**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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**OFFICE HOURS**

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**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)



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY**

**IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 1, 2023**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, September 30**

4:00 pm ~ Vilma Mathews

5:15 pm SHC ~ Virginia Bellina

**Sunday, October 1**

9:00 SHC ~ Altar Rosary Society

and Thomas & Pauline Lukowicz

10:00 HCC ~ For the People of the Parish

11:15 SHC ~ John Matthews

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Linda Wynd

**Monday, October 2**

8:00 am HCC ~ MarrLa Glenn

12:10pm SHC ~ Thomas Lukowicz

**Tuesday, October 3**

12:10 pm SHC ~ Jennie B. Maruca

**Wednesday, October 4**

12:10 pm SHC ~ Robert Okupski

**Thursday, October 5**

8:00 am HCC ~ For Vocations

**Friday, October 6**

8:00 am HCC ~ The sick of our Parish

12:10pm SHC ~ Lena Apoldite

**Saturday, October 7**

4:00 pm ~ Catherine and John Bleier

5:15 pm SHC ~ Ken and Lucille Fisher

**Sunday, October 8**

9:00 SHC ~ Maria Valentin Torres

and Holy Name Society

10:00 HCC ~ Ronald Morton

11:15 SHC ~ Lee Lugossy and

For the People of the Parish

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Eleonora & Aleksander Maj

**OUR SICK LIST**

Lorraine Wargo, Robert Paci, Mrs. Loatman, David Carver, Gertrude Siber, 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, Robert Mahon, Charles Burrows, Dorothy Amoroso, Maryann Sullivan, Regina Friedman, Stanley Winowicz, Greg Schafer, Jack Hardiman, Amy Birk, Julia Grazioli, Matt Tydryszewski.

**OUR DECEASED**

Jerzy Drzewiecki, Nancy Koerwer, Francis Goeke, Eileen O’Gorman, Rita Mich, and our friends at South Village, Riverside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Mill House and Waters Edge**.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

(subject to change)

**Saturday, September 30**

4:00pm HCC ~ Fr Charles L. M Herpel Em. C Benitez

5:15pm Msgr. Dennis L. R Hernandez Em. J & K DiBenedetto

**Sunday, October 1**

9:00 Msgr. Dennis L. E Wengryn Em M Komjathy H Mangan

10:00 HCC ~ Fr. Charles L R Nnajiofor Em O Nnadi

11:15 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L. M Tovar Em K Parasimo

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Fr Charles

**Saturday, October 7**

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

5:15pm SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L. L Seabrook Em. T Hines W Lewis

**Sunday, October 8**

9:00 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L. Y Laurenti Em Mc Donough, Mowenn

10:00 HCC ~ Fr. Charles L M Williams Em S Nwachukwu

11:15 SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L. B Allaire Em A Woloff, l Boyle

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Fr Marian

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Last weekend’s collection amounted to $9,801.00. 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: $44,576.00 (135% of Goal)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time   
Sunday** Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

**Monday** Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Tuesday** Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday** Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12

**First Friday** Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

**First Saturday** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

**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.



**CONFIRMATION COVENANT SIGNING**

Next Sunday, October 1st at the 9:00am Mass, the eighth grade students, preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, will be asked to sign a ‘Covenant’ to commit themselves to participate fully in our Confirmation process. Their parents will be a witness to this promise. Please remember them in your prayers as they proceed on their individual journeys toward the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation. After Mass, the students and parents are asked to stay in the Church for the Confirmation Meeting.

**THE FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS**

Wednesday, October 4th, is the feast of Saint Francis. It is the traditional day the Catholic Church blesses pets and animals. The Blessing of Animals gives witness to God's and the Church's love, care, and concern for creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures, the Church's witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened. It is also a service with special appeal to children.

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

This year the Blessing of Pets and Animals will take place in front of the statue of Saint Francis on the Sacred Heart Campus located between the Rectory and the school buildings on Wednesday, October 4th at 6:00PM.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

The monthly meeting of the Sacred Heart Holy Name Society will be held on Friday, October 13 at 7:00 pm in Toomey Hall.  All parish members over 18 years old are invited to stop by and learn more about the parish Holy Name Society.  Homemade refreshments will be served after the Business meeting. The Society's monthly Corporate communion will be on the second Sunday, October 8 at 9:00 mass at Sacred Heart Church.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

 The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary a devotion to the Blessed Virgin.  All future people of our parish are warmly welcomed to join us on Sunday, October 1, 2023, 9:00am Mass, celebrated at Sacred Heart Church.  The Rosary will be prayed before Mass.  Following Mass, a meeting will take place at Toomey Hall.  Come meet the members and enjoy light refreshments.  We are a group of dedicated Catholic people who serve our Blessed Mother, our Parish.  We always look forward to your participation. Ayn questions, please call Joan Buckley at 60-396-7063.

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**THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS**

**SIGHT AND SOUND, LANCASTER**

Our Seniors Group has planned a bus trip for Friday, December 29, 2023, to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA to see “The Miracle of Christmas”. The bus will leave Sacred Heart Church parking lot at 8:00 am and return by 6:30 pm. The cost of $150.00 per person includes transportation and gratuity, mid-afternoon lunch at Bird-In-Hand Restaurant and the 11:00 morning show ticket. A non-refundable deposit of $75.00 is required to make a reservation. Final payment is due by December 1st. To accommodate our parishioners, we are currently accepting reservations for parishioners only from September 25th until November 17th. As of November 17th, reservations can be made for non-parishioners at the cost of $165.00 paid in full. Checks are made payable to Sacred Heart Parish. To make a reservation, please contact Pat McIntyre at [PatriciaMc@optonline.net](mailto:PatriciaMc@optonline.net) or

609-695-5391.



**SYNOD**

The First Session of the Synod of Bishops 2021-2024 begins on October 4 and continues until October 29, 2023 with the theme: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.”  Our Holy Father Pope Francis has said, “Without prayer there will be no synod.” The Holy See’s Secretariat for the Synod has asked all the bishops of the world to encourage the faithful of their dioceses to pray that the Holy Spirit might inspire Synod deliberations by remembering its intentions in prayer, continuing until October 29.

**PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,

as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,

make Yourself at home in our hearts.

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful.

do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance

lead us down the wrong path

nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we

may journey together to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth

and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work

in every place and time, in the

communion of the Father and the Son,

forever and ever. Amen.

**CARDINAL DOUGHERTY HIGH SCHOOL**

**60TH** **REUNION**

Gather with fellow members of the Class of 1963 on Friday, September 29, for a very casual reunion. It will take place at Miller’s Ale House (2300 Easton Road, Willow Grove PA 19090) from Noon to 5 PM. Pay as you go for food and drink from Miller’s menu. Please email RSVP to: Jill Pellegrino Gavioli (aheydoll@aol.com) or call 215-327-8142.

Something for your kids and grandkids…

Litterbug Chronicles

Join in for a book reading and signing with the author, Katie! (and a longtime parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish). October 8, 2023 from 1pm – 3pm at Barnes and Noble, 210 Commerce Blvd, Fairless Hills, PA

The Story Behind Litterbug Chronicles

The stories are based on communicating litter prevention and proper recycling techniques through a series of books for young children. These fictional books include a superhero team called the Green Team and a devious bug named the Litterbug. The Green Team's ongoing search for the Litterbug brings an educational experience along with excitement to young readers. Through a series of books, the Litterbug causes havoc by throwing trash everywhere. In the real world, the children can become Green Team members on a mission by taking action to help make the world a cleaner, greener, litter-free place to live, work, and play.

**MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. During the month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.



**HISTORY OF FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**OCTOBER 4th**

It’s unknown if Francis was born in 1181 or 1182, but historians agree that he was born in Italy to a wealthy cloth merchant — right into the lap of luxury. Though he was baptized Giovanni, when his father returned from France with a penchant for all things French, he began to be called ‘Francesco,’ meaning, ‘Frenchman.’ As a teenager and young adult, Francis lived a carefree, wealthy lifestyle full of feasts and friends, yet he knew there was something missing.

After joining on a military expedition, spending a year as a captive, and dealing with a life-changing illness, Francis began to experience visions directing him towards God and away from the frivolity of mortal life and fun. He joined the poor who were begging at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome and, in Italy, God spoke to him, asking him to repair his ruined church in Assisi. He illicitly stole some of his father’s cloth, sold it, and offered to pay for the repairs to the church with the money. The priest refused stolen money, and Francis’ father was livid.

To avoid his father, Francis lived in a cave in San Damiano, eventually renouncing his family and becoming a beggar. He gradually began to care for the poor and sick in Assisi. Soon, his preaching gathered him a following, and he founded the Friar’s Minor. The noblewoman Clare of Assisi heard him speak and was inspired by his message and, with Francis’s help, formed the order of the Poor Ladies, or the Poor Clares.

Francis would go on to travel throughout the globe, in places like Egypt and other locations in the Middle East to preach the gospel. When he returned to Italy, he reorganized the Franciscan orders, which had grown too large for the system in which they had developed. Franciscan missionaries were sent across the globe to spread the word of the gospel.

Near the end of his life, he was praying and fasting on a mountain when an angel appeared and gave him stigmata, or the wounds of Christ on the cross. He was treated in a hospital and was also suffering from trachoma. His last days were spent dictating his spiritual testament and he died on October 3, 1226. Two years later, he was pronounced a saint. The next day, the foundation for the Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi was laid, and he was buried in a hidden tomb in the Lower Basilica on May 25, 1230.

### Saint Francis's Prayer Before the Crucifix

Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out  
Your holy and true command. Amen.

