**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.

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**SACRED HEART PARISH OFFICE**

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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 CHURCH**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

12:10 Noon

Saturday Evening 5:15 PM

Sunday Morning 9:00 and 11:15 AM

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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)



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 28, 2024**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 27**

4:00 pm HCC ~ Barbara Golden

5:15 pm SHC ~ Josephine Southwick

**Sunday, January 28**

9:00 SH ~ Carmella Staub

10:00 HCC ~ The intentions of the People of the Parish

11:15 SH ~ Mary Souders

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Edward Ozga

and Special Intentions

**Monday,** **January 29**

8:00 HCC ~ Special Intentions

12:10 SHC~ Mike Scartocci

**Tuesday, January 30**

12:10 pm SHC ~ Philomena & William Cracker

**Wednesday, January 31**

12:10 pm SHC ~ Anne Filipponi

**Thursday, February 1**

8:00 am HCC ~ Mary Ann Piechocinski

**Friday, February 2**

8:00 am HCC ~ Special Intentions

12:10 pm SHC ~ Carmella Staub

**Saturday, February 3**

4:00 pm HCC ~ Barbara Golden and Edward Krupa

5:15 pm SHC ~ Josephine Southwick

**Sunday, February 4**

9:00 Carmella Staub, Stanley Sniadach, Altar Rosary Society

10:00 HCC ~ The intentions of the People of the Parish

11:15 SH ~ Annette Collazo, William Davis

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Special Intentions

**OUR SICK LIST**

BJ Matthews, Marg Herpel, Jose Gonzalez, Mary Sokolowski, Rocco, Lorraine Wargo, Robert Paci, David Carver, Jennifer Lyons, Grace Profy, Steve Jurczynski, Cornell Hess, Ruby Covington, Judith Santigo, Dan Breese Jr, Brenna Kennedy-Moore, Mark Friedman, Alexander A. Ladnyk, Lauren Clayton, Joseph Edralin, Margie Tiongson, Vincent Cooper, Jr., Gail Ladnyk, Leo Genovesi, Richard Buckley, Tony Ragolia, Barbara Burrows, Charles Burrows, Dorothy Amoroso, Maryann Sullivan, Regina Friedman, Stanley Winowicz, Greg Schafer, Jack Hardiman, Amy Birk, Julia Grazioli, Matt Tydryszewski.

**OUR DECEASED**

Eugenio Mendoza, Walter Carroll, David Ulrich, Concetta Vagott, Paul Glazewski, and our friends at South Village, Riverside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Mill House and Waters Edge**.**

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

(Subject to Change)

**Saturday, January 27**

4:00pm HCC ~ Fr Charles L. C. Benitez Em. R. Micharski

5:15pm SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L. R Hernandez Em. S. & K. Farruggio

**Sunday, January 28**

9:00 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L. Needed Em. M. Komjathy & H. Mangan

10:00 HCC ~ Fr. Charles L. M. Williams Em. A. Lennon

11:15 SHC ~ Msgr Dennis L. M. Rhodes Em. K. Myers & M. Ortiz

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Fr Marian

**Saturday, Feb 3**

4:00pm HCC ~ Fr Charles L.: C. Benitez Em.: V. Zielinski

5:15pm SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L.: L. Bellina em.: J.&T. Breuer

**Sunday, Feb 4**

9:00 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L.: M. Komjathy Em.: A.&C. Cruz

10:00 HCC ~ Fr. Charles L.: A. Dodson Em.: D. Ezeuka

11:15 SH Msgr. Dennis L.: B. Allaire Em.: L. Boyle, J. Bautz

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Fr

**2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE**

**Congratulation to our Parish**

**141% of goal reached ~ $46,627.00**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Last weekend’s collection amounted to $6,690.00. This includes the donations received in Church and the mail ins. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday** Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

**Monday** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

**First Friday** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40  
**First Saturday** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

**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 [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org). Allegations are reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

**SWEAT SOCK DRIVE**

It’s that time of year when we need to think about the street people in our area who are in need of clean sweat socks. This weekend, January 27th and 28th we ask you to bring to the altar rail sweat socks for the needy. We ask that you do not bring ankle socks. They will be distributed to the street people of Trenton. Thank you.

**SECOND ENVELOPE**

**LATIN AMERICA**

**The annual national collection for the Church in Latin America will be this weekend of January 27-28.** The campaign highlights the faith of Latin America and the many opportunities we have to share faith with them. We also recognize the tremendous benefit of having our Latin American brothers and sisters in the Church and the revitalization their fervor brings to the faith. In addition to offering our help and support to the Catholics of Latin America, we have much to learn from them.  The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invite you to aid our faithful brothers and sisters in the Catholic Church of Latin America.  Please add your donation in with the regular collection.

**CONGRATULATIONS GRACE WILLIAMS**

**Our Parish Family congratulates Grace Williams who was honored this past week for earning the Eagle Scout Award. Grace is the first girl to earn this recognition in the City of Trenton.**

**We are proud of you, Grace.**

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

All rosarians, future rosarians, people of our parish are warmly welcomed to join us on Sunday, February 4th, 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church.  The Rosary will be prayed before Mass.  Following Mass, a meeting will take place at Toomey Hall. Stop by, meet the members and enjoy light refreshments.  We are a church support group of dedicated Catholic people who serve our Blessed Mother, our Parish community.  Any questions, please call Joan Buckley @ 609 -396- 7063.  May God's Blessings be upon you and your family.

**THE GRACE OF PEACE**

Sacred Heart Church will be the venue host for a Memorial Concert with music and song for the Grace of Peace in our world. Richard Loatman, our neighbor and dear friend of Sacred Heart who is the founder of the Capital Singers of Trenton will be hosting this event on Sunday, February 11 at 3pm.  Current and former members of the Capital Singers and special guests will perform the hour-long concert program. Everyone is welcome to attend. There are no tickets, just come, relax, enjoy the serenity of the peaceful melodies with your friends.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**AT SACRED HEART PARISH**

We will celebrate wedding anniversaries during a special Liturgy on Saturday evening, February 10th 2024 at 5:15 PM in Sacred Heart Church. All couples who are celebrating their 1st, 5th, 10th 25th 50th anniversary or any multiple of 5 during this year of 2024, are invited to renew their marriage vows at the Liturgy. You are all invited to join us for light refreshments following the Mass. Please contact John at the Parish Office before February 5th so that preparations can be made.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Those interested in receiving a statement documenting contributions made in 2023, please fill out the bottom portion of this notice and return it to the parish office in the collection basket or to secretary@trentonsacredheart.org. A copy of your contribution statement will be mailed to you by the end of the month.

Envelop # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Amount Donated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**ADORATION**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Saturday February 4th, in Holy Cross Church at 2:30 pm. All are welcome to come and pray .

**THE BLESSING OF THROATS**

The Blessing of Throats will take place after all masses next weekend and on February 3rd and 4th in honor of the feast of Saint Blaise.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

Pope Saint John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson’s a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day. World Day of the Sick was first observed on February 11, 1993.

This year on Friday, February 9th, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place during the 12:10 Mass in Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome to participate.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Monsignor Crean Scholarship**

Applications for the Rev. Msgr. Crean Scholarship are now available on our parish web page under weekly bulletins: [www.TrentonSacredheart.org](http://www.TrentonSacredheart.org). Sponsored by the Mercer County Federation of Holy Name Societies in memory of Msgr. Crean who died on March 14, 1956, in a fire that devastated the St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral rectory, Trenton. The Federation is again offering a scholarship to a graduating high school senior who, with the senior’s parents, are practicing Roman Catholics and registered members of a parish. For more information contact Mr. Wilfredo Serrano, Chairman at 609-647-8245. Application deadline is February 16, 2024.

**Polish Arts Club Scholarship**

The Polish Arts Club of Trenton announces the availability of $1,500 scholarships to qualified high school seniors of Polish descent to assist in their pursuit of a college education. For details and an application, please visit their website [www.trentonpolisharts.org](http://www.trentonpolisharts.org). Applications must be submitted by February 20, 2024.

**D Y C**

Diocesan Youth Conference: "On Purpose" The Diocesan Youth Conference is our yearly gathering for ALL teens 8 - 12th grades of the Diocese of Trenton. This year's conference "On Purpose" will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 10am-5pm at Red Bank Catholic HS, Redbank NJ. Register today at: dotyouth.org/dyc

**DISTRIBUTION OF PRECIOUS BLOOD**

A few months ago we took a survey regarding the distribution of the Precious Blood at our weekend Masses. We have decided to incorporate this practice again into our Mass beginning the First Sunday of Lent. The precious Blood will be offered only at the 9:00am Sunday Mass and only in the center aisle in Sacred Heart Church.

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**TOLTON: FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST**

Notre Dame High School is excited  to have the production of Tolton: From Slave to Priest come to the ND stage. The live theatrical one-man drama performed by actor Jim Coleman and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will take place Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the ND Auditorium (601 Lawrence Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648). The presentation is free to the public and donations to Notre Dame High School diversity initiative will be accepted. To R.S.V.P. call the school at 609-882-7900 Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm.

**About the Production:** Tolton: From Slave to Priest is a powerful new live production based on the life of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest. This compelling true story of courage, forgiveness, and reconciliation resonates deeply with modern American audiences. Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago, postulator for Fr. Tolton’s canonization cause, is calling Tolton a production that will “inspire a new era of peace, hope and forgiveness in America.” Tolton is a riveting multimedia drama not to be missed. The production runs 75 minutes and is suitable for middle school age and up.

**Protecting the environment is part of protecting human life, Pope says**

January 21, 2024 By Cindy Wooden ~ The Monitor

VATICAN CITY CNS – The obligation to care for creation is not only about the environment, "it has to do with human life, as the Creator conceived and arranged it," Pope Francis told a group from northern Italy dedicated to remembering the 1,910 people who died from the Vajont dam disaster.

"One thing is striking," the Pope said; "it was not mistakes in the design or construction of the dam that caused the tragedy, but the very fact of wanting to build a reservoir in the wrong place."

In October 1963 a landslide on an unstable mountain on the southern side of the reservoir set off a massive tsunami, wiping out entire towns and villages and killing 1,910 people. The dam, built to generate power, remained intact.

The decision to build and use the dam, despite cautionary studies about its surroundings, put "the logic of profit before the care of people and the environment in which they live," the Pope said during a meeting Jan. 19 with pilgrims from the Diocese of Belluno-Feltre and from the association "Vajont: The Future of Memory."

The support survivors showed one another and the way people in the region built new towns and have continued to work together to protect the land have set off a "wave of hope" motivated by fraternity whereas the "wave that brought despair was caused by greed. And greed destroys, while fraternity builds," the Pope said.

"This is extremely relevant today," the Pope said. "The care of creation is not simply an ecological factor, but an anthropological issue: It has to do with human life, as the Creator conceived and arranged it, and it concerns the future of everyone, of the global society in which we are immersed."

The earth, "the common home, is crumbling," the Pope said, "and the reason is once again the same: greed for profit, a frenzy to earn and possess that seems to make people feel omnipotent" when being creatures should mean learning to respect limits.

Pope Francis noted that 2024 marks the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi writing most of the "Canticle of the Creatures," the hymn of praise to God for the gifts of creation, a hymn in which he addresses as brother or sister the sun, moon, stars, wind, fire and other elements.

Calling them brothers and sisters, the Pope said, makes it clear that all creation is "part of a single 'living web of good,' lovingly arranged by the Lord for us."

In the canticle, St. Francis praises the Lord for "Sister Water, which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste." And it is useful and humble, the Pope said, "yet it became tremendous and destructive in the case of the Vajont and is inaccessible for so many in the world today who suffer thirst or have no drinkable water."

"We need the contemplative gaze, the respectful gaze of St. Francis to recognize the beauty of creation and to know how to give things their proper order, to stop devastating the environment with the deadly logic of greed and to collaborate fraternally in development," he said.

**LENTEN PROGRAM FOR OUR PARISH**

**Jesus ACTion!**“Behold, I am making all things new (Rev 21:5).”  ***Lent is springtime to power wash your soul.***

Presenter: Rev. Fr. Charles Muorah PhD., STL, LMFT

Saturdays in Lent: February 17 – March 16, 2024

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am

Venue: Toomey Hall, Sacred Heart Church, 343 S. Broad St, **Trenton NJ 08608**

**Smart Mind! Smart Body!! Smart Action and Wellness!!!**

**= Smart and Courageous Spirituality**

* Is your thought, scrupulous conscience or guilt/sin keeping you awake at nights, generating stress and worries?
* Do you carry burden and pain in your body or are you struggling with body image or self-esteem?
* Is your action or behavior of choice sabotaging your self-care, wellness and spirituality? Or do you desire to overcome certain sins, behaviors, forgive yourself or grow in your spirituality?
* How is your relationship (with God, spouse, children, parents …) working out for you?
* Whatever your response is: You need Smart and Courageous Spirituality!
* Jesus ACTion can help!
* Acceptance and Commitment to Jesus’ Healing Process as you make this Lenten journey is a unique gift offered to you. Receive it with curiosity, compassion and graciousness. Be smart and joyfully sing alleluia with the risen Lord, Jesus.

NB: Please email or call the Parish office to register: [secretary@trentonsacredheart.org](mailto:secretary@trentonsacredheart.org) or 609-393-2801 ext. 0