



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 ADELIN 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 CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 12:10 Noon

Saturday 5:15 PM Sunday 9:00 and 11:15 AM

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM ~ 12:00 Noon Polish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

September 6, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 5

4:00 pm HC ~ Ricky Glazewski and John Morganbruh

5:15 pm SH ~ Mina Knezevich

Sunday, September 6

9:00 SH ~ Ken & Lucille Fisher, and Joanne S. Mich

10:00 HC ~ Marie Carmelle Delva

11:15 SH ~ Eileen Kostrzewa

12:00 HC Polish, The Intentions of the People of the Parish

Monday, September 7 ~ Labor Day

12:10 SH ~ No Mass

Tuesday, September 8

12:10 SH ~ John W. Ladnyk

Wednesday, September 9

12:10 SH ~ Msgr. Leonard. Toomey

Thursday, September 10

12:10 SH ~ No Mass

Friday, September 11

12:10 SH ~ Andrew Apoldite

Saturday, September 12

4:00 pm HC ~ Ruth Tydryszewski Waltz,

Daniel Bliznawiczus, and Stanley & Dolores Krysztofik

5:15 pm SH ~ Reneé Dellaira

Sunday, September 13

9:00 SH ~ the Holy Name Society, John & Viola Bugdal,
and Joe & Ruth Toomey

10:00 HC ~ Maryann Walz

11:15 SH ~ Fredrick Romanowsky

12:00 HC Polish ~ intentions of the People of the Parish

OUR SICK LIST

Ellen Dondero, Stephanie McGinley, Dolores Lukowicz, Lesia DiVeonica, Alice Buck, Heather Allaire, Ronald & Lorraine Karczewski, John Hardiman, John Testa, Marlene Harris, Karen Vernon-Stewart, Msgr Michael Walsh, Diane Sabourin, Chet Siwczak, Donna Brodowski Longo, Tim Kuser, Susan Smith, Jack McDonough, Jim Duncan, Alexander Jaeploe, Napoleon Jaeploe, Jean Ianni, Susan McCool, Doris Feehan, Anthony Pitonyak, Mary Komjathy, Fr J C Garret, Anna Solack, Lois Gold, Augustine Chavez, Lynda Costantini, Robert Paci, Dolores Klama, Nancy Dee, Judy Dee, Jon Arch, Lorraine Rogers, Bob Kuzma, Alexander Ladnyk, Michael Szymelewicz, Deahtron Wm. Crosland, Gerald Caruso, Paul Sootkoos, Richard Buckley, Joan Buckley, Kevin Hogan, Connie Swiderski, Thomas Erni, Michael Simoliga, Laverne Major, David Carver, Doreen Nemeth, Vincent Cooper Jr., Barbara Ardery, Karl Megules, Dan Breese Jr., Joseph Caivano, Greg Schafer, Chris, Tom, Melvin Lee, Amy Birk.

OUR DECEASED

Marge Caldwell-Wilson, Jean Palmieri, Fr Jim Conover, Kim Ahmed, and our friends at South Village, Riverside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Mill House and Trenton Gardens Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Subject to change)

Saturday, September 5

4:00pm HCC ~ Fr Charles L.: Benitez EM Herpel

5:15pm SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L.: Bellina Em Salamandra DuMont

Sunday, September 6

9:00 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L.: Rhodes-Rogers EM Cruz's

10:00 HCC ~ Fr. Charles L.: Williams Em Nwachkwu

11:15 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L.: J Laurenti EM Silvernail's

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Fr Marian L Anna, Rysiu

Saturday, September 12

4:00pm HCC ~ Fr Charles L.: Herpel EM Lennon

5:15pm SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L.: C Hernandez EM Breuer's

Sunday, September 13

9:00 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L.: Valentino Em R&K Figueroa, Green

10:00 HCC ~ Fr. Charles L.: Nnaji for EM Kamah

11:15 SH Msgr. Dennis L.: Rhodes-Rogers EM S Jurczynski N Rhodes

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Fr Marian L Ewa, Gosia

A PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior...Amen.

Ricky Bailey, Jr

Sergeant Isabel Marie Figueroa

Staff Sergeant Nathaniel King

Terrance Livingston, Jr.

LT Madeleine Rizzuto USCG

1stLt Wayne D. Staub USMC

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last weekend's collection amounted to: \$7,478.00

Capital Campaign ~ Project 210

Donations amount to \$313,043.00

Annual Catholic Appeal Goal: \$39,000.00

Pledged: \$53,847.00 (138%) **Paid:** \$50,821.00 (130%)

Total Donors: 153 (99%) **Needed for Incentive:** 154

Readings for the Week

Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Monday 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Friday 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

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: abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org or 1-888-296-2965. Allegations are reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

A LABOR DAY PRAYER

Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Lord God, Master of the Vineyard,
How wonderful that you have invited us
who labor by the sweat of our brow
to be workers in the vineyard and assist your work
to shape the world around us.
As we seek to respond to this call,
make us attentive to those who seek work but cannot find it.
Help us listen to the struggles of those who work hard to provide for their families
but still have trouble making ends meet.
Open our eyes to the struggles of those exploited
and help us speak for just wages and safe conditions,
the freedom to organize, and time for renewal.
For work was made for humankind and not humankind for work.
Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation but a radiant expression of our human dignity.
Give all who labor listening hearts that we may pause from our work
to receive your gift of rest.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit that you might work through us to let your justice reign.
Amen.



The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day. The 12:10 Mass will not be celebrated.



09.11.2001

A Prayer for the 25th Anniversary of Patriot Day

Holy God, Creator of all people and all nations,
It is with sorrow and remembrance that we mark this
25th anniversary of the tragic events of September
11, 2001. We lift up to You in prayer all those who
died at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and
on Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. We entrust
them to Your loving care.

Console their families, friends, and all who still carry
the weight of this loss. Grant them peace that
surpasses understanding, and let the passing of a
quarter-century not diminish our honor for the lives
they lived.

We remember the courage of the first responders
who ran toward danger. Heal painful memories, and
transform them into enduring strength and
community resilience.

As we live in the shadow of that day, guide us to put
an end to fear and division. Help us to choose justice
over revenge, love over hatred, and light over
darkness. Make us makers of peace in a broken
world. In Your holy name, we pray.

Amen

**To honor all those who died on September 11,
2001, our church bells will toll from 9:30 am to
10:00am.**

25th anniversary 9/11 Mass of Remembrance

Catholics from throughout the Diocese of
Trenton will come together in prayer as the nation
marks the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks
on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. A
Diocesan Mass of Remembrance will be
celebrated at 7 p.m. in St. Mary, Mother of God
Church, Middletown, with Bishop David M.
O'Connell, M., serving as principal celebrant and
homilist. Bishop O'Connell extends an invitation
to all of the Diocese to the Mass.

THIS WEEKEND

Since 1903, The Catholic University of America
has been blessed by the generosity of
parishioners around the country through the
National Collection. James Cardinal Gibbons, our
first chancellor and the ninth Archbishop of
Baltimore, affectionately called the collection "the
people's endowment." Catholic University is the
national university of the Catholic Church. Gifts to
the National Collection support students during
this crucial time and help the University conduct
critical research that will serve parishes and
dioceses throughout the country. This weekend
of September 6 & 7th there is a second envelope
for Catholic University. Please be as generous as
possible and you make this donation together
with the regular collection.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Do you love our parish? Share your time with the
Altar Rosary Society. All men and women of the
parish are welcome. The ARS invites you to join us
in honoring the Blessed Mother through the
beautiful devotion of the rosary and in serving
our parish in acts of love and care

WHEN: September 6, 2026.

PLACE & TIME: Sacred Heart Church. Join us in
praying the rosary at 8:30am and Mass at 9:00am.
Following Mass a meeting will take place in
Toomey Hall along with light refreshments.

WHAT: Our mission is simple and profound.
Praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pray
together for our parish family and the world.
Support Parish Life through charitable works and
fellowship.

WHY: Current members and new members
strengthen our church community. We are always
open to discussing new ideas along with current
business. Build a supportive community with
other parishioners through regular meetings and
service projects.

CONTACT: Mrs. Carmen Benitez, 609-954-3058.
She is always ready to answer your questions.

SUMMER SERIES OF THE USA SAINTS

St. Katharine Drexel (1858–1955)

Founder of Xavier University, the first Catholic university for African Americans, and founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People
Patron saint of racial justice and philanthropists



St. Katharine Drexel was an heiress from one of the wealthiest families in the U.S. who went on to found the first Catholic university for African Americans.

Her mother died when she was five weeks old, but she was raised by a beloved stepmother and father who had a deep sympathy for the poor. In her travels she saw the horrid conditions on Indian reservations and as a layperson and then a religious she gave up everything to become a missionary to Native Americans and African Americans. The story is recounted on the USSCB website that when she asked Pope Leo XIII to send more missionaries to Wyoming, he asked her, "Why don't you become a missionary?" She was crafty and politically savvy, working around Jim Crow laws in the South that prohibited Blacks and whites sitting together in church, as one example, notes writer Anthony Walton. She set up church seating so that the separation ran from front to back so that both whites and Blacks were sitting parallel to each other rather than with Blacks in the back, notes Walton in "The Eye of the Needle: Katharine Drexel," published by Notre Dame Magazine in August of 2004. "Xavier University in New Orleans stands as perhaps the most notable testament to the force of Katharine Drexel's vision. Xavier was founded in 1915 through an initial grant of \$750,000 from Drexel. The only historically Black Catholic college in the United States, Xavier was — according to nuns of her order — one of the projects closest to Drexel's heart."

St. Katharine founded schools in 13 states for African Americans, 40 mission centers and 23 rural schools. She also established 50 missions for Indians in 16 different states. She died at the age of 96 and was canonized by Pope St. John Paul in 2000.

Feast day: March 3.



All of our young people of the parish are invited to participate in the blessing of their school backpacks on Sunday, September 20th at the 9:00 Mass. No matter what school you attend or Religious Education Program you are enrolled, please bring your backpacks with a few of your book so they can be blessed for the new academic year. We look forward to seeing you and your family at the 9:00 Mass on the 20th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

Now is the time to register for this year's Religious Education Program. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 13th. We ask all parents, guardians, and students to gather in Sacred Heart Church at 10:00 a.m. for an opening meeting. Following the meeting, families will have the opportunity to meet with their child's catechist and attend their individual class sessions. We look forward to welcoming both returning and new families as we begin another year of growing together in faith.

SACRED HEART HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Sacred Heart Holy Name Society will resume its 2026 meeting schedule on Friday evening, September 11 at 7:00 pm in Toomey Hall. All parishioners 18 years or older are welcome to attend the meeting and learn more about the Holy Name Society and our role in the parish community. Refreshments will be served after the regular business meeting. The monthly Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, September 13th at 9:00 mass at Sacred Heart Church.

COLLEGE BOUND

As our summer season comes to end, many of our young people will be headed off to further their education in college/university. We take this opportunity to wish all of them a successful academic year. Please know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers. We look forward to seeing you as you return to your homes during the course of the year and during the holiday seasons. Keep close to the Heart of Jesus.

OCIA

BEGINS ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the process through which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. The sacraments of initiation are celebrated each year at the Easter Vigil. For those who have already been baptized Catholic but have not yet received the sacrament of Communion and/or Confirmation, the OCIA process is the right path to complete your sacraments of initiation. Whether you are coming from a different Christian tradition, have never been baptized, or are seeking to complete your sacraments, the OCIA process is tailored to meet your individual needs and background. For more information, call Msgr. Dennis at 609.393.2801, ext. 102.

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING MASS

Join us in celebrating Marriage as we recognize those couples celebrating their *first, twenty-fifth, or fiftieth (plus)* year of marriage.

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

On Sunday, October 4th, the diocese will celebrate those couples in Burlington and Mercer counties at the Cathedral in Trenton. On Sunday, October 18th, we will celebrate those couples in Monmouth and Ocean Counties at the Co-Cathedral in Freehold. We hope that you will join us this year in celebrating this beautiful vocation and sacrament. Both Masses begin at 3:00 PM.



A Parent's Prayer for College Send-Off

Heavenly Father, I come to You with a heart full of mixed emotions—immense pride, deep joy, and a quiet ache of missing them already. Thank you for the precious gift of my child, and for the privilege of raising them up to this very moment.

As they step onto their college campus today, I ask for Your loving arms to surround them. When I cannot be there to protect, guide, or comfort them, I trust You to be there. Guard their steps from harm, keep their minds sharp and clear for their studies, and give them the wisdom to make healthy, grounded choices.

Lord, please bring faithful friends, supportive mentors, and a safe community into their lives. When they feel overwhelmed, lonely, or uncertain, remind them that they are never truly alone and that they belong to You.

For my own heart, I ask for Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Ease the anxiety of letting go, and help me embrace this new chapter of parenting from a distance. Remind me that while their empty room brings a pang of sadness, they are safely held in Your grace.

Give me the grace to support them with encouragement and prayer, learning how to love them in this new season of adulthood.

I place them into Your more-than-capable hands. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Love 
one another