**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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**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-SEVENTH SUNDAY**

**IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 8, 2023**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday, October 9 ~ Columbus Day**

8:00 am HCC ~ No Mass

12:10pm SHC ~ No Mass

**Tuesday, October 10**

12:10 pm SHC ~ Marion M. Gombert

**Wednesday, October 11**

12:10 pm SHC ~ Eileen Kostrzewa

**Thursday, October 12**

8:00 am HCC ~ Special Intentions

**Friday, October 13**

8:00 am HCC ~ Dolores Krysztofik

12:10pm SHC ~ Ann and Raymond Kostura

**Saturday, October 14**

4:00 pm ~ Deacon John Grussler and Shelby Rowe

5:15 pm SHC ~ Brian McEvilly Sr.

**Sunday, October 15**

9:00 SHC ~ MaryAnn Hoch and

Harold Lynch Sr. & Mercedes Lynch

10:00 HCC ~ For the People of the Parish

11:15 SHC ~ Mr. Vincent McIntyre

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Zbigniew Kolodziej

**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**

Patricia Bezek, Henry Jakubicki, and our friends at South Village, Riverside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Mill House and Waters Edge**.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

(subject to change)

**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

**Saturday,** **October 14**

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

5:15pm SHC ~ Msgr. Dennis L. K Willever Em. J. & T. Breuer

**Sunday, October 15**

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 SHC ~ Msgr Dennis L. B. Allaire Em. F. & E. Zielinski

12:00 HCC Polish ~ Fr Marian

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Last weekend’s collection amounted to $9,521.00. 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: $45,201.00 (137% of Goal)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday** Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

**Monday** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday** Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday** Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday** Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday** Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday** Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

**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.

**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.

**YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

We have found a new program for our parish that will improve our communication to inform you of events in the parish. We are asking that you write on the back of your church donation envelope your cell phone number where you can receive text messages.

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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 began on October 4 and continues until October 29th.  Our Holy Father Pope Francis has encourage the faithful to pray that the Holy Spirit might inspire all by remembering them in prayer. Please pray this prayer daily :

**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.

**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.

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**COLUMBUS DAY**

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S DAY**

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, October 9th . The 8:00 AM Mass at Holy Cross Church and the 12:10 noon Mass at Sacred Heart Church will not be celebrated. Enjoy a safe and restful holiday weekend!

**FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

Our October Food Collection Weekend is scheduled for next weekend. We are beginning to work on our inventory for our Thanksgiving food distribution and so are asking that you bring holiday items such as: boxed stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, instant mashed potatoes and the like. We appreciate your generosity with the needy of our neighborhood.

**OCTOBER MASS COUNT**

For the next two weekends October 14 & 15 and October 21 & 22, the Office of Planning for the Diocese of Trenton has asked that every person be counted at each weekend Liturgy. Although this “count” will not affect anyone directly, we wanted you to know that this process is taking place.

**PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES**

Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Trenton offers short term professional counseling (6 sessions) to help parishioners through difficult issues (e.g., marital problems, eldercare, raising children, bereavement, job loss stress). For more information, call Brenda L Rascher (609-403-7180).

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**ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE**

Please remember to send in your All Souls Mass Remembrance. These envelopes, with the names of your deceased loved ones, will be placed on the Altars during the month of November.

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**REMEMBER OUR DECEASED**

Once again, we will be honoring all those who were buried from our Sacred Heart Parish and any parishioner who experienced a death in their family since mid-October 2022. If you would like to participate in this ceremony we ask that you bring a framed (no larger than a 5 in. x 7 in.) picture of your deceased loved one to Mass on the weekend of October 28-29. Please attach your name and phone number to the back of the picture (all pictures will be returned). At every Mass that weekend, all the names will be read, so whatever Mass you attend you will be asked to bring the picture up to the Table of Remembrance in the sanctuary at Sacred Heart Church and to the side Altar of Saint Francis or Our Lady of Czestochowa in Holy Cross Church. The names will be called at the Universal Prayer. Pictures will remain in the Church until the end of November. Please consider participating in this ceremony to honor our beloved deceased. Thank you.

**Holy Spirit Reflection for October**

O Holy Spirit, our journey of life is marked with change. Once again, we witness creation moving from one season to another. Change is your instrument of growth that brings us closer to a deeper relationship with you. May your word be the lantern that guides the roads of change in our lives. May the hearts of your faithful embrace the changing of seasons that give us the opportunity to grow closer to you, remember your faithfulness, give thanks for your ongoing goodness, and trust in your perfect will. Amen

**CELEBRATING DEACON SUNDAY**

**WE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON**

**Deacon Christian Nnajiofor**

This weekend, October 7-8, the Diocese of Trenton joins with parishes throughout the country to celebrate the second annual “Deacon Sunday.” Here in our Diocese, there are currently 188 active permanent deacons and 85 retired in our 97 parishes. A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church and, therefore, a member of its clergy. There are three groups, or "orders," of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, priests, and deacons. Deacons are ordained by the bishop as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of the Lord Jesus Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served." The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church.

There are two types of deacons in the Catholic Church: transitional deacons or those in the last stage of formation for priesthood and permanent deacons.

The office of deacon originated in the choosing of seven men by the Apostles, among them Stephen, to assist with the charitable work of the early church as recorded in Acts of the Apostles chapter 6. As ministries and numbers grew in the early Church so, too, did the presence of deacons to cooperate in these ministries with bishops and priests.

By around the fifth century, however, the number of deacons participating in a lifelong sacramental office in the Church began to diminish in favor of the diaconate as a “transitional” stage of priestly training. The Council of Trent (1545-1563) restricted ordination to the diaconate to men destined for the priesthood.

Four hundred years later, following the recommendation of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church Lumen Gentium 29, the “permanent diaconate” was restored as an office in the Church through an apostolic letter issued motu proprio by Pope St. Paul VI on June 18, 1967, The Sacred Order of the Diaconate Sacram Diaconatus Ordinem. Although not exclusively so, married been would henceforth be offered this vocational opportunity. There is actually no sacramental difference between permanent and transitional deacons.

Following their acceptance by a diocese, permanent deacons follow an intensive course of theological study and preparation, similar to their transitional counterparts in the seminary, designed to train them for their pastoral and ministerial duties.

Ordained by the bishop for his diocese, permanent deacons are most often assigned by him to parish ministries, customarily the parishes that sponsor their formation. The bishop can, however, assigned them anywhere in his diocese. In the Diocese of Trenton, some parishes do not have permanent deacons and have requested their assignment.

At ordination, permanent deacons promise obedience to the bishop as well as the duty to pray the Liturgy of Hours daily and to live a life in conformity with their sacred office.

All ordained ministers in the Catholic Church are called to the functions of Word, Sacrament, and Charity, but bishops, priests and deacons exercise these functions in various ways. As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, visit the sick, distribute communion at or after Mass, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying and, through their service, helping to meet the needs of others. But no matter what specific functions a deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity. In other words, it is not only WHAT a deacon does, but WHO a deacon is, that should be recognized and affirmed. Deacons can also be and often are a source of wise counsel and advice to pastors and parish committees, drawn from their experience “in the world.”

The Diocese of Trenton is richly blessed by the pastoral and ministerial service of its deacons. We are grateful to them and their families for all that they do. As Bishop, I extend my blessing to them as we celebrate “Deacon Sunday” this year!

**A Prayer for Deacons:**

O Christ, you are the source of all ministries in the Church. In response to the needs of the People of God, through the laying on of hands and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you have called forth and ordained deacons as servants for our Church. Continue to sustain those You have called to this ministry, so they remain ardent servants with gentle hearts, proclaiming the Gospel and serving at Your Holy table. Help them reflect the real and true presence of Christ, the Deacon, to the needy among us. We also give thanks for those who accompany these men in their journey of service—their wives and families, their parish communities, and all those who call them to respond in faith, hope, and love. Loving Savior, continue to help Your Church affirm our deacons in their service. Together as one family of faith, may all that we say

and do give honor and glory to You and draw others ever closer to Your Sacred Heart. Amen.

(Prayer by Most Rev. Douglas Lucia, bishop of Syracuse, NY)

