

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART



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Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Lunch Hour (office closed): 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Fridays: **CLOSED**

Evenings/Saturdays: By appointment

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY / LAST RITES

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 6, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evening: 4:00 pm (English)
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.
Every 1st Friday @ 6:00pm (October thru May).

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** is to be scheduled by calling the Parish Office; 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 and leave a message.**

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 one (1) year 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, APRIL 5 (ST. VINCENT FERRER)

4:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the
Sacred Heart Rosary Society

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 (FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT)

7:00am + John & Louise Bienias
Req. by: Children
9:00am(P) 60th Wedding Anniversary Blessings
on Janina & Michal Taranowski
Req. by: Daughter & Family
10:30am + Joyce Rigatti
Req. by: Kim Langella
12:00pm + Frank Vaccarelli
Req. by: Pat & Nancy
2:00pm(S) Pro Populo / People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 7 (ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE)

8:00am + Ray, Sr. & Ray, Jr. Ploskonka
Req. by: Joan McCabe

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

8:00am + Isabel & Ralph Benson
Req. by: Monica Szelast

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

8:00am + Joan & Ron Kornacki
Req. by: Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

8:00am + Josephine Skarzynski
Req. by: Sons, Larry & Steve

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 (ST. STANISLAUS)

8:00am + Bob & Charles Benson
Req. by: Dot Benson & Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

8:00am + Elizabeth & Edmund Nowak
Req. by: Regina Haklar
4:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the
Sacred Heart Holy Name Society

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

(PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD)

7:00am + Raymond Scupp, Jr.
Req. by: Regina Haklar
9:00am(P)+ Zukowski Family
Req. by: Jadwiga Nowicka
10:30am Kristen Jimenez & Family
Req. by: Family
12:00pm + Sally, Roberta & Marjorie
Req. by: Joan & Family
2:00pm(S) Pro Populo / People of the Parish

*If the Mass you attend is being given for a loved one, you
may bring up the offertory gifts. Please see one of the ushers
before Mass begins.*

HAPPENING THIS WEEK . . .

Saturday, April 5

- ♦ Parish Maintenance Collection this weekend
- ♦ SHCCW Coat/Clothing Drive this weekend

Sunday, April 6

- ♦ Fifth Sunday of Lent
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- ♦ SHCCW Coat/Clothing Drive this weekend

Monday, April 7

- ♦ CCD Classes / 5:00pm-6:30pm
- ♦ SH Rosary Society Meeting / 7:00pm / MH LL

Tuesday, April 8

- ♦ Lenten Confessions / 6:00pm
- ♦ SHCCW Meeting / 7:30pm / Memorial Hall LL

Wednesday, April 9

- ♦ Love Life-Pro Life Stations of the Cross / 7:00pm
- ♦ Bible Study / 7:00pm / Memorial Hall LL

Friday, April 11

- ♦ Lenten Confessions / 6:00pm

Saturday, April 12

- ♦ 2nd Collection for Retired Clergy this weekend

Sunday, April 13

- ♦ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- ♦ 2nd Collection for Retired Clergy this weekend

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SANCTUARY / TABERNACLE CANDLE

Happy Birthday in Heaven + Carl Kovach
Fran Kovach & Bolan Family



Blessed Mother's Altar Candles

+ Stanisława Nowicki

Ken Nowicki

Easter Blessings on Father Stanley

Roger & Marlene Johnson

Saint John Paul II Altar Candle

Birthday Blessings on Ashley Nelson

Babcia

+ Robert Penn

Corridon Family

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

+ Melissa Zrebiec-Charter

Cheryl, Tom & Kristen

Saint Joseph Candle

+ William F. Jezewski

MaryAnn & Jim Holovacko

Jesus Crucified Candle

Easter Blessings on Father Lukasz

Marlene & Roger Johnson

Our Lady of Fatima Candle

Kristen Jimenez & Family

Kristen Jimenez

Saint Anne Candle

+ Nicholas Weber

Ann & Family

Infant of Prague Candle

Happy Birthday in Heaven + Diana Feinberg

Lynn Altobello

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Please keep in your prayers those
who have recently died:



+ *Marie Campbell*

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 29 / 30, 2025

Regular Collection: \$ 8,486.75
Online Giving: \$ 546.00

3/29/25

4:00pm \$ 2,472.00

3/30/25

7:00am \$ 1,510.00

9:00am \$ 1,202.00

10:30am \$ 1,730.00

12:00pm \$ 1,325.00

2:00pm \$ 247.75

OUR PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**SACRED HEART SENIORS**

6/5/25 Dutch Apple Theater - \$165.00
7/18/25 Monmouth Park Day at the Races - \$135.00
10/23/25 Octoberfest - \$160.00
11/20/25 Shore Club - \$140.00

For trip information, please call
Marie @ 908-307-5316

ROSARY SOCIETY

4/5/25 Corporate Communion / 4:00pm
4/7/25 Meeting / 7:00pm / Memorial Hall LL

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

4/5-4/6 Coat / Clothing Drive at all Masses
4/8/25 Meeting / 7:30pm / Memorial Hall LL

PRO-LIFE / LOVE LIFE GROUP

4/9/25 Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

Did you know?

It is estimated that about 2 million babies are aborted
worldwide daily! Please pray for an end to abortion in
our nation and throughout the world.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Wednesdays: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Saturdays: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

(to be announced)

SACRED HEART CCD / PREP

4/6/25 Family Mass / 10:30am
4/7/25 First Penance / 5:45pm
4/14-21 No CCD Classes
4/28/25 First Communion Practice

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

4/9/25 Study Group / 7:00pm / Memorial Hall LL
"Studying the Book of Revelation"

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #426

4/13/25 Breakfast with Easter Bunny / 9:00-11:30am
4/23/25 Windcreek Casino Trip / 9:00am / **Sold Out**
4/25/25 Sock Hop / 6:30pm
5/7/25 Top Golf Fundraiser / 6:00pm

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

(to be announced)

Youths, grade 6 thru 12, are most welcome to join the
Youth Group. Please see Youth Ministry under Faith
Formation on the parish website.

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 or write your request in
the binder located at the St. Jude statue in the back of
the Church. Become a member of the Prayer Team by
registering on the website or in the prayer journal.

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



If we said "I want to help you" to pregnant women in crisis instead of "your body, your choice", think of how many lives we could save from abortion.

Please remember in your prayers the priests of our diocese whom God has called to Himself:



Rev. Anthony Dandry
April 8, 2010

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY SUNDAY / APRIL 13TH / 9:00-11:30AM



The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 will host "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" on Sunday, April 13th, from 9:00am to 11:30am, at the Council Hall. Breakfast will include eggs, pancakes, sausage, hash browns, juice, coffee and Danish pastries. Adults, \$12.00; children, 3-12yrs. \$7.00; children under 2: free. Reservations suggested: call 732-586-9779 - text or leave a message.



CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, April 15, 2025
4:00pm

Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi. The Bishop will bless and consecrate the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rights of anointing. All are encouraged to join in-person. (livestream @ <https://diometuchen.org/chrism->

thank you!

Rosanda Grau, Executive Director of the Inspire Family Life Center, would like to thank Karen Bebert, members of the SH Love Life Group and our parishioners for hosting and donating to the **Diaper Drive**. They received 15 cases of diapers, 25 individual packages of diapers, 1 case of wipes and \$150.00 in donations. Inspire Life Center is grateful for the outpouring of support from our parish family. Thank you for your generosity!



FRIDAY / APRIL 25TH / 6:30PM-10:00PM

Knights of Columbus Council #426 will host an old-fashioned "Sock Hop" with live music from the 50's by the Cellar Dwellers & Friends. Menu includes hot dogs, fries, pulled pork, sausage & peppers, hot pretzels, mac & cheese, and desserts. Cash bar. Tickets - \$25.00 pp; kids under 12 - \$10.00. Reservations required: call or text Bruce @ 732-586-9779.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"...for His sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."
Philippians 3:8

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts ~ our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

WEDDING BANNS



Bann 1:

Ivan & Zenubia Sanchez

2025 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

SACRED HEART CHURCH 2025 GOAL: \$58,000.00

Central to our understanding of Christian stewardship is the concept of accountability. To safeguard the gifts you have entrusted to our care, we recently set up a special foundation, a separate trust, where all the money from this Appeal goes so that it can be used only for those ministries advertised in the Appeal materials and website. You can be assured that your gift is well protected and well used; making a difference in meeting the spiritual, educational and social needs of the people we serve. A gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is a worthy investment.

Total Pledged:	\$48,270.75
Total Received:	\$43,685.26
Percent of Goal Pledged:	83.23%
Percent of Goal Received:	75.32%

We thank you for your generosity!

Our Spanish Music Ministry is in need of some equipment that you may have in your possession and would consider donating. Items needed are:

- 4 wide range microphones
- 1 6-channel mixer
- 1 Seismic Audio microphone cable



For those wishing to donate any one of these items, they are also available on Amazon.

TOP GOLF FUNDRAISER WEDNESDAY / MAY 7, 2025 / 6:00PM

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 will hold a "Top Golf Fundraiser" on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at Top Golf in Edison. The fun starts at 6:00pm. Cost is \$55.00 pp (non-refundable) & includes 2 hours of golf, food, and soda. Proceeds will benefit K of C High School Scholarship Fund. RSVP to Brian @ 848-444-3150.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - April 17, 2025

8:00am	Morning Prayer Only
7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:00pm	Adoration
9:00pm	Night Prayer

Good Friday - April 18, 2025

8:00am	Morning Prayer Only
3:00pm	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (English)
7:00pm	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord and Gorzkie Zale (Polish)

Holy Saturday - April 19, 2025

8:00am	Morning Prayer Only
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Swieconka / Easter Food Blessing will be held every hour on the hour
@ 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am and 12:00noon

7:00pm	The Easter Vigil
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Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025

Mass @ 7:00am, 8:45am (Polish), 10:30am, 12:00noon & 2:00pm (Spanish)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday in Lent @ 7:00pm
Every Friday in Lent at 6:30pm in Polish (except Good Friday).
Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will
take place every Friday in Lent at 12:00noon (except Good Friday).
You will also have the opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross during this time.

RULES FOR LENT

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal so as to experience hunger.
4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.
Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

Lenten Confessions will take place on Tuesdays in English, Polish and Spanish on April 8th @ 6:00pm.
Confessions will also take place every Friday in Lent before the Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm (except Good Friday). Just a reminder, confessions regularly take place Monday through Saturday before the 8:00am Mass and on Saturday evening before the 4:00pm Mass.