

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART



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Monday– Thursday	9:00 am to 2:00 pm
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Evenings/Saturdays	By appointment

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PRAYER CHAIN

SH Prayer Team is ready to pray for your special needs. You may email your prayer request to shprayerchain@gmail.com. or write your request in the binder located at the St. Jude statue in the back of the Church. To become a member of the Prayer Team call: 732-721-0040.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

If you should need a Priest for Last Rites, any time, day or night, please call 732-721-0040. The answering service will pick up; leave a message with your request. A Priest will call back as soon as possible.

MAY 17, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evening: 4:00 pm (English), 5:30 pm (Polish)
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am (Polish), 10:30am, 12:00 noon
Weekdays: 8:00 am (Monday through Saturday) 7:00 pm Friday (Polish)

CONFESSIONS

Before morning Mass except First Friday; Fridays at 6:30 pm (Polish); Saturdays: 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

NOVENAS / DEVOTIONS

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Daily after 8:00 am Mass.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays after 8:00am Mass.
Sacred Heart of Jesus: (P) every Friday after 7:00pm Mass.
Holy Rosary: After 8 am daily Mass & 10:30 am on Sunday

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY / WEDDINGS

Arrangements are to be made by calling the Parish Office no less than ONE YEAR in advance. Absolutely NO social plans are to be made before meeting with the parish Priest or Deacon. Please note: Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is celebrated on Saturdays @ 2:00pm only, NO Friday nor Sunday weddings (nuptials) will be scheduled.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Saturday at 11:30am with the exception of Holy Days. **Pre-Baptism class**, will be at 2:00 pm every 3rd Saturday of the month in Church. Parents and Godparents must attend.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

The RCIA is the process the Church uses to form and inform those who want to "inquire" about the Catholic faith. This process is for those who have never been baptized, baptized adults needing Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, and those of other faiths who feel called to become Catholic. Is God calling you? If so, please call the Parish Office @ 732-721-0040.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Arrangements for communion calls to the sick can be made by calling the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital. Emergency calls may be made at any time. **Call 732-721-0040.**

PARISH REGISTRATION

All parishioners should be registered.
Parishioners over the age of 18 should register independently of their parents. It is necessary to be a registered parishioner for at least 3 months in order for us to provide testimonial letters. Thank you for kindly notifying the Parish Office of any changes @ 732-721-0040.

*Please note Memorial Hall is no longer available as "hall for rent"
- parish organizations will still be allowed usage.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, May 16

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| 4:00pm | Living & Deceased Members of the
SH Holy Name Society | • Mass will be celebrated privately |
| 5:30pm(P)+ | Genowefa Zarkowska + Helena Koziej
<i>Req. by: Monika & Piotr Koziej</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |

SUNDAY, May 17

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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| 7:00am + | Robert Nieltopp
<i>Req. by: South Amboy Columbiettes</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |
| 9:00am(P) | Birthday Blessings on
Hieronima Niedzwiecki
<i>Req. by: Anna Makswiej</i> | • Mass will be livestreamed in Polish |
| 10:30am + | Victor Paez
<i>Req. by: The Yu Family</i> | • Mass will be livestreamed in English |
| 12:00pm | Pro Populo / People of the Parish | • Mass will be celebrated privately |

MONDAY, May 18

Saint John I

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| 8:00am + | Msgr. Martin Komosinski
<i>Req. by: Family</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |
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TUESDAY, May 19

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| 8:00am + | Margarita Kopko
<i>Req. by: Ruth & Michael Stanziale</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |
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WEDNESDAY, May 20

Saint Bernardine of Siena

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| 8:00am | Happy Birthday Blessings on
Father Marian
<i>Req. by: Sacred Heart Parish Office Staff</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |
| 6:30pm + | Irena Janeczko
<i>Req. by: Christopher & Anna Mach</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |

THURSDAY, May 21

Saint Christopher Magallanes

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| 7:00am + | Edward Kwiecinski
<i>Req. by: Daughter, Janet</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |
| 8:00am + | Nowak & Zrebiec Families
<i>Req. by: Louis Zrebiec</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |
| 12:00pm + | Krystyna Fabiajska
<i>Req. by: Beata</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |
| 6:15pm + | Michael Sylvester
<i>Req. by: The Luccarelli Family</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |
| 7:15pm(P) + | Zdzisław Skok
<i>Req. by: Shirley Makwinski</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |

FRIDAY, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia

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| 8:00am + | Richie Maslowski
<i>Req. by: Maslowski Family</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |
| 7:00pm(P)+ | Helen Koziej
<i>Req. by: Mom Koziej</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |

SATURDAY, May 23

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| 8:00am + | Joseph Stefanski
<i>Req. by: Aunt Joan & Cousins</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |
| 4:00pm | Birthday Blessings in Heaven
+ Jerry Gorczyca
<i>Req. by: Corinne, Jeffrey & Craig</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |
| 5:30pm | Za Dusze + Juliusz Niec
<i>Req. by: Ewa Mroczkowski</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |

SUNDAY, May 24

The Ascension of the Lord

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| 7:00am + | Bette Anne Kolodziej
<i>Req. by: Cathy Tabaszewski</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |
| 9:00am(P) | Pro Populo / People of the Parish | • Mass will be livestreamed in Polish |
| 10:30am + | Terry & Sadie Ruszala
<i>Req. by: Frank Ruszala Family</i> | • Mass will be livestreamed in English |
| 12:00pm + | Edward P. Szatkowski
<i>Req. by: Eileen Szatkowski</i> | • Mass will be celebrated privately |

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Please remember your Parish Church in Your Last Will & Testament

Our parish church is totally dependent upon your financial support and generosity. Without your generosity we as a parish church could not function. Unfortunately it takes money and we must pay the bills like any other household, the only difference is that we are much, much bigger. Please be generous with God's given treasure in supporting your parish church. Please consider **tithing** (5% of your income) if you have not done so in the past. The Good Lord reward you for your generosity and sacrifice.

~ Father Stanley

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 9 / May 10, 2020

Regular Collection:	\$ 4,202.00
Easter Collection:	\$ 120.00
Parish Repairs:	\$ 254.00

For those who dropped off or mailed their weekly contributions in, I am deeply grateful. I pray that God will bless you for your generosity. May He help us through this time of trial.

~ Father Stanley

*Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in You, my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings,
I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.*

- Psalm 57:1-2

WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sanctuary / Tabernacle Candle

+ Pauline & Michael Tabaszewski
Jackie & Allen Bagwell

Blessed Mother's Altar Candles

(no intentions taken)

Saint John Paul II Altar Candles

The Health of Father Stanley
The Health of Father Marian
Peter Prentkiewicz

Candle for The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Happy Birthday Blessings on Father Marian
Sacred Heart Parish Office Staff

Candle for Saint Joseph

+ Nicholas Weber
Ann & Family

Candle for Jesus Crucified

(no intention taken)

Candle for Our Lady of Fatima

(no intention taken)

Candle for Saint Anne

+ Keith Manion
Ray & Toni Suchcicki

Candle for Infant of Prague

+ Rosemary P. Dineen
Patrick & Justine Dineen

BISHOP'S APPEAL

As of May 7, 2020, the Development Office/Diocese of Metuchen has received pledges totaling \$42,879.50 and payments of \$39,334.25, from 195 parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish. This represents 78.0% of our \$55,000.00 goal. Thank you for your generosity!



The Sacred Heart Tricky Tray originally scheduled for April 24, 2020, will take place on Friday, September 11, 2020!

Tickets are still available for this fundraiser and you may still drop off donations at the parish office by leaving a message with the answering service!

PRAYERS OF OUR CHILDREN

During this rough time that we haven't experienced before, I hope everyone is following staying at home with their families, praying together & staying healthy. For all those we have lost to watch over us and protect us!

May God watch down on a family who lost their 42 year old Dad and give them peace, love and strength to get through this difficult time in their lives.

Lord, please watch over the world through this horrible experience we are going through. Watch over the people that need You most & help us all get through this traumatic event safely.

Dear God, please watch over my Great Aunt Anna who passed away from the coronavirus. We love & miss her so much!

I pray for all the essential workers for making sure that we are all safe!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"For it is better to suffer for going good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil."

~ 1 Peter 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes; we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing - adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan for you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17TH

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (Ascension); or Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

SACRED HEART CCD / PREP

Registrations for the upcoming 2020 / 2021 CCD/PREP classes are now being accepted. Forms can be found on the PREP website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/sacredheartccdprep/> or on the parish website: sacredheartsa.org

If you are new to the program or have a child going into Level One, please contact Mrs. Liana at: sacredheartsaprep@gmail.com before registering. Registrations are due by August 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Liana.

PRAYERS OF OUR CHILDREN

God, please heal the world from COVID-19 and for the people who got it to recover fully.

I pray for all of the people missing their family and friends; that we can all see them again soon.

Father, please bring blessings to the people affected by COVID-19 and to all the first-responders who care for them.

Dear God, I pray that everyone who passed away from the coronavirus, live forever in heaven with You.

6 Niedziele Wielkanocna

17 Maj, 2020

Często ludzie pytają "na czym polega miłość Boga? Dzisiejsza Ewangelia daje na to pytanie wyraźną odpowiedź. Miłość Boga to nic innego jak zachowywanie Bożych przykazań Chrystus mówi: "Jeżeli Mnie miłujecie, będziecie zachowywać Moje przykazania". "Kto zna Moje przykazania i zachowuje je, ten Mnie miłuje". Zachodzi więc ścisły związek między przykazaniami a miłością, Bożą.

Wielu nawet gorliwych katolików skarży się "że nie odczuwa żadnej miłości do Boga. Tak mówiąc, zapominamy, że miłość Boża nie leży w sferze uczuć i porządku naturalnego. Miłość Boża jest łaską podobną do wiary, o którą modlić się trzeba. Uczucia lub ich brak nie stanowią o naszej miłości do Boga. O tym, czy kochamy Boga decyduje nasz stosunek do przykazań. Jeżeli je zachowujemy, to mamy miłość do Boga, jeżeli nie to chociażby serce nasze zalewało uczucie - trudno by było mówić o tym, iż kochamy Boga. A zatem, jeżeli żyjemy według przykazań Bożych, to na pewno Jego miłość jest w nas. Z drugiej jednak strony, gdy nasze życie religijne będzie pulsowało i będziemy coraz wierniejsi Bogu, mogą pojawić się uczucia. Są one wtedy darem Bożym i trzeba za nie dziękować Bogu. Tego rodzaju uczucia bywają czasem pomocne w prowadzeniu życia religijnego, ale nie należy do nich przywiązywać wagi zbyt wielkiej.

ZADANIE NA TYDZIEŃ

1. Do przemyślenia:

Czy mam świadomość, że nie ma miłości Bożej bez zachowywania przykazań?
Czy pamiętam, że miłość Boża nie mieści się, w kategoriach naturalnych?

2. Do wykonania:

Będę zachowywał przykazania jako wyraz mojej miłości do Boga.

Szczęść Wam Boże

Ks. Marian

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Re: The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Thursday, May 21st, is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This day is a Solemnity (Solemn Holy Day) and a day of Obligation. All five (5) Bishops of New Jersey dioceses have met on this topic and agreed to move this high holy day from Thursday, May 21st, to be celebrated on Sunday, May 24th, replacing the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Hence, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter are to be celebrated as such and in accord with the prescriptions of the Roman Missal and the Lectionary.

Please note, that this transfer is for this liturgical year only and was made to ease the burden on those who are required to live-stream Masses and in the light of the dispensations already provided in all five (5) dioceses from the obligation of the faithful to participate in Mass on Sunday and Holy Days.

I strongly encourage you to observe and celebrate this holy day of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ to Heaven by offering extra prayers and novenas and participate in the live-streaming of the Holy Mass, thus reminding ourselves that He who has ascended to Heaven from whence He came, will return in glory not only to judge the living and the dead but to bring all those who love Him to the glory promised on the day of their Baptism. So let us give praise and worship to our God who is faithful and true and who loves us. By our worship of Christ's Ascension we enter into the mysteries of Christ's life for our benefit and everlasting happiness. Praised be Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Re: Bishop's Annual Appeal

I want to thank all of you who have once again pledged and contributed to this most worthy appeal for our diocesan church. You have pledged \$42,879.50 and have donated \$39,334.25. Thank you, God bless you and reward you; you will never regret your generosity.

And to all of you good parishioners who have not yet contributed, it is not too late!

I humbly encourage you to please prayerfully consider in pledging and contributing, no matter the dollar amount; every little bit helps and together we can reach our goal of \$55,000.00. We can do this only with your help, together as one family. You can do this no matter how small your sacrificial gift may be. Shortly, you will be receiving a letter from me; please prayerfully consider a donation even in these hard and trying days. Each and every one of you and your families are in my daily prayers, morning and evening.

I thank you in advance and may the Good Lord bless and reward you for your sacrifices!

~ Father Stanley