**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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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)



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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 The intentions of the People of the Parish

11:15 SH ~ Annette Collazo, William Davis

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Special Intentions

**Monday, February 5**

8:00 HCC ~ Christopher Sheppard

12:10 SHC~ Dominick DiLaurentis

**Tuesday, February 6**

12:10 pm SHC ~ Richard Welch and Family

**Wednesday, February 7**

12:10 pm SHC ~ Nugent Calcagni

**Thursday, February 8**

8:00 am HCC ~ Stanley Tydryszewski

**Friday, February 9**

8:00 am HCC ~ Eileen Kostrzewa

12:10 pm SHC ~ Christopher Kurilla and

Frank & Helen Karlovich

**Saturday, February 10**

4:00 pm HCC ~ Dolores Krysztofik & Ronald Carver

5:15 pm SHC ~ Norman Liep

**Sunday, February 11**

9:00 SH ~ Stanley Sniadach, Ken & Lucille Fisher,

and Holy Name Society

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

11:15 SH ~ For the Sick of our Parish

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Special Intentions

**OUR SICK LIST**

Nick Kolocuris, 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, Paul Glazewski, and our friends at South Village, Riverside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Mill House and Waters Edge**.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

(Subject to Change)

**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 ~TBA L Mieczysław

**Saturday, Feb 10**

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

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

**Sunday, Feb 11**

9:00 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L.: R. Paci Em.: J. Elli, A. Green

10:00 HCC ~ Fr. Charles L.: M. Days Em.: Q. Hilton

11:15 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L.: J. Blizard Em.: B. Allaire, J. Diaz

12:00 HCC Polish ~ TBA L Ewa

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Last weekend’s collection amounted to $11,609.00. This includes the donations received in Church and the mail ins. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16--23; Mk 1:29-39

**Monday** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday** 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday** 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

**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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**A CHRISTMAS SEASON THANK YOU**

THANK YOU to all who have added to the beauty of the joyful season of Christmas in our parish. I am thankful to those who participated in this year’s Giving Tree Project. Some 300 gifts were shared with five agencies in our area, and they were all grateful to you for your dedication to their people. Thanks to all those who set up our outdoor nativity scenes and then returned to put things in storage. It took many hands and hearts to accomplish this task but the results certainly made every minute worth it. To all those who participated in our Liturgies — our Music Ministry, Musicians and Choirs, the Ushers, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors, I am grateful for your service to our parish. A special thank you to our Gospel Choir who presented Lessons and Carols at our Christmas Eve Mass. To those who contributed to the flower collection, I am grateful for your generosity in your remembrance of your deceased loved ones. Your Christmas gift to the your parish amounted to $63,016.00. I am very grateful to you for always being so supportive of our parish. On a personal note, thank you to so many of you who send cards and greetings for the season and your thoughtful gifts to both Fr. Charles and myself. May God bless you and those you love throughout the New Year.

* Msgr. Dennis

**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**

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.

**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.

**THE BLESSING OF THROATS**

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

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**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.

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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.

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY**

**‘He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, 'So you had not the strength to stay awake with me for one hour? Stay awake, and pray not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing enough, but human nature is weak.'(Matthew 26: 40-42)**

For over three quarters of a century, the men and women of the Mercer County chapter of the Nocturnal Adoration Society have been answering our Lord’s call to “spend one hour with Me” in Eucharistic Adoration. Founded under the auspices of the Mercer County Federation of Holy Name Societies, we meet in St. Ann’s Chapel, 1253 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ on the first Friday evening of each month from 8 to 9 pm for an hour of Adoration followed by Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available. Come join us! For more information, email MercerNAS@proton.me

**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.

**MSGR BACOVIN ~ REST IN PEACE**

Msgr. Ronald J. Bacovin, who served as a priest of the Diocese for 57 years, died Jan. 25 after a brief illness.  He was 83.

Ronald Bacovin was born in Trenton in May, 1940, He attended Sacred Heart Parish and Blessed Sacrament Parish, both in Trenton, and went to St. John School, Trenton. He later graduated from Trenton Catholic Boys High School before attending Villanova University and St. Mary Seminary, Baltimore. He was ordained a priest May 28, 1966 in St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, Trenton, by Bishop George W. Ahr.

He served as parochial vicar in parishes that are now part of the Metuchen Diocese – Christ the King, Manville; St. James, Jamesburg, and St. John Vianney, Colonia, before returning to serve in his home parish of Sacred Heart, Trenton, as parochial vicar.

He was named pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Keyport. Other parishes where he was pastor were St. John Parish, Lakehurst, and St. James, Pennington.

Msgr. Bacovin held a number of diocesan positions including director of the Office of Priest Personnel; vice chairman of the Priest Council, and member of the Episcopal Council for Clergy Personnel and the Priest Retirement Committee.

On June 16, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI bestowed papal honors on then-Father Bacovin, naming him a Chaplain to His Holiness with the title of monsignor. An investiture of papal honors was celebrated in St. James Church, Pennington, Nov. 18, 1998.

Since his retirement, Msgr. Bacovin has resided in Villa Vianney, the diocesan retirement facility for priests in Lawrenceville.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General has designated February 8 as an annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking. February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000.

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**SAINT BLASE**

Who was St. Blaise and why are throats blessed on his feast day? St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste, Armenia, in the early fourth century. He was imprisoned and later martyred for the faith. Tradition passes on to us that St. Blaise was known for his ability to heal both people and animals. Two incidents are particularly significant, as they are reflected in the blessing we receive on his feast. Tradition says that a mother brought her son, who was choking to death on a fishbone, to the bishop. The boy was healed. When St. Blaise was being taken to prison, he encountered a poor woman whose pig had been taken by a wolf. At St. Blaise’s command, the wolf brought back the pig unharmed. The woman is said to have brought St. Blaise food and candles while he was in prison. The blessing of throats is related to the saint’s healing of the boy who was choking. The use of two candles in the blessing is said to be in memory of candles brought to St. Blaise by the woman whose pig he had rescued. His feast day is February 3rd



“God’s Glory is revealed because we love one another across the barriers and boundaries of race, culture, and class.”

--Servant of God, Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA

**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