

# Sacred Heart Church



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Office Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9:00am - 5:00pm (Closed for Lunch 12:00pm-1:00pm)

Evening Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 6:00pm - 9:00pm • Sunday 8:30am - 1:00pm

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 4:30pm (Vigil)**

**Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 7:00pm**

Weekday: Mon.-Fri. 7:00am & 8:30am

Saturday: 8:30am

## Confessions

**Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:00pm**

(Reconciliation Rooms are to the right of the Eucharistic Chapel)

## Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. John P. Czahur ext. 308

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Roberto Padilla

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Website: [www.sacred-heart-school.org](http://www.sacred-heart-school.org)

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### Fall Program Class Times

Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday: 5:30pm to 6:45pm

Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: 5:30pm to 6:45pm

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### Parish Registration

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please register at your earliest convenience by stopping by the Parish House during the office hours.

### The Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome new life into the Church through the sacramental sign of Baptism which is celebrated **every Sunday of the month at 1:00pm** with the exception of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We encourage parents who wish to have their child baptized to call the Parish Secretary, Michele O'Toole, at 609-702-1848 ext. 301 or stop in and pick up a Baptism packet.

Once the Baptismal Preparation class is attended, the form completed and the Godparent Eligibility Certificates are turned in then a date for your child's Baptism will be set.

### Baptismal Preparation

Catholic Godparents are required to complete an Eligibility Certificate and have the certificates signed by the pastor of the parish where they are currently registered and practicing their faith.

We offer a Baptismal Prep Class for parents as a way of preparing them for their child's journey of faith. Classes are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. Please contact the Parish Secretary to register.

### Sacramental Sponsorship Letter

This is a form required to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. To receive this form the following requirements must be met:

- If married, be in a valid marriage according to the laws of the Catholic Church.
- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Completed the Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- Be a registered, active participant of a Parish.

### The Sacrament of Marriage

Couples wishing to celebrate and consecrate their love in the Sacrament of Marriage are asked to call the Parish Secretary, Michele O'Toole at 609-702-1848 ext. 301.

**Arrangements are to be made with the Pastor a year in advance of the requested date.** At least one person should be a registered member of the parish. All couples are required to attend preparation sessions.

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Any Catholic who is seriously ill, advanced in age, or who feels the need for the comforting presence of the Church's sacramental prayer life may be anointed. Please contact the Parish Office at 609-702-1848 ext. 301 during office hours. In the case of an emergency, please call and follow the instructions listed on our telephone message.

### Funerals

In all cases, the family of the deceased parishioner should contact the funeral home directly. They will contact the Church to make further arrangements. For information regarding our Parish Cemetery, please call the Cemetery Office at 609-702-1848 ext 304

### Care of the Sick, Homebound and Elderly:

The sick, the homebound and the elderly are valued members of our parish. Please call the Parish House at 609-267-0209 ext. 305 for a visit.

### Bulletin Articles

Articles for the Bulletin need to be submitted **No Later than Friday** to appear the next weekend (**9 days prior**). Articles can be emailed to

[bulletins@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:bulletins@parishofsacredheart.org)

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**  
**January 28<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**MONDAY**

7:00am **Maria Paz Posadas** Req. By Jesse & Terry Dimen  
 8:30AM **Angelita, Tomasita, Jorge & Virgilio Lao** Req. By Yolanda & Anthony Bonanno

**TUESDAY**

7:00am **Angelita, Tomasita, Jorge & Virgilio Lao** Req. By Jim & Dottie Westlake & Family  
 8:30am **Anthony Colkers** Req. By Allen and Sandra DiGirolamo

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00am **Maria Trojak** Req. By Her Mom & Dad  
 8:30am **Fred & Agnes Hammer** Req. By The Giambalvo Family

**THURSDAY**

7:00am **The Special Intentions of Marcelo Cavan** Req. By The Cavan Family  
 8:30am **Erin Katherine O'Toole** Req. By Her Family

**FRIDAY**

7:00am **Tecla Czahur** Req. By Sandy Roth  
 8:30am **Cory Baker** Req. By His Family

**SATURDAY**

8:30AM **Tomasita & Angelita Lao** Req. By Jessie & Terry Dimen  
 4:30pm **Robert Sierko** Req. By Dave & Joelle Wentz

**SUNDAY**

7:30am **Paul Palma, Jr.** Req. By Marianne Healey  
 9:30am **Jesus De Carlos.** Req. By His Family  
 11:30am **Robert Kelly, Sr.** Req. By The Crowe Family  
 7:00pm **The People of the Parish**

*The Devotional Candle in the  
 Chapel of the Two Hearts*



*Will Burn in Loving Memory of:  
 Josh Danley*

**Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30  
**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35  
**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32  
**Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 or Cor 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**Weekly 1/19 – 1/20 \$ 12, 415.39**

*Thank you for the faithful and generous support that  
 you continue to give to our Church.*



*We extend a warm welcome to our newly  
 baptized.*

**Elizabeth Grace Stratis**

*May the Lord give His angels  
 charge over you,  
 to guide you in all your ways.  
 Psalm 91:11*

**FEDERAL DONOR RECORDKEEPING RULE  
 ON CHARITABLE DEDUCTION**

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 included a section relative to charitable deductions. The rules require that people claiming charitable deduction back up those deduction claims with cancelled checks; records from banks or credit card companies; or written notices from the charity or not-for-profit institution. The burden is on the donor to maintain or obtain the required records.

The parish will provide a record of contributions, upon request, which will satisfy the IRS requirements. Contributions of cash can only be used as a deduction if church envelopes are used enabling the parish to identify the donor. Please call **Deneen Thomas at 609-267-0209 ext. 303** or e-mail. [accountant@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:accountant@parishofsacredheart.org)

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Vinnie Vazquez-Garcia, Millie Stellwag,  
Jane O'Brien, John Madden, Jessica Carter, Ann Graff,  
Tracy Schwab & twin infants, Jim Beierschmitt,  
Martha Evans, Helen Hannon, Ralph Jones,  
Nancy Beckett, Clyde Quin, Megan Dezur,  
Joy Geller Simmerman, Gail Marchese,  
Greg MacDonald, Sister Priscilla Koblarchik, IHM,  
Heidi Manja Rountree, Karen Buller, Bob Paccillo,  
Brandon Trojak, Joel Rivera, Donald McGhee,  
Vickie Robles, Jenise Labron, Richard Dow,  
Benjamin & Molly Schuyler, Clarence Pugh, III,  
Fred Hammer, Marty Wilkinson, Margaret & Gaylord  
Jeffers, Stephanie James, Eric Wall, Caellie Boyd,  
Nicholas Gonzalez, Betty Doviak, Ed Ciletti,  
Michael Dow, Marie Chirico, Janice Staff,  
Pat Adornetto, Nadia Nieves, Trey Nieves, Talia Rosko,  
Garrett Schwab, Frank Anton, Christopher Pierce,  
Renate Connors, Freddie J. Faber, III, Arleen Bishop,  
Maria Wolfe, Matthew Ottenwess, Matthew McDonald,  
Kristal Faber, Justin Beckett, Robert Lally,  
Tonya DeMaio, Olga Aponte, McKenzie Hunter,  
Gail Reilly, Alva Marino, Wayne Potts,  
Stephanie Martin, Corey Kaiser, Stella Grundahl,  
Daniel DeMaio, Sue Troise, Kay Weiss,  
Fredrick Naphys, Clara Hynes, Daniel Toussaint,  
Zoey Reed, Mason Damico, David McCoy,  
Lois Pedrick, John Rubino, Evan Martinez,  
Sabrina Kaiser, Celeste Bunn, Jenny Hand, Annabelle  
Ochipinti, Arthur Netti, Loretta Minakee, Christine,  
Patricia Parker, Wilma Peterson, Morgan Ackerman,  
Raymond Bishop, Dylan Crespo, Patricia O'Connor,  
Sharon Carroll, George Schneider, Marie Donahue,  
Peggy Stewart, Don & Mary Hartman,  
Michelle Schafle Reed

**As a parish family, we remember all who are  
struggling or suffering in mind, body, or spirit,  
especially those who have requested our prayers.**

**Please pray for the men and women now serving in  
the military, especially the loved ones of our  
parishioners who are serving overseas:**

TSgt. Paul J. Stoshak U.S.A.F.  
Capt. Robert J. Boccio, U.S.A.F.  
Douglas Schwenck, Army Reserve  
Richard DeLorge U.S.M.C.  
Peter Liedman, Dorinia Dibuono  
Capt. James Rankin U.S.M.C.  
SSgt Daniel E. Naro, Sgt. Alison Lyport  
Sgt. Stephanie Robertson, U.S. Army  
Sgt. Russell Norton, NG Army  
Sgt. Marshall Norton, U.S.M.C.  
Corporal Maxwell Hughes, U.S.M.C.  
Lt. Matthew Carr, U.S.M.C.  
Lt. Victoria Carr, U.S.M.C.

**PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Please find in today's bulletin an insert  
consisting of the Parish Financial  
Statement for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.  
In addition to that financial information I  
would like to share with you the following  
information concerning the sacramental life  
at Sacred Heart:

***Sacred Heart Church***

*We presently have 4,300 families  
registered at Sacred Heart. Through the  
year 2018 there were 37 Baptisms,  
69 First Communions, 95 Confirmations,  
6 Marriages and 46 Funerals.*

May the Lord continue to bless you for your  
faithful and generous sharing of time, talent  
and treasure.

Sincerely,

***Fr. John***

**A Message from Father John,**

A number of families may have received emails  
stating they are from Father John, asking for a  
favor, or asking them to buy gift cards.

Father John is **not** sending these emails.  
Please delete them if you find one in your  
email inbox, these are email scams.  
The police have been notified.

***Blessing of Throats***

***Feast of Saint Blaise February 3<sup>rd</sup>***

There will be Blessing of Throats at the  
end of 4:30pm, 7:30am, 9:30am,  
11:30am, and 7:00pm Masses on  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**PARISH**  
**CHICKEN DINNER**

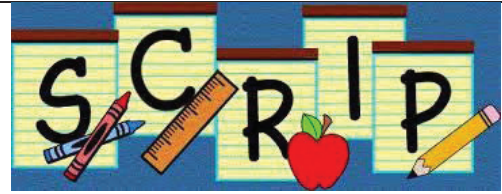
Saturday, April 6, 2019  
In the Sacred Heart Auditorium



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**Sacred Heart School's  
Third Annual Diamond Gala  
An Evening of Hope for Catholic  
Education  
February 2, 2019, 6:00 pm  
Deerwood Country Club  
Westampton, New Jersey**

**Sacred Heart School's Third Annual Diamond Gala is coming up on Saturday, February 2nd! The Gala provides us the opportunity to bring together our school community, past and present, with our greater community for a wonderful evening of celebrating Catholic education. This year we look forward to honoring Monsignor James Dubell with our Legacy Award in recognition for the many outstanding contributions he has made and continues to make to our school and parish - he is a true gift to our school and our parish. We will also be awarding our inaugural Heart of the Community Award to the Mount Holly Elks for its good work in the community and in particular for its generosity to Sacred Heart School. Tickets for the Gala will be available to purchase through January 25th. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$140 per couple, and purchase forms with additional event information can be found in the vestibule on the Sacred Heart School bulletin board. Information regarding sponsorship opportunities for the Gala can be found there as well. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Donohue, Gala Committee Chair, at [diamondgala@sacred-heart-school.org](mailto:diamondgala@sacred-heart-school.org). Thank you and we hope to see you on February 2nd!**



Thank you for supporting the SHS Scrip Program! The school has earned \$1800 from 9-1/18 to 1/1/19. Scrip gift cards will be sold after the 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 Masses on Jan. 27th, Feb. 10th and Feb. 24th. Scrip orders may also always be placed by submitting an order form to the SHS school office. Orders submitted by Tuesday will be available for pick up that Friday. Thank you again for supporting the SHS program!



**Bereavement Support Group**

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, at 11:00am.

If you are interested in joining Sacred Heart's self-help bereavement support group, please call the Parish Office at 609-267-0209 Extension 305

**Navigating the Medicare Maze**

As many as 10 million people every day are aging into Medicare. You may be one of them. Many people don't understand Medicare, how to enroll into Medicare, and when they do enroll what they need.

Parishioner Brian Curtis will be presenting an education workshop on Medicare in the auditorium Tuesday evening April 9th at 7pm. The workshop will last about an hour, light refreshments will be served.

Even if you're still a few years away from ageing into Medicare; this workshop will explain Medicare and better prepare you for the decisions you'll need to make. Please RSVP to Brian Curtis at [brianjcurtis45@gmail.com](mailto:brianjcurtis45@gmail.com).

If you can't make the workshop on April 9th, then plan on attending one of the other scheduled Medicare workshops June 11th, August 13th or October 8th.

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**The Gifts of Ministries  
and Service**

The Israelites trusted in God when they heard the proclamation of Ezra the prophet and had faith that God would fulfill His promises.

All those assembled in the synagogue looked intently at Jesus who in reading the scroll of Isaiah promises that He will bring glad tidings to the poor; that He will proclaim liberty to captives; that He will give recovery of sight to the blind; that He will let the oppressed go free.

St. Paul perceives the Corinthian assembly as a collection of diverse gifts and ministries united by one spirit. He tells us that we are members of Christ's Body.

"Lord, may we respect and honor each member and his/her contribution to the Body of the Church."

**The SVDP Pantry is in need of the following:**

Tuna, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Shelf-Stable milk, Breakfast Cereal, Bathroom Tissue, Canned Soup and Meals in a can.

If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks payable to:

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL**  
***Thank you!***

**OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT**

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' 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 a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org). The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

**SERRA VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE**

***Prayer for Vocations***

Loving God, your Son, Jesus, has shown us  
that an open heart finds the way.

Help me to find my way in this world.

Keep my heart open to following Jesus' way of  
serving others in love.

Give me the courage to accept the guidance  
you offer me through my family, my friends,  
and my parish community. Through the Holy  
Spirit, You call me to a particular way of life.

If it is the way of a priest, deacon, sister, or  
brother then

help me to walk it in joyful service to your  
people. With you, my God,  
I know I can find my way.

Amen.

*Thank you for praying for vocations.*

*To learn more about the Vocation Prayer  
Chalice, please call **Ann (609)-267-5836***

**Healing the Wounds of Abortion**

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.

If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

2019 Weekend Retreats  
March 1-3, 2019  
August 23-25, 2019

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## **The Dorian Gray Project**

- update - by Deacon Jim Casa

Our 2019 "winter book/movie" project is Oscar Wilde's Picture of Dorian Gray and what a wonderful story to consider during the long, cold winter.

Dorian Gray is considered a classic novel and as such, it has a power to take into account. Let's consider this: When you read the classics, you're reading books that have had a pivotal role in shaping the way we read and write today. Books aren't written or read in a vacuum. They're woven by writers and consumed by readers with the influence of centuries of writing behind us. In Dorian Gray, you will find it to be a very modern story, even if it was published in the 19th Century. Its themes are forever in the "now." Classic novels are the milestones of our ongoing literary tradition. When you familiarize yourself with the classics, such as Dorian Gray, you start to understand where a lot of other books fit in. You'll begin to identify influences and references in your own reading that you weren't able to before, or didn't even notice.

Reading the classics can also help you appreciate your favorite books even more. When you return to them, you'll unpack depths that you didn't know were there.

Reading the classic novels makes us think about the 'bigger issues' of life and how we address these issues through a great story's plot, the characters and the themes. Dorian Gray will not disappoint the reader on these points.

Through these Bulletin updates, we will take a closer look on such matters and how they apply to this memorable story of mystery, culture, religion, romance and self-reflection. So, start reading The Picture of Dorian Gray and enter the world of Dorian and in it, you may find part of yourself. Our movie part of the project will ask you to save the date of Friday, April 12th at 7:30pm; then we will gather to see the classic, 1945 film version of Dorian Gray which stars George Sanders and the talented, young ensemble of Donna Reed, Angela Lansbury, Peter Lawford with Hurd Hatfield as Dorian. Read future parish bulletins for updates and background information on The Picture of Dorian Gray.



## **Offerings at Francis House of Prayer**

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center

Box 392 • Rancocas, NJ 08073

609-877-0509 or [FHOP@verizon.net](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net)

Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for directions and for our other offerings!

### **MONDAYS WITH MERTON**

5 Mondays 9:30 – 11:30 AM

January 28, Feb. 25, March 25, Apr. 29, May 13

Thomas Merton will continue to be our guide to living life in the Spirit. Throughout the winter and spring, we will enjoy Merton's thoughts and wisdom in his book, *No Man Is An Island*. Time will also be given to experience Lectio Divina and contemplative prayer. Donation: \$65, includes book.

### **GOD BEYOND ALL NAMES**

Tuesday, January 29 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Spend a morning with the God of your heart, the God who is beyond all names. Together we will ponder the word of God as it comes to us in creation, in scripture, in life, in song, and in silence as we contemplate the God who is all around us and within us. Donation: \$20, includes lunch.

### **THE FRUITS AND TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONTEMPLATION**

3 Thursdays 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

January 31, February 28, and March 21

Contemplation is the cure for the reactive ways of the false self. Contemplation helps us experience the Presence of God and God's transforming grace within the depths of our true selves. This 3-part series will help you receive what you have always wanted: freedom from the attachments that are an obstacle to your joy, peace and fruitfulness for the world. Do you believe that in truth, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of?" We will use some tapes of Father Thomas Keating as part of the series. Donation: \$20 per session, includes lunch.

**To register, call 609-877-0509.** Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for our other offerings!



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**Good News Reflection**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 27, 2019

**Pray:** Beloved Lord, in the desert You prepare me for my mission. Give me the grace of discovering it and of listening to You in the silence of my intimacy with You. Amen.

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Ps 19:8-10, 15

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**The ministry of Christ today**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we see Jesus announcing the reality of his ministry: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.... Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Did this ministry come to an end when he ascended to heaven and disappeared off the face of the earth?

As the reading from Corinthians points out, *we* are now the Body of Christ on earth.

We are *all* -- every one of us -- *important* parts of this body! Do not underestimate yourself. God created you and brought you into the Church because you can make a significant difference. No one else can do what you can do, the way you can do it, in the plans that he has for making this world a better place.

We Christians are, as a community of believers, the Body of Christ on earth. Every time we receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion, we receive what we are, and thus we're renewed in the continuation of Christ's ministry. His mission is our mission.

By receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we consume not only Jesus in his full humanity and his full divinity, we also consume his ministry. The Spirit of the Lord comes upon us. Every Mass is a renewal of our vocation to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim what is acceptable to the Lord.

In other words, every time we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, the scripture passage that he quoted in Luke 4:18-21 is fulfilled again.

Sin is anything that prevents this from happening.

Whenever the prayers of others are not answered, whenever evil is allowed to prevail, whenever souls suffer because they have not heard the good news of salvation in Jesus, it's because the parts of Christ's earthly body that can do something about it are not doing it. God provides everything that's needed on earth *through us*! Jesus continues his ministry on earth *through us*!

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

How does it feel to know that you're called to continue Christ's ministry? Reflect on how important you are to the Body of Christ and his mission. What are you good at? What do you feel passionate about? What particular evils disturb you most? This is where you can make a difference!

**Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:**

Name ways that ordinary people can bring good news to the poor, or free captives, or help the blind see, or set the oppressed free, or proclaim what is acceptable to the Lord. What are your experiences doing this?

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**Living the Good News Today**

*“...in one Spirit, we were all baptized into one Body.”*

During our military service in the USAF, my husband Jeff and I had the unique privilege of welcoming two of our four children into our family while we were in the process of permanent change of station moves (1978 and 1983). Our second daughter was born in South Dakota, when we already had orders to Frankfurt, Germany. Three days after her birth, we visited the base photo lab to get her passport photos taken! Six weeks later, the movers came to our house to ship our household goods, some to Germany and others to long-term storage. We then departed to spend Christmas with both sides of our family in SD and NJ.

While we stayed with my family in Camden, we arranged our daughter's baptism in my home parish—the place where I had been baptized. To make things even more special, my senior year high school religion teacher and mentor was the presiding priest at her baptism. One of my vivid memories of her baptism was the beautiful recitation of the litany of saints, especially when Fr. Frank added our daughter's name to the end of the litany—a truly sacred moment!

Last weekend, Jeff and I attended a special presentation for lay Franciscan spiritual assistants at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, PA. The guest speaker was Fr. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap, a renowned Franciscan scholar and faculty member (theology) of Catholic University of America. When Fr. Regis began his talk, he shared with us his invitation to teach an undergraduate course on mystical theology. He shocked his colleagues by developing his course around the sacrament of baptism and its profound mystical significance in the Christian life. As he taught this class, he told us that it was not uncommon for his students to spend 5-6 weeks contemplating the four questions that the celebrant asks when parents bring their children to the church door:

1. *What name do you give your child?*
2. *What do you ask of God's Church for [name]?*
3. *You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so, you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him/her up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?*
4. *Are you [godparents] ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as parents?*

As I listened to Fr. Regis describing his classes and why this was so important for them to appreciate, I found myself remembering conversations with my parents about why they had chosen the names for my three brothers and me. It also brought back a wonderful memory of sitting with my delightful mother-in-law to learn how she had named her seven sons and five daughters.

When Fr. Regis asked if we remembered (and celebrated) our baptismal dates like our own birthdays, it really made me appreciate what those students were taking away from “mystical theology.” It is that same experience that I have every year at the Easter Vigil, when our baptism and that of those being welcomed into the Church that very night are so mystically tied to the death and rising of Jesus Christ. The singing of the litany of saints always makes my heart swell with joy...a long line of holy people in faith praying for us!

As part of his talk, Fr. Regis shared many quotes from Sacred Scripture, the popes, and the documents of the Second Vatican Council. He opened with a quote from *Lumen Gentium* (6):

*“Through baptism we are formed in the likeness of Christ. ‘For in one Spirit, we were all baptized into one Body.’ (1 Cor 12:13). In this sacred rite, fellowship in Christ’s death and resurrection is symbolized and is brought about.”*

As part of confirmation classes, we all learned the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, including fear of the Lord. The awe and wonder that are the essence of this particular gift can be savored in the words of St. Pope Paul VI, written in 1964:

*“Those who are baptized and by this means incorporated into Christ’s Mystical Body, His Church, must attach the greatest importance to this event. They must be acutely aware of being raised to a higher status, of being reborn to a supernatural life, there to experience the happiness of being God’s adopted sons/daughters, the special dignity of being Christ’s brothers/sisters, the blessedness, the grace, and the joy of the in-dwelling Spirit.” (Ecclesiam Suam, 39)*

Just as the Spirit led Jesus to the synagogue to read the scroll of Isaiah and to share the meaning of those glad tidings, we have also been gathered in this one Spirit of the Lord by baptism. At an audience on 18 April 2018, Pope Francis reminded the faithful of this sacramental gift:

*“Baptism enables Christ to live in us and us to live united to Him, to collaborate in the Church, each one according to his condition, in the transformation of the world. Received only once, the baptismal cleansing illumines our whole life, guiding our steps to the heavenly Jerusalem...as happens with a seed full of life, this gift takes root and bears fruit in a terrain fed by faith. The baptismal promises that we renew every year in the Easter Vigil must be revived every day so that baptism “Christifies”: we must not be afraid of this word. Baptism “Christifies” one who has received baptism and he is “Christified,” resembles Christ, is transformed into Christ, and renders him truly another Christ.”*

Through our baptism, we became a new person in Christ—one Body made of many parts. With awe, wonder, and awareness, we can echo what Jesus said:

***“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me.”***

Teresa S. Redder, OFS

**January 26 – January 27, 2019**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

WEEKLY PLANNER	UPCOMING EVENTS
<b>SUNDAY JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup></b> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time RCIA 10:00am LIB & PHCR Mass Music Practice 6:30pm Church Sacred Heart School Scrip Sale after 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am Masses	<b>SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Feast of Saint Blaise Blessing of throats at the end of all Masses RCIA 10:00am LIB & PHCR Mass Music Practice 6:30pm Church
<b>MONDAY JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup></b> Catholic Schools Week Bible Study 9:30am PHCR RCIA Teen 12:00pm to 1:00pm PHCR Cub Scouts 5:00pm to 8:00pm PHMR Scout Leadership Meeting 7:00pm LIB Confirmation Reconciliation 7:00pm Church KOC Basketball 7:30pm AUD	<b>MONDAY FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup></b> Bible Study 9:30am PHCR RCIA Teen 12:00pm to 1:00pm PHCR Cub Scouts 5:00pm to 8:00pm PHMR SH School Band Concert 7:00pm AUD
<b>TUESDAY JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup></b> Catholic Schools Week Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center Confirmation Reconciliation 7:00pm Church	<b>TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup></b> Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHMO Altar Rosary 7:00pm PHCR SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reconciliation 5:45pm Church KOC Basketball 7:30pm AUD
<b>WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup></b> Catholic Schools Week Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm RCIA Teens 5:30pm PHMO Daisy Troop 6:00-7:30pm PHMR Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:15pm Chapel	<b>WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup></b> Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm RCIA Teens 5:30pm PHMO Daisy Troop 6:00-7:30pm PHMR Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:15pm Chapel 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reconciliation 5:45pm Church Baptismal Prep. Class 7:30pm Church
<b>THURSDAY JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup></b> Catholic Schools Week SH School Choir Practice 2:30-3:30pm Church Music Practice 5:30pm Church Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR Adult Choir 7:30pm Church KOC Basketball 7:30pm AUD	<b>THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup></b> SH School Choir Practice 2:30-3:30pm Church Music Practice 5:30pm Church Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR Adult Choir 7:30pm Church Basketball 6:30pm AUD
<b>FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup></b> Catholic Schools Week School Liturgy 8:30am Healing Mass 7:00pm	<b>FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Basketball 8:30am AUD Mass Music Practice 3:30pm Church Blessing of Throats at the end of 4:30pm Mass Diamond Gala at Deerwood Country Club Westampton 6:00pm	<b>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup></b> Confirmation Retreat 8:00am to 11:00am AUD/Church/School Mass Music Practice 3:30pm Church SH School Sweetheart Dance 6pm to 8pm

**GATHERING LOCATION KEY**

**AUD-** Auditorium/Gym

**Chapel- Adoration Chapel of 2 Hearts-** Entrance faces High St., on side of Parish House closest to the School

**LIB-** Library

**PHCR-** Parish House Conference Room (Room behind the Library)

**PHMO-** Parish House Ministry Office (Merry's office)

**PHMR-** Parish House Meeting Room (Under Library)



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