

# CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART



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**Bishop of Metuchen**

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Monday – Thursday	9:00 am to 2:00 pm
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**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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022

### **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, 2:00pm (Spanish)  
Weekdays: 8:00 am (Monday through Saturday)

### **CONFESSIONS**

Before morning Mass except First Friday; Saturdays: 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Every 1st Friday @ 6:00pm.

### **NOVENAS / DEVOTIONS**

**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Daily after 8:00 am Mass

**Holy Rosary:** After 8:00 am daily Mass & 3:30pm on Saturday

### **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 will be celebrated on **1st** and **3rd** Saturdays @ 1:00pm only.

Weddings are reserved for registered parishioners and their family members. **NO** Sunday weddings (nuptials) will be scheduled.

### **BAPTISMS**

Baptisms are celebrated on the **2nd & 4th** Saturday at 1:00pm with the exception of Holy Days. **Pre-Baptism class**, will be at 11:00 am 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, December 10**

- 4:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the  
Sacred Heart Holy Name Society  
5:30pm(P) God's Blessings on Father Lukasz  
Req. by: Peter Prentkiewicz

#### **SUNDAY, December 11** (Third Sunday of Advent)

- 7:00am + Souls in Purgatory  
Req. by: Millie Vattelana  
9:00am(P)+ Deceased Members of the  
Krzeszewski Family  
Req. by: Karen Howarth  
10:30am For an End to Abortion  
Req. by: Love Life Group  
12:00pm + Joseph V. Bucherer  
Req. by: Bucherer Family  
2:00pm(S) Pro Populo / People of the Parish

#### **MONDAY, December 12** (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

- 8:00am Pro Populo / People of the Parish

#### **TUESDAY, December 13** (Saint Lucy)

- 8:00am + Jean & Ernie Read  
Req. by: Ernie & Shirley Read

#### **WEDNESDAY, December 14** (Saint John of the Cross)

- 8:00am + Jennie Sutkowski  
Req. by: Gorczyca Family

#### **THURSDAY, December 15**

- 8:00am + Stephen A. Sakalos  
Req. by: Daughter, Alice

#### **FRIDAY, December 16**

- 8:00am + Kathleen Chaudhery  
Req. by: Omar Chaudhery

#### **SATURDAY, December 17**

- 8:00am + Ray & Rich Ploskonka  
Req. by: Sister, Joan  
4:00pm + Louis Zrebiec  
Req. by: Shirley & Ernie Read  
5:30pm(P)+ Sophie & Walter Dzioba  
Req. by: Son & Family

#### **SUNDAY, December 18** (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

- 7:00am + Trevor Sanford  
Req. by: Fred Kaplan  
9:00am(P)+ Dorota Grabowska  
Req. by: B. Osewski  
10:30am + Rosemary Swiderski  
Req. by: Jim Swiderski  
12:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the  
Sacred Heart Rosary Society  
2:00pm(S) Pro Populo / People of the Parish

Altar Wine & Hosts for this week's liturgies  
are donated in loving memory of:

**CHESTER & JOSEPH ZONAK**  
Family



### HAPPENING THIS WEEK . . . .

#### **Saturday, December 10**

- ♦ Religious Retirement Fund Collection this weekend
- ♦ Fuel Collection next weekend

#### **Sunday, December 11**

- ♦ Third Sunday of Advent
- ♦ Religious Retirement Fund Collection this weekend
- ♦ Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception / Memorial Hall following the 2:00pm Mass
- ♦ Fuel Collection next weekend

#### **Monday, December 12**

- ♦ CCD/PREP Classes / 5:00-6:30pm / School
- ♦ SH Seniors ExecBd Meeting / 11:30am / MHall UL
- ♦ Advent Confessions / 7:00pm
- ♦ Holy Name Society Meeting / 7:00pm / MHall LL

#### **Tuesday, December 13**

- ♦ SHCCW Meeting / 7:00pm / Memorial Hall LL
- ♦ Youth Ministry Tree Lighting / Rectory Yard

#### **Saturday, December 17**

- ♦ Rosary @ 3:30pm
- ♦ Fuel Collection this weekend

#### **Sunday, December 18**

- ♦ Fourth Sunday of Advent
- ♦ Fuel Collection this weekend

### CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### **Sanctuary / Tabernacle Candle**

+ Pauline C. Kuc  
Adamecs & Kuc Families

#### **Blessed Mother's Altar Candles**

+ John Clark, Sr.  
Mark & Linda Clark  
+ Maria Niemycko  
Daughter & Family

#### **Saint John Paul II Altar Candles**

+ Adele & Ralph Szeszko  
Szeszko Family

#### **Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle**

Birthday Blessings on Kyle Maslowski  
Babci & Dziadzi

#### **Saint Joseph Candle**

+ Nicholas Weber  
Ann & Family

#### **Jesus Crucified Candle**

+ Jean Altobello  
Ed & Georgette Engelhardt

#### **Our Lady of Fatima Candle**

+ Chester & Joseph Zonak  
Family

#### **Saint Anne Candle**

God's Healing Hand on Kristen Maher  
Justine & Patrick Dineen

#### **Infant of Prague Candle**

Thank You, Saint Anthony

**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****December 3 / 4, 2022**

Regular Collection: \$ 8,389.00  
On-Line Giving: \$ 1,290.00  
Parish Maintenance Collection: \$ 3,893.00

**12/3/22**

4:00pm \$ 2,344.00  
5:30pm \$ 531.25

**12/4/22**

7:00am \$ 1,275.00  
9:00am \$ 844.00  
10:30am \$ 1,897.25  
12:00pm \$ 1,249.00  
2:00pm \$ 248.50

**OUR PARISH ORGANIZATIONS****SACRED HEART SENIORS**

12/12/22 Executive Bd Meeting / 11:30am / MHall UL  
12/19/22 Christmas Party / 11:30am / MemHall UL

For trip information and reservation,  
call Marie @ 908-307-5316

**SACRED HEART CCD / PREP**

Contact Mr. Jordan Drevelus @  
[prep@sacredheartsa.org](mailto:prep@sacredheartsa.org)

**CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS**

(to be announced)

**ROSARY SOCIETY**

12/18/22 Corporate Communion / 12:00pm Mass  
Christmas Party following Mass

**SACRED HEART PRAYER CHAIN**

The Sacred Heart Prayer Team is ready to pray for your special needs. You may email your prayer request to [shprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:shprayerchain@gmail.com) or write your request in the binder located at the St. Jude statue in the back of the Church. You can become a member of the Prayer Team by registering on the website or in the prayer journal.

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

12/13/22 Meeting / 7:00pm / Memorial Hall LL  
1/10/23 Meeting / 7:30pm / Memorial Hall LL  
1/28/23 Water for Life Project begins

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

12/13/22 Tree Lighting / Rectory Yard / 7:00pm  
Refreshments immediately following

Please check your email or Youth Ministry website for updates and information.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

12/12/22 Meeting / 7:00pm / Memorial Hall LL

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #426**

12/11/22 Walk to Bethlehem / 2:00pm  
12/18/22 Brunch with Santa / 10:00am-1:00pm  
12/28/22 NJ Devils vs. Boston Bruins Game

New members always welcomed! Call Jan Williams @ 732-553-9060. For Hall rental, please call 732-721-2025 or on Facebook @South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP #95**

Meetings are held every Tuesday @ 7:00pm  
Memorial Hall LL

For information on joining Troop #95, please email:  
[t95bsanj@gmail.com](mailto:t95bsanj@gmail.com)

**THRIFT SHOP**

The Thrift Shop which is located in the Convent and is open Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:30am to 12:00pm.

Please stop by and browse our large inventory!

**LOVE LIFE GROUP*****Pray the Rosary***

Wednesdays @ 1:30pm  
Saturdays ~ 12:00pm to 2:00pm

American Wellness Center, 228 Main St. Woodbridge  
Abortions are performed here daily. Pray for an end to abortion! For more info, call Anne @ 732-721-7583.



## NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to  
those who have  
given a lifetime.



**DECEMBER 11, 2022**

Thousands of elderly sisters brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in ministries, such as Catholic schools, parishes, and hospitals, often for little or no pay. Your donation helps provide medications, nursing care and more. Please give generously!



Oplutki  
Christmas  
wafers

OPLATKI BLESSING will take place at all Masses until Christmas. The blessed oplatki will be available for purchase at \$3.00 per pack in Church and at the Parish Office.

### POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Poinsettia Memorials are now available for purchase. Poinsettia Memorial Forms are located in the Church, at the Parish Office or on the parish website.

### CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCES

If you would like to remember a loved one (living or deceased) for Christmas, Christmas Mass Remembrance envelopes are available in your envelope packet or at the church entrances.



**BRUNCH  
WITH  
SANTA**

**DECEMBER 18, 2022 / 10:00AM TO 1:00PM**

Knights of Columbus Council #426 will hold their annual "Brunch with Santa" at K of C Hall, 308 Fourth Street, SA. Breakfast & lunch food will be available. Bring your cameras for pics of the children with Santa Claus. Cost is \$12.00 for adults; \$6.00; under 2 are free. For more information, call Jan @ 732-553-9060 or Gary @ 732-512-8923.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm,  
because the coming of the Lord is at hand."*

James 5:8

*Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.*

### "FAMILY WALK TO BETHLEHEM" SUNDAY / DECEMBER 11, 2022 / 2:00PM



Please join the annual "Family Walk to Bethlehem" which will begin at the South Amboy K of C Hall, 306 Fourth Street. We will journey to Christ Episcopal Church, Everlasting Strength Ministry, First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary Church and Sacred Heart Church, ending back at the Knights of Columbus Hall for light refreshments. Dress in fashions of the day or Christmas attire. (You may drive to each location if you prefer). For more info, call Gary Lattanzi @ 732-512-8923 or Pat Regan @ 732-727-2768 9195.



*The Spanish Ministry will have a special celebration following the 2:00pm Mass on Sunday, December 11th. A brief movie on Our Lady of Guadalupe will be presented following Mass followed by Mariachi in church and a brief reception in Memorial Hall. All are invited!*

### EL RINCÓN DEL MINISTERIO ESPAÑOL

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas,

el lunes celebraremos la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. La imagen de María de Guadalupe, que recibió el obispo como confirmación de la autenticidad de las apariciones, muestra a María en estado bendito. Este hecho es el mensaje no verbal de María, visible y leído visualmente. A través de esto, María quería decir algo no solo a los habitantes de México en ese momento, sino también a las próximas generaciones ya nosotros, las personas contemporáneas que vivimos en el cambio del segundo y tercer milenio. El sello de la maternidad de María en Su imagen de Guadalupe es la faja que ciñe Sus caderas y el vientre ligeramente repujado, marcado en la imagen del lado derecho de la túnica. Gracias a la catequesis de los misioneros, los indios comprendieron mejor que María es la Madre de la que nació una nueva luz, el sol de una nueva era, y para ellos era el tiempo de una vida nueva en el esplendor de las verdades del Fe cristiana.

### Nuestra Oración del Domingo

Oh nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, rosa mística, hacer intercesión por la Santa Iglesia, protege al Sumo Pontífice, ayuda a todos los que te invocan en sus necesidades, y como eres la siempre Virgen María y Madre del verdadero Dios, alcánzanos de tu santísimo Hijo la gracia de guardar nuestra fe, dulce esperanza en medio de la amargura de la vida, caridad ardiente y el don precioso de la perseverancia final. Amén. ¡TENGA UN HERMOSO DOMINGO!

*Padre Lukas*



**Saturday – December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

3:30pm – Children's Mass  
12midnight – Mass in Polish

**Sunday – December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

7:00am, 10:30am & 12noon – Mass in English  
9:00am - Mass in Polish  
2:00pm - Mass in Spanish

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

Advent Confessions will take place on Monday, 12/12 and Monday, 12/19 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in church and everyday before and after 8:00am Mass.



**PORZĄDEK MSZY ŚW. NA BOŻE NARODZENIE 2022**

**Sobota, 24 Grudzień – Wigilia Bożego Narodzenia**

3:30pm – Msza Dziecięca  
12:00midnight - Pasterka po Polskim

**Niedziela, 25 Grudzień– Boże Narodzenie**

7:00am i 10:30am i 12noon – Msza po. Angielskim  
9:00am – Msza po Polskim  
2:00pm - Msza po Hiszpańsku

**SPOWIEDŹ ADWENTOWA**

Ze spowiedzi adwentowej będzie można skorzystać w dniach Poniedziałek, 12/12 i Poniedziałek, 12/19 grudnia od 7pm do 8pm w kościele i w każdy dzień przed i po ósmej rano Mszy św.