em H Mangan BJ Matthews

10:00 HCC ~ Fr. Charles L M Days EM V Kamah

11:15 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L. M. Rogers Em T. Rizzuto, M. Tovar

12:00 HCC Polish ~

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Last weekend’s collection amounted to $7,621.00 This includes the donations received in Church and the mail ins. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

**2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE**

Goal: $33,000.00

Pledged: $42,666.00 (129% of Goal)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Seventh Week of Easter   
Sunday** The Ascension of the Lord

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

**Monday** Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday** Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday** Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday** Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday** Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25

**PROMISE TO PROTECT**

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the norms of the U.S. Bishop’s Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by anyone representing the Catholic Church, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org). Allegations are reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.



**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Forty Days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Acts of the Apostles records Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Ascension is an important Christian feast attesting and celebrating the reality of the God-Man Jesus Christ's returning to the Father, to return again in the future parousia. The Ascension is the final component of the paschal mystery, which consists also of Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Descent Among the Dead, and Resurrection. Along with the Resurrection, the Ascension functioned as a proof of Jesus' claim that he was the Messiah. The Ascension is also the event whereby humanity was taken into heaven. Finally, the Ascension was also the "final blow" so-to-speak against Satan's power, and thus the lion (Jesus) conquering the dragon (Satan) is a symbol of the Ascension. Early Christian art and iconography portrayed the Ascension frequently, showing its importance to the early Church.  
The Catholic Catechism summarizes three important theological aspects (with which most Christian churches agree) of the Ascension concisely:  
Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3).

Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever.

Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

**Prayer to Christ Ascended Into Heaven**

O Lord Jesus, I adore You, Son of Mary,  
my Savior and my Brother, for You are God.  
I follow You in my thoughts,

O first fruits of our race,  
as I hope one day by Your grace  
to follow You in my person into heavenly glory.

In the meantime, do let me neglect the earthly task  
that You have given me. Let me labor diligently  
all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing  
true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work. Amen

**FOOD COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION**

This weekend is Food Collection Weekend

Food Bagging will be held on Monday, May 22nd, at 9:30am in Toomey Hall.

Help is also need for the Food Distribution on Tuesday, May 23rd at 1:30pm

Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

**GRADUATION**

We would like to list the names of our parish graduates from high school and college/university and the schools from which they have been graduated in the June 17– 18th bulletin. Will you please forward this information to the parish office by June 12th, so that we, as a parish family can acknowledge our graduates! Thank you.

**CAPITAL HEALTH HOSPITAL**

Trenton and Hopewell sites.

Capital Health Hospital is in need of a few, committed Eucharistic Ministers to serve their patients. Currently, there are a couple ministers who support the Hopewell site, but they have no one in Trenton. If you are a commissioned Eucharistic Minister for our parish and would like more information, please call the office and talk to Msgr. Dennis. Ideally, it would be great to have two to three people who visit all the Catholic patients at least twice a week to offer Communion. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

**RCIA – BECOMING CATHOLIC**

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? The desire to draw closer to God is in all of us, for we are his creation. Do you know an adult who would like to find out about what we believe? Do you know anyone who has not completed the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, and would like to? Please prayerfully consider who might be interested in entering more fully into the Catholic faith and invite them to join us for our “Inquiry session” scheduled to begin in September. Please contact Msgr. Dennis at

[Frdennis@trentonsacredheart.org](mailto:Frdennis@trentonsacredheart.org) or

609-393-2801 ext 102..

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Parents are asked to reregister their children on or before the last class. Re-registration forms are available online or from Mary Tovar. The tuition fee is $65.00 per child.

**NEW REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED**

Parents who have children beginning their Religious Education are asked to register as soon as possible. You can obtain the form on our web page or by calling the parish office.

**COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASS**

If you have a child who is ready to make his or her First Communion or Confirmation, the Diocesan guideline requirement is that they complete two years of Religious Education. For First Communion your child must attend First and Second year of Religious Ed and for Confirmation the child must complete grade 7 and 8 before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please be sure to register soon.

**BOOKS WANTED**

Senator Shirley Turner is once again organizing a Community Book Drive to help students in the Trenton Public School District gain access to reading materials over their summer break. Sadly only one library serves the entire City of Trenton. Please donate any new and/or gently used children’s books to her office at 1230 Parkway Avenue, Suite 103, Ewing NJ. Please call to schedule your donation drop off or pick-up by June 1st, 609-232-7239 or senturner@njleg.org

**YOUR COUNTRY**

We are working on a project to reflect the countries of origin of our parishioners.

Let us know your country.

Please inform us by June 18th

Place the form in the collection basket or write the country on the back of your weekly envelope.

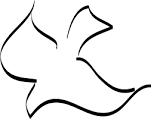
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**SAINT RITA**

St. Rita was a female saint living during the 14th and 15th century in Italy. Although she was married at any early age to an abusive husband, with whom her relationship lasted for more than 18 years, she was a model wife who prayed constantly for her husband. Even after her husband died in a feud, she discouraged her sons from trying to seek revenge. Following their death, Rita entered the convent in Cascia.

Today, St. Rita is known as the patron saint for abused women, mourning wives and impossible causes. Many women turn to her during times of despair, after a death in the family or even after a divorce. She is often depicted in artwork and on medals in a religious sister’s habit, with roses or a rose crown.

**Next weekend we celebrate Pentecost.**

Why not wear something red for the Holy Spirit?

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Parish Picnic July 9, 1:00 to 5:00PM**