

Sacred Heart Church



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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)

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**Office Hours: (Mon. & Thurs. 9am – 5pm)
(Tues. & Wed. 10am - 4pm) (Friday 9am-12pm)**

Fall Program Class Times

Grades 1st - 8th Tuesday: 5:30pm to 6:45pm

Grades 1st - 8th 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

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January 27th – February 2nd

MONDAY

7:00am **Angelita Lao & Jorge Lao** Req. By Sandy Roth

8:30am **Stephen Barbow** Req. By the Tipold Family

TUESDAY

7:00am **Virgilio Lao** Req. By Sandy Roth

8:30am **Rosemarie Layton** Req. By Patty Wright

WEDNESDAY

7:00am **The Special Intentions of Effie & Loloy Lao & Family** Req. By Maridel Tuazon

8:30am **In Thanksgiving for Richard & Joan Langan** Req. By Bill & Yodi Langan

THURSDAY

7:00am **Augustine Fama** Req. By Debbie Smith

8:30am **Dolores Barnat** Req. By The Sumanga Family

FRIDAY

7:00am **James Passalacqua** Req. By His Family

8:30am **Erin Katherine O'Toole** Req. By Her Family

SATURDAY

8:30am **Matthew Abati** Req. By The Sampson Family

4:30pm **Michael Swenson** Req. By The Swenson Family

SUNDAY

7:30am **The People of the Parish & Nasreen Patric** Req. By Her Family

9:30am **Ruth Olin** Req. By Carol Ward

11:30am **Pauline Maria Law** Req. By Joe & Charlotte Canale

7:00pm **The Special Intentions of Monette Solomon** Req. By Bobby & Lina Sumanga

The Devotional Candle in the Chapel of the Two Hearts



*Will Burn for the Special Intentions of:
Dolores Chepega*

Eucharistic Adoration – Come and spend time in the quiet with Our Lord in the Chapel of the Two Hearts located next to the Parish House.

Our Chapel is open for you and Jesus to spend some time during the following hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00am to 8:30pm

Saturday 9:00am to noon.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

SUNDAY OFFERING

Date corrected from previous week

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

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

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Please remember in your prayers:

Clara Hynes, Frank Danley, Trish Lehman,
Eleanor Voorhees, Jake Potavin, Linda Rossi,
Diana Greisser, Ed McGinley, Michael Johnson,
Anna Marie Whelan, Ralph Jones, Bob McCabe,
Debbie Smith, Joan Marcellino, Harold Fahn,
Eva Scarlata, Ryan Clark, John Mehling, Raymond
Bishop, Sr., Liz Finn, Carlyle Clark, Marilyn Fox, Nora
Kovac Riley, Judith Gomez, Manuel Alvarez, Jane
O'Brien, Marion Kempke, John Madden, Arthur Netti,
Martha Evans, Annmarie Laraia Bette, Ann Graff,
Helen Hannon, Megan Dezur, Nancy Beckett,
Joy Geller Simmerman, Gail Marchese, Peggy Stewart,
Greg MacDonald, Karen Buller, Bob Paccillo,
Brandon Trojak, Joel Rivera, Eric Wall, Vickie Robles,
Ann Graff, Frank Anton, Jenise Labron, Richard Dow,
Fred Hammer, Clarence Pugh, III, Stephanie James,
Benjamin & Molly Schuyler, Marty Wilkinson,
Nicholas Gonzalez, Betty Doviak, Caellie Boyd,
Margaret & Gaylord Jeffers, Ed Ciletti, Michael Dow,
Marie Chirico, Janice Staff, Pat Adornetto, Nadia Nieves,
Robert Lally, Garrett Schwab, Christopher Pierce,
Renate Connors, Fred J. Faber, III, Arleen Bishop,
Maria Wolfe, Matthew Ottenwess, Kristal Faber,
Justin Beckett, Tonya DeMaio, McKenzie Hunter,
Gail Reilly, Alva Marino, Stephanie Martin, Corey Kaiser,
Daniel DeMaio, Sue Troise, Kay Weiss, Jenny Hand,
Daniel Toussaint, Zoey Reed, David McCoy,
Celeste Bunn, Wilma Peterson, Morgan Ackerman,
Patricia O'Connor, George Schneider, Marie Donahue,
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:**

Maj. Travis Aiello, USMC
Corporal Noah Stimiloski, U.S.M.C
Maj. Karen Quintana, Army Reserve
Patrick Arpaia, 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
2nd Lt. Russell Norton, NG Army
Sgt. Marshall Norton, U.S.M.C.
Lt. Matthew Carr, U.S.M.C.
Lt. Victoria Carr, U.S.M.C



Sacred Heart School's Fourth Annual Diamond Gala is coming up on Saturday, February 1st! 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 the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary with our *Legacy Award* in recognition for the beautiful gift they have been to our school as they were instrumental in making SHS the wonderful, faith-filled place that it is today. We will also be awarding our inaugural *Heart of the Community Award* to the Mount Holly Police Department for their excellent and very important work in our community, and in particular for their involvement with our school.

Tickets were available for purchase through January 24th, but there may still be some tickets available. If you have not purchased tickets yet but would like to, please contact Jessica Donohue at 609-267-6319 or diamondgala@sacred-heart-school.org as soon as possible. (Please note that for planning purposes, tickets must be purchased in advance and cannot be purchased at the door the night of the event.)

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Disciples of Christ

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John from their work as fishermen to become His disciples.

Following Christ requires an unhesitating response of the whole heart, mind, body and soul. Following Jesus means joining a group of fellow disciples. Nothing is less suited to Christianity than the notion that one can be a Christian in isolation from others.

This can be exemplified in our Church community which offers so many avenues for us to extend ourselves to our brothers and sisters through our many and diversified ministries. New resolutions can be started at any time. Why not this Sunday in January, 2020?

Consider joining one of our Saint Vincent de Paul Groups: Center Volunteer, Pantry Worker, Home Visitor; Your talents and your presence will be appreciated by the present Saint Vincent de Paul members and the people we serve.

The SVDP Pantry is in need of the following:

Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce, baked beans, Jelly, and Bar Soap.

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. 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.

Sacred Heart School News

**Sacred Heart School PTA
 St. Patrick's Day**

**10th Annual BEEF & BEER
 MARCH 14 - 7pm
 in the Auditorium**

**Beer, Wine, DJ, Dinner and Dancing!
 No one under 21 yrs. of age permitted
 \$30 a ticket**

Tickets must be purchased in advance!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

of Tickets: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Table of 10?

Table Name: _____

Questions: ptapresident@sacred-heart-school.org



Hello friends and family,
 Are you feeling lucky? How would you like to
 be the lucky GRANDE prize winner of
 UP TO \$10,000?

We have just what you need to be THE winner
 right here!

The students of Sacred Heart are selling
 tickets for their Super 50/50 raffle.

Tickets are just \$10.00 each.

All proceeds go straight towards the school to
 help with purchasing supplies, technology
 upgrades, and keeping tuition cost down.

The drawing will take place on March 14, 2020
 so find your local or favorite Sacred Heart
 Charger to purchase your tickets today!

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PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Heavenly Father, You created us in
Your own image, and You desire that
not even the least among us should
perish. In Your love for us, You
entrusted Your only Son to the Holy
Virgin Mary. Now in Your love, protect
against the wickedness of the devil,
those little ones to whom You have
given the gift of life

SERRA VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE

As a centerpiece for daily prayer, the Chalice reminds the family or household to pray together daily for more people to respond to vocations and to pray for those now in religious vocations. Many families have received the Chalice. Comments were: "it really made an impression on our boys and encouraged discussions about the religious life." "Our prayer group in my home took turns holding the Chalice while praying for vocations." Sharing the Chalice presentations in Church each Sunday gets more people involved and maintains a high awareness of the vocations effort. Moreover, we pray that presenting the Chalice to a family each Sunday makes religious vocations a personal thing. There is a sign-up sheet in the Eucharistic Chapel in the Church. Please consider being a host home for the Vocation Prayer Chalice.

Thank you for praying for vocations.

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

EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Our spring Bible study will use Harry O. Maier's *New Testament Christianity in the Roman World*, part of a fine series by Oxford University Press entitled Essentials of Biblical Studies. Prof. Maier, who teaches New Testament and Early Christian Studies at Vancouver School of Theology, points out that Christianity was not a series of abstract ideas and texts but a lived reality from whose complex identity the NT writings emerged. He offers a detailed and informative portrayal of the Greco-Roman world, considering such vital elements of that world as family, religion, modes of worship, the structure of cities and households, and so on. Our understanding of scripture is enhanced by our exploring and understanding the culture, environment, customs and people that influenced the sacred writers and this Bible study will contribute significantly to that end.

Our text is *New Testament Christianity in the Roman World* by Harry O. Maier (New York: Oxford University Press [www.oup.com], 2019). It is available directly from the publisher or through Barnes & Noble and Amazon at \$24.95 plus S&H. Prices might vary, depending on source.

Our facilitator is John Madden, M.A. in Theology and Ministry. Anyone desiring to attend should contact John at (609) 261-3642 or jnjmadden@comcast.net **not later than February 5, 2020 to register for the class. Please remember: each person is responsible for obtaining his or her own book.**

DATES: Feb 12, 19; Mar 4, 11, 18, 25; Apr 1, 8, 2020. (Eight Wednesdays; no class on Ash Wednesday, Feb 26)

TIME: 7:30 till 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Sacred Heart Library

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The "Thief of Time" Project

Facilitated by Deacon Jim Casa

The winter is here and so is our annual winter 'read the book - see the movie project?' This winter, we will enjoy a superb mystery, "A Thief of Time" by Tony Hillerman.

You may wonder why we are doing a mystery novel for a Catholic parish project, after all, what may be the spiritual, moral or religious application about a story that involves murder, grave robbing, looting and missing people. Fair enough. Let's go in the direction of social justice, which is a critical issue of faith for all Christians.

In the current American southwest, on the established Native-American lands, there is a major problem with charlatans stealing artifacts from them and selling them to the highest bidder of private collectors and museums. Due to major cutbacks in Federal funding to protect these locations, thieves have been having a field day pillaging the region and to, sacrilegiously, invade ancient Native-American burial grounds for the skeletal remains of the deceased. This is, indeed, a ghoulish business that is very, very profitable.

What reading of Hillerman's "Thief of Time," will do for us is to bring us a greater awareness of the modern travesty of exploiting the culture of Native-Americans (in this situation, the Navajo) as well as provide for an exciting and thoughtful suspense story that is a sure page-turner. "A Thief of Time" is an excellent winter read, so get your favorite hot beverage and get started with your reading.

Save the date of Friday, March 27th at 7:30pm to gather at the Sacred Heart School Library to see the film version of the novel and then engage in a spirited open discussion of the story.

Read the Parish Bulletin for updates on "A Thief of Time" throughout these next couple of months.



To all students and parishioners,
Please join the Knights of Columbus - Santa Marie Council #1179 on Friday, Feb 21st in the school auditorium for a social event starting at 6PM. We will be conducting a parish wide Corn Hole Toss Tournament with an evening of fun and excitement. Prizes will be awarded to all winners; light snacks and beverages will be provided. All ages are welcomed, no prior corn hole experience or athleticism necessary.

Please reach out directly to George DeFeo if you have any questions. 609.284.6063
george.defeo123@gmail.com



Looking forward to a wonderful evening.
Let's Make a Difference Together!
Every year as we enter football playoff season and the Super Bowl gets closer, we hear the "Can-Can" song on commercials promoting canned goods sales at the local supermarkets. This year marks the 54th time that the Super Bowl take place. It is also the 30th anniversary of a companion activity called "Souper Bowl of Caring" to collect canned goods for those who are in need. Girl Scout Troop 27140 invites you to make a difference by bringing something to drop off in the church vestibule from January 18th through February 9th. By taking advantage of the sales, we can do more than just enjoy this annual tradition, but we can also fill the bowls of those who may not be able to do that right now. What a winning scenario all around!

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Living the Good News Today

“The LORD is my light and my salvation.”

Last weekend, I attended a quarterly Board of Directors meeting for Franciscan Mission Service (FMS), a non-profit agency that sponsors lay missionaries working in Bolivia, Jamaica, and Guatemala. Coincidentally, our meeting occurred on the first day of the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25). We found a true and affirming resonance with our mission work in the 2020 theme: *“They Showed Us Unusual Kindness.”*

In St. Paul’s epistle to the Christian community in Corinth, he urged them to have no divisions among them. Even in the first century of the Church, there were already factions that had formed! He had to remind them of their singular call to preach the gospel—the Good News of God’s love and our salvation. What does it mean to show *“unusual kindness”*?

The guardians of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement through their Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute. The Christian churches of Malta and Gozo (an island in the Malta archipelago) prepared the materials for 2020 based on an important feast day in their culture (Feb. 10): the shipwreck of St. Paul. During the eight days of prayer for Christian Unity, the centerpiece daily Scripture readings were from Acts 27:18 - 28:10 (the Maltese feast day text).

In the welcoming invitation to the week of prayer, Graymoor focused on the unusual kindness we must give and receive in that same unity that St. Paul urged for the Corinthians:

“As we gather throughout our nation to pray for the unity of Christians we are reminded of the importance of need for ‘unusual kindness’ in the dialogue that leads to growth in unity. We do this in a world where separation and division hinder the quest for Christian Unity. In 2020, we are being called to show unusual kindness towards one another. As Paul recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, it was through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together.”

As part of the FMS Board meeting, members had the chance to hear from two missionaries who had just returned from two years of service in Cochabamba, Bolivia, and Kingston, Jamaica. They were commissioned by FMS to serve in fraternal relationship with others. Both of the missionaries spoke of the challenges that they faced in adapting to the cultures and needs of their two countries: language barriers, poverty, violence, political instability, physical disabilities, HIV, and sexual abuse, and other compelling insights in what it requires of us to live in genuine solidarity—a relationship of unity with others that comes from Christ alone. In the

responsorial psalm this weekend, we align with that energy that opens our hearts to show that unusual kindness by simply remembering that *“The LORD is my light and my salvation.”*

When Jesus left Nazareth and came to the Galilee region, He began to satisfy the people’s spiritual hunger by telling them that God’s kingdom was at hand. Like the missionaries in Bolivia and Jamaica, Jesus encountered many people who had endured illness, oppression, poverty, and social isolation, but He brought them hope and healing through an unusual kindness they had not previously known. When St. Paul was shipwrecked, he never lost hope that God would deliver them through the most difficult circumstances. Strangers showed St. Paul and his companion’s unusual kindness.

All returning FMS missionaries deliberately transition into lifelong mission. Last Sunday, my husband Jeff and I attended the re-commissioning Mass for the four returning missionaries to mark that change in their lives. Many other lifelong missionaries were present at the Mass to share this grace-filled time with them. As the four joined their voices with those who had previously served, they pledged to remember the people who had become their mission family in Christ and to carry that relationship with Christ into all future labors. When the assembly gave them all a blessing based on the *Prayer of St. Francis*, this verse echoed this weekend’s responsorial psalm:

“Where there is darkness, light... Grant that the witness of our missionaries illumine the way for all they encounter.”

When Christ is our light and our salvation, then we can bring that light into all of our relationships with joy, hope, and loving service.

At the end of every Mass, we are sent to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel to the world—especially by our acts of unusual kindness. In the background behind the theme of 2020 Christian Unity (https://geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity/background/intro_to_the_theme.html), we learn:

“The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, important though this is, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith. In such tempestuous journeys and chance encounters, God’s will for the Church and all people comes to fulfillment.”

So, let us carry forward this theme of unusual kindness into the weeks ahead and:

“...be united in the same mind and the same purpose.”

Teresa S. Redder, OFS

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Good News Reflection

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 2020

Pray: Lord: Help me to leave in Your hands the affections and people that don't let me follow You in freedom. Thank You for calling me to a life abundant in You. Amen.

Isaiah 8:23--9:3
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23

Helping those who live in darkness

Who's troubling you? In this Sunday's Gospel passage, we hear of the fulfillment of the prophecy given by Isaiah in the first reading: Because of Jesus Christ, the people you know who are living in darkness have seen the light that will heal them. Who is making no effort to get out of their sin-induced misery? Who is overshadowed by the demons of spiritual death and destruction? Whose stubbornness is causing you great anguish?

Through your prayers and faithful love, Jesus has been revealed to them. Even as they fight against this truth and hide from him, the great light of Christ cannot be turned off. Soon or eventually this will cause great rejoicing, not only for you, but for those who are being rescued.

Elsewhere (Luke 12:49-50), Jesus expressed his feelings about people who live in darkness: "How great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" Thus, he knows your anguish and *shares* it, but more deeply and fervently. He is doing more than you know, more than you can imagine, to accomplish the victory for which you've been praying. He is doing everything possible -- as well as the impossible -- to bring it to fulfillment.

Pray that Divine Providence will use the bad consequences of each person's stubborn rebellion to draw them to himself. Pray that God will use others to bring them into his light. Pray that God will work in his own way (which might not be the way you would choose) to dissolve their spiritual rebellion. Pray that after their conversion they will spread the light of Christ powerfully. And pray that their conversion will be deep, definite and permanent.

We don't pray to change God's mind; he's already working to bring the light of Christ to people who live in darkness. We pray to place these people into his arms, since they're not doing it for themselves.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Write a list of people who are living in darkness. Will you trust in the power of Christ's great light and the victory he obtained through his death and resurrection? Make a commitment to feel Christ's anguish more keenly and use this pain to energize you into daily prayer on behalf of darkened souls.

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Think of those who are living in darkness. Get a large candle and etch their names into it. Light the candle and offer your prayers for these loved ones. If possible, do this with a prayer community in a mutual agreement of prayer support, and light this candle at all of your community meetings.

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WEEKLY PLANNER

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday January 26th**

Catholic Schools Week Begins
Girl Scout Cookie Sale
R.C.I.A. for Adults 10:00am LIB
R.C.I.A. for Children 10:00am PHCR
Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

MONDAY January 27th

Catholic Schools Week
Bible Study 9:30am PHCR
Cub Scouts 5pm - 8pm PHMR
Basketball 6:30pm AUD
R.E. Minnie Vinnies 6:00pm to 7:00pm LIB

TUESDAY January 28th

Catholic Schools Week
School Liturgy 8:30am
Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
Legion of Mary 6:30pm PHCR
Basketball 6:30pm AUD
Columbiettes 7:00pm LIB
SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center

WEDNESDAY January 29th

Catholic Schools Week
R.C.I.A. Teens 3:30pm PHCR
Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:15pm Chapel
Daisy Troop 6:00pm to 7:30pm PHMR
KOC Basketball 7:30pm AUD

THURSDAY January 30th

Catholic Schools Week
Mass Music Practice 5:30pm Church
Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR
Adult Choir 7:00pm Church

FRIDAY January 31st

Catholic Schools Week

SATURDAY February 1st

Basketball 8:30am AUD
Confessions 3:30pm Church
Mass Music Practice 3:30pm Church
SH School Scrip Sales 4:30pm Mass
Sacred Heart School Diamond Gala

UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Presentation of the Lord
Sunday February 2nd**

R.C.I.A. for Adults 10:00am LIB
R.C.I.A. for Children 10:00am PHCR
SH School Scrip Sales 7:30am, 9:30, and
11:30am Masses
Mass Music Practice 6:30pm

MONDAY February 3rd

The Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of Throats at 7am & 8:30am Masses
Bible Study 9:30am PHCR
Cub Scouts 5pm - 8pm PHMR
Religious Ed. Summer Program
5:30pm–6:30pm
School Beginner's Band Concert 6:30pm AUD
Scout Leader Mtg. 7:00pm LIB

TUESDAY February 4th

Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
Legion of Mary 6:30pm PHMO
Altar Rosary 7:00pm PHCR
Basketball 6:30pm AUD
Columbiettes 7:00pm LIB
SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center

WEDNESDAY February 5th

R.C.I.A. Teens 3:30pm PHCR
Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:15pm Chapel
Daisy Troop 6:00pm to 7:30pm PHMR
Basketball 6:30pm AUD
Baptism Prep Class 7:30pm Church

THURSDAY February 6th

Mass Music Practice 5:30pm Church
Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR
Adult Choir 7:00pm Church
KOC Basketball 7:30pm AUD

FRIDAY February 7th

Sacred Heart School Liturgy 8:30am
Healing Mass 7:30pm

SATURDAY February 8th

Confessions 3:30pm Church
Mass Music Practice 3:30pm Church
SH School Scrip Sales 4:30pm Mass
Sacred Heart School Sweetheart Dance AUD

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