**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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[frdennis@trentonsacredheart.org](mailto:frdennis@trentonsacredheart.org)

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**Felician Residence for Clergy**

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Natalie Megules ~ 609-575-6484

Rupert Peters ~ Gospel Mass 609-442-7871

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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**

343 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08608

**Phone: (609) 393-2801 ~ Fax: (609) 989-8997**

**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 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)



**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS**

**December 31, 2023**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 30**

4:00 pm HCC ~ Eileen Kostrzewa

5:15 pm SHC ~ Nancy Koerwer

**Sunday, December 31**

10:00 SH ~ For the People of the Parish

10:00 HCC ~ For Thanksgiving

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Ks. Kanonik Jan Majka

**Sunday, December 31 ~ New Year’s Eve Masses**

4:00pm ~ For the People of the Parish

5:15pm SHC ~ For the People of the Parish

**Monday,** **January 1 ~ New Year’s Day**

10:00 SH ~ For the People of the Parish

10:00 HCC ~ For the People of the Parish

12:00 HCC Polish~ For the People of the Parish

**Tuesday, January 2**

12:10 pm SHC ~ No Mass

**Wednesday, January 3**

12:10 pm SHC ~ Vita Family

**Thursday, January 4**

8:00 am HCC ~ Philomena and William Cracker

**Friday, January 5**

8:00 am HCC ~ Stephen DeAngelo

12:10 pm SHC ~ Izzy Tagliaferri

**Saturday, January 6**

4:00 pm HCC ~ Jean Birndorf

5:15 pm SHC ~ Ken and Lucille Fisher

**Sunday, January 7**

9:00 SH ~ Joan Goerig Pastor & Altar Rosary Society

10:00 HCC ~ For the People of the Parish

11:15 SH ~ William Davis

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Edward Ozga, Danuta Karcz, and

Maria Kubas

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph   
Sunday** Gn 15:1-6, Heb 11:8-19; Lk 2:22-40

**Monday** Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

**Wednesday** 1 Jn 2:29-3:61; Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

**First Friday** 1 Jn 4:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:33-38

**OUR SICK LIST**

Stanley Sniadach, Kristen Topley, Mary Sokolowski, Rocco, Lorraine Wargo, Robert Paci, Mrs. Loatman, David Carver, Jennifer Lyons, Grace Profy, Steve Jurczynski, Cornell Hess, Ruby Covington, Judith Santigo, Ching Kukis, Dan Breese Jr, Brenna Kennedy-Moore, Dawn Chia, Mark Friedman, 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, Charles Burrows, Dorothy Amoroso, Maryann Sullivan, Regina Friedman, Stanley Winowicz, Greg Schafer, Jack Hardiman, Amy Birk, Julia Grazioli, Matt Tydryszewski.

**OUR DECEASED**

Johnn Solano, John Convenio, Robin Haynes, and our friends at South Village, Riverside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Mill House and Waters Edge**.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 30**

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

5:15pm Msgr. Dennis L. L. Bellina, Em. W. Lewis & M. Salamandra

**Sunday, December 31**

10:00 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L. K. Valentino Em. H. & M. Figueroa

10:00 HCC ~ Fr. Charles L. F. Kollie Em. D. Ezeuka

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Fr Marian Ewa, Mieciu

**Saturday, January 6**

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

5:15pm SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L. K Willever Em. A. Solack & B. DuMont

**Sunday, January 7**

9:00 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L. E. Wengryn Em. R.&K. Figueroa

10:00 HCC ~ Fr. Charles L. O. Nnadi Em. Q. Hilton

11:15 SHC ~ Msgr Dennis L. F. Zielinski Em. J. Diaz & S. Jurczynski

12:00 HCC Polish ~ TBD

**2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE**

Goal: $33,000.00

Pledged: $46,627.00 (141% of Goal)

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Last weekend’s will be announced next weekend

**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.

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**NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH**

**Saturday, December 30** 5:15 PM Vigil Mass

**Sunday, December 31** 10:00 AM

**Feast of Mary, Mother of God ~**

**NEW YEAR’S EVE**

**Sunday, December 31** 5:15 PM

**Monday, January 1 ~ NEW YEAR’S DAY** 10:00 AM

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

**Saturday, December 30** 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

**Sunday, December 31**

10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

**Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

**Sunday, Dec. 31 NEW YEAR’S EVE** 4:00 PM

**Monday, January 1 ~ NEW YEAR’S DAY**

10:00 AM Gospel Mass

12:00 Noon Polish Mass

**BLESSING OF HOMES**

The Blessing of Homes will take place this year during the month of January. The Blessing includes a prayer that God will protect your family during the coming year. Your home will sprinkled with holy water and the initials of the Three Kings who visited and worshipped the Infant Jesus in Bethlehem are written above the lintel of the main door with blessed chalk (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar). If you are a registered parishioner and wish to have your home blessed, please complete the form below and return it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

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**Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_City\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Cell or phone number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**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. On the weekend of January 23rd and 24th 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.

**VOLUNTEER PARTY**

The “Little Christmas” Volunteer Appreciation Party, will be held Friday evening, January 5th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. We will begin with a prayer service at 6:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church followed by light refreshments in Msgr. Toomey Hall. All those who volunteer are invited. Please R.S.V.P. by December 28th by calling the office at 609-393-2801 or by filling out the form below and place in the collection basket. Thank you.

**VOLUNTEER PARTY**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Number attending\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Cell or phone number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**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. If there are discrepancies please be sure to notify us and we will make the adjustments. It would help us if you filled in the amount donated.

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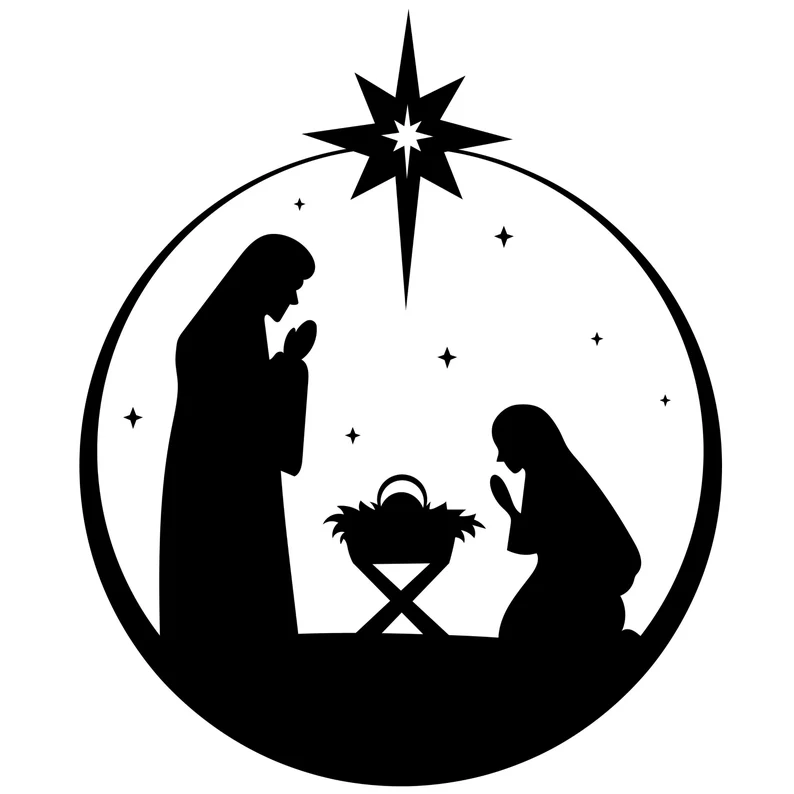
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**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

All rosarians, future rosarians, people of our parish are warmly welcomed to join us on Sunday, January 7th, 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.  God Bless you all.  We are looking forward to your participation.  Any questions, please call Joan Buckley @ 609 396 7063.  We wish you all a Happy, blessed, safe, New Year.

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**What Does the Holy Family Teach Us?**

They Follow God’s Lead

The Scriptures paint the early life of the Holy Family as God calls them to a special mission. With the angel Gabriel, we greet Mary and learn of her calling to become the Mother of God. Our introduction to St. Joseph consists of him deciding to divorce Mary quietly, believing she brought shame and dishonor upon him and his family. But an angel invites Joseph to change his mind and take Mary into his home, to become the guardian of Mary and Jesus, the husband of Mary and foster-father of Jesus. In that home at Nazareth we meet a couple who shows an openness to allowing God to lead their life together. Mary surely had other plans for her life; as many believe, she took a vow of virginity at an early age, so becoming a physical mother was something she did not anticipate. Yet, she heard God’s invitation, and knew that His plans were better for her life; therefore, she gives her fiat — that is, her “yes” to God.

St. Joseph opens his heart to the messenger sent by God and takes Mary into his home. This would not be the first or last time that St. Joseph followed God’s lead in his life as he protected the Holy Family. After Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem, they follow the prompting of an angel to flee into Egypt for safety and wait there until another angelic message leads them back home. The Holy Family is a great example for families everywhere to always be open to whatever God’s will might be and to always be listening for God to speak. He might speak his will in prayer or through another person. By our own prayer and discernment, we too can follow God’s lead for our life.

A Teacher of Virtue

The home should be the principal place of catechesis. Unfortunately, many families today allow the Church to fill that role alone. The home of Nazareth, in addition to the local synagogue, would have been the place of instruction for the Christ Child. The Holy Family taught Jesus how to read, and at the start of his public ministry Jesus would read from the scroll and declare the passage to be fulfilled in their hearing (see Lk 4:21). Mary and Joseph would have taught the Christ Child how to pray, especially the Shema, and years later Jesus would teach his disciples how to pray with the Our Father. Joseph would have handed on his trade to his son, who later would die on the wood of a cross. Jesus had a great concern for the poor and the marginalized. In the home of Nazareth he learned generosity and kindness. The home of Nazareth reminds us that families have the responsibility of teaching their children the Faith and to model the virtues. Jesus had most excellent parents; Mary was without sin and Joseph is described as a just and prudent man. Parents today can learn from Joseph and Mary on how to teach their children.

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS**

The hidden life of Nazareth allows every person  
to be in communion with Jesus  
along the most ordinary paths of everyday life.  
Nazareth is the school in which we begin to understand the life of Jesus, that is,  
the school of the Gospel...   
In the first place, may it teach us silence.  
Oh! May an appreciation of this stupendous and indispensable atmosphere for the spirit return to us... May it teach us the way to live in the family.  
Nazareth reminds us what the family is,  
what communion of love is,  
its austere and simple beauty,  
its sacred and inviolable character…

Finally, let us learn a lesson of work.  
Oh! House of Nazareth,  
home of the “Carpenter’s Son”!  
Here, we especially want to understand  
how to praise the severe but redeeming law  
of human labor...  
We want to greet workers throughout the world  
and show them their great model,

their Divine Brother.  
(Saint Pope Paul VI, discourse of 5 January 1964)