

Sacred Heart Church



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Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am Live Stream, 11:30am

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

Saturday: 8:30am

Confessions

Saturday: After 8:30am Mass

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Parish Registration

Our Parish family gladly welcomes new members. Please register at your earliest convenience by filling out a blue Registration Form located on the rack near the Altar Servers Sacristy in the vestibule of the Church or contacting Michele O'Toole, the Parish Secretary, by phone or [email](#) to have a Form sent to you.

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on Sunday at 1PM but other times and days are possible. We encourage parents who wish to have their child baptized to contact Michele by phone or [email](#) to have a Baptism Information packet mailed to you.

Once the Baptism Preparation session is attended, the Baptism Request Form completed and the Godparent Eligibility Certificates sent to the Parish House, a date for your child's Baptism can be set.

Baptismal Preparation

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

Sacred Heart offers a Baptismal Preparation Session required for all parents preparing for their child's Baptism. The date and time for this Session is arranged at the convenience of the parents and the Priest or Deacon who will minister the Sacrament.

Sacramental Sponsorship Letter

This is a form required to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. To receive this form from the Pastor of their parish, the Church requires the following:

- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- If married, be in a valid sacramental marriage according to the laws of the Catholic Church.
- Be a registered and practicing member of a Catholic Parish.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at our Parish are asked to contact Michele O'Toole, the Parish Secretary by phone or [email](#). Arrangements are to be made at a meeting with the Pastor at least 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 Pre-Cana Sessions and a number of meetings with the priest or Deacon who will preside at the Wedding Mass/Ceremony

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Any Catholic who is seriously ill, advanced in age or wishes to receive the comfort and grace provided by this Sacrament may contact Michele O'Toole by phone or [email](#). In case of an urgent need for this sacrament please call our emergency number at 609-267-8940.

Care of the Sick, Homebound and Elderly:

The sick, the homebound and the elderly are valued members of our Parish. Please contact Merry Marcellino, our Coordinator of Ministries by phone or [email](#) to see how we may be of assistance.

Funerals

In all cases, the family of the deceased parishioner should contact the Funeral Home. They, in turn, will contact the Church to make further arrangements. Normally, a member of our Parish Staff will then contact the family to plan the Liturgy and provide any other assistance.

For information regarding our Parish Cemetery, please contact Paula Powell our Cemetery Manager by phone or [email](#).

Bulletin Articles

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

Please email bulletin

bulletins@sacredheartmh.org

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*Masses For
The Week*



December 11th - December 17th

MONDAY

7:00am **William Cardelli** Req. By Jeff & Teresa Redder
8:30am **Connie Schuren** Req. By The Spatz Family

TUESDAY

7:00am **Philip Reillo** Req. By SHS Faculty & Staff
8:30am **Joyce C. Moran** Req. By Bill & Kate Moran

WEDNESDAY

7:00am **The Special Intentions of Lucila Santos** Req. By Maridel Tuazon
8:30am **The Special Intentions of Marissa Muñoz** Req. By The Legion of Mary

THURSDAY

7:00am **Willie Williams** Req. By John Mehling
8:30am **Pancho V. Rustia** Req. By Isabel Relevo

FRIDAY

7:00am **Rich Yasick** Req. By His Family
8:30am **Lilian Handal** Req. By The Vallejo Family

SATURDAY

8:30am **Alice Sawaya Aydjian** Req. By Mary Miller
Dominick Dallo Req. By His Wife & Family

4:30pm **Charles T. Juliana** Req. By His Family

SUNDAY

7:30am **Rosalie T. Maguire** Req. By The Herriman Family
And **The People of the Parish**
9:30am **Irene McHugh** Req. By The Macrae Family
11:30 **The Special Intentions of Adrian Librojo** Req. By Maridel Tuazon

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



*Will Light for the Special Intentions of
Glenn & Gaelen Davis*



The 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 4:00pm**

**READINGS FOR THE
WEEK**



Monday, December 11, 2023 Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday, December 13, 2023 Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30
Thursday, December 14, 2023 Is 41:13-20,
Mt 11:11-15
Friday, December 15, 2023 Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19
Saturday, December 16, 2023 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday, December 17, 2023 Is 61:1-2A, 10-11
1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

SUNDAY OFFERING

Weekly 12/2 – 12/3 \$ 14, 618.07
Christmas Flowers \$ 1, 456.00
Sacred Heart School Fund \$ 1, 606.25

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



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to assist with the expenses of decorating our Church for Christmas, please mark your offering "Christmas Flowers." If you use weekly collection envelopes one is provided in your packet. Your envelope may be placed in the collection basket or you may bring or mail your donation to the Parish House.

Your generosity will be appreciated.

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Please
PRAY
*for the sick of our parish and
those that care for them*

Please remember in your prayers:

Aimee Buck, Anne DeFeo, Maureen Sampson,
Sandy & Michael Grant, Nancy Beckett, Brian Burgos,
Irene & Richard Moken, Connie Krzywicki, Barbara Hyer,
Marianne O'Rourke, Clare Faber, Ed White,
Rose & Vincent LoCascio, Dennis O'Donnell,
Donald Dederick, Toni Rudd, Peggy Mahan, Lea Hodge,
Lloyd Shanahan, Donna Matarese, Sheila Bender,
Pete Giambalvo, Annemarie Sheldon, Charles Beckett,
Sam Eckert, Josephine Nast, Mary Sconza, Hank Hess,
Madeleine Loffredo, Dorothy Valeri, Catherine Verme,
Bob Laraia, Joan Cole, Diane Laraia-Carr, Liz Finn,
Tomas Carr, Monica Fredrick, Don Hartman,
Noel M. Long, David Michael Benn, Sue Troise,
Tammy Witt, Richard Dow, Frank Danley, Ann Graff,
Clarence Pugh, III, Theresa Matrisciano, Megan Dezur,
Ryan Clark, Jeanette McGhee, Frank Anton,
William Bromley, Karen Buller, Crystal Faber,
Catherine Jefferson, Harold Fahn, Carlyle Clark,
Martha Evans, Peggy Stewart, Judith Gomez,
Christopher Pierce, Vickie Robles, Margaret Jeffers,
Greg MacDonald, Gail Marchese,
Arleen & Raymond Bishop, Sr., Annmarie Laraia Bette,

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:

Capt. Chaplin Roberto Padilla
Sgt. Jason Brenner- U.S. Army
Anthony Dickenson, FCA3
Lt. Kurt Malinoski US Navy
Lt. Col. Stephanie Aaron, USAF
1st Lt. Troy McCrystal U.S. Army
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
Capt. Matthew Carr, U.S.M.C.
SSgt Sean Curran U.S.M.C
SSgt Emily Curran U.S.M.C

Simbang Gabi



Mass Times

Weekdays Dec. 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 7:30pm
Weekends Dec. 9 - 4:30pm, Dec. 10 - 6:30pm
Dec. 16 – 6:30pm followed by fellowship in the Auditorium

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Advent time is a quiet waiting and prayerful period of expectation before we celebrate the birth of Jesus. At 9:30am Mass on Sunday, December 10th we would like all expectant mothers to be present for a special blessing. Please call Merry Marcellino at the Parish House 609-702-1848 ext. 305 if you would like to take part in this brief ceremony. Friends and relatives of parishioners are welcome. This Mass is also live-streamed.

OPLATEK – The Christmas Wafer



Christmas wafers will be available in the vestibule of the Church, on the weekend of December 16th and 17th

Please take one home with you.

To use in your home...

Traditionally On Christmas Eve the eldest member of the family takes the Oplatek and turns to the person on his/her right and says, "I wish for you this Christmas...(whatever the wish is). That person breaks off a piece of the wafer and eats it then turns to the next person and the process is repeated.

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Additional Confessions during Advent

In preparation for Christmas, Confessions will be available:

Saturday, December 16th, after 8:30am Mass

Monday, December 18th, 4pm – 4:30pm

Tuesday, December 19th 12pm – 12:30pm

Wednesday, December 20th 9am-9:30am

Saturday December 23rd, after 8:30 Mass

There will be no Confession times on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day or New Year's Day.



Religious Education News!

Our Fall Program session will not hold classes on December 12 and 19. Instead, children will work on Advent Family Lessons at home together.

There are many ways that families can prepare for Jesus, and we love to learn about different traditions. How do you celebrate Advent? All are welcome to stop by our bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church for ideas on ways to celebrate this beautiful season and be sure to pick up activity pages to take home.

**CHRISTMAS MASS
SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve

**4:00PM CHURCH Livestream
& AUDITORIUM**

6:00PM Livestream

MIDNIGHT CHURCH Livestream

(The choir will begin singing before Mass)

Christmas Day

7:30AM, 9:30AM Livestream & 11:30AM

Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

December 31st 4:30pm

January 1st 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Next Sunday



Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is the Latin word for "Rejoice" the first word of the Entrance Antiphon for this Sunday. As it is the mid-point of the Advent Season, rose-colored vestments, instead of purple vestments, may be worn and the rose-colored candle on the Advent Wreath is lit. The lighter color calls us to be filled with hope and encouragement as we continue our journey to the Feast of Christmas.

Save the Date

**Travel Opportunities Meeting with
Terry Rensman**

December 18th, 2023, 5:30 PM

A great presentation by Collette Tours Explore the Great tours we have already planned, or you can find out information on the many options we offer you with setting up a Dream Trip you have been putting off. Please call Terry Rensman 609-284-2517 to reserve your spot.

Take a Break from the hustle and bustle of this pre-Christmas time.

****for those of you who are interested in Faith Based Tours please plan to come.

**INVITATION FROM OUR LEGION OF MARY
PRAYER GROUP**

Every other Friday and every other Wednesday, the Legion of Mary hosts four decades of the rosary and Divine Mercy novena. All prayer gatherings will be after the 8:30am Mass in the Chapel of the Two Hearts located in the front of the parish house. There is an access door in the front of the building.

The gatherings are as follows:

Wednesdays December 6, 20

Fridays December 15

It will continue following the same schedule.

All are welcome. Please direct questions to Adele 609-668-8664 or Maridel 609-871-0222

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Gift of One's Self

There are four great figures associated with Advent: Isaiah, John the Baptist, Mary and Jesus. Isaiah himself is the voice crying in the wilderness. John the Baptist is the great precursor who runs before and heralds the arrival of another. As Christians, we share in the mission of John by proclaiming the good news of Christ's coming in the way we live. "In this season when we worry about the cost and value of gifts given and received, the promise of crib and cross shows us that God's gift of giving has no limit and Mary's "yes" shows us a human generosity to match. The true measures of the gift is the self invested in it." Magnificat

**The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is
Currently in need of the following:**

canned fruit, cereal, soap, soup, canned meals, spaghetti sauce and toilet paper.

Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Standing Together for Life – Mass for Life; Lunch & Seminar

On Friday Jan. 19, 2024, the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton will come together in prayer and solidarity to proclaim the sanctity of all human life! All are invited to an 11 a.m. **Mass for Life** celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., in St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold. No registration is needed for the Mass, seating is first come first served. Mass will be livestreamed on [Youtube.com/trentondiocese](https://www.youtube.com/trentondiocese)

The Mass will be followed by a **Lunch & Seminar** in the Co-Cathedral's Dentici Hall. A panel of local expert speakers will offer practical, actionable, ideas and resources to take back to parishes where they can be immediately applied to build a culture of life in a spirit of inter-ministry collaboration and radical solidarity with vulnerable pregnant women and families. Advanced registration to attend the **Lunch & Seminar** is required by Jan. 10, 2024.

Full details for the day's events, including a registration link for the **Lunch & Seminar** can be found here: [dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life](https://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life) . Questions, contact Belem Perez 609-403-7133 bperez@dioceseoftrenton.org

VOCATION PRAYER

Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church

(Pope John Paul II)

Mary, Mother of the Church, to you we turn. With your "Yes" you have opened the door to the presence of Christ in the world, in history and in souls, receiving in humble silence and total submission the appeal of the Most High.

Grant that many men and women may know and hear, even today, the inviting voice of your Son: "Follow Me." Stretch out your motherly hand over all missionaries scattered throughout the world, over religious men and women who assist the elderly, the sick, the deficient, the orphans; over those who are engaged in teaching, over the members of secular institutes, the silent leaven of good works; over those who in the cloister live on faith and love and beg for the salvation of the world. Amen.

Thank you for praying for vocations.



Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society will once again sponsor an "Angel Tree", with gifts collected donated to Saint Vincent DePaul. The tree will be put up in the church vestibule Saturday, Nov. 25th, and taken down December 9th.

Please feel free to take an ornament, bring a gift, and place in bag/box/container under the tree table. Gifts will be collected by SVDP members. NEW, UNWRAPPED gifts for girls and/or boys, ages 1 month to 17 years will be collected. Gifts can be clothing, toys, puzzles, movie tickets, bath items, games, books, scarves, gloves, etc. If you wish to donate gift cards or wish to have someone shop for you, kindly enclose in envelope marked "Angel Tree", and drop off in church office to Michele.

PLEASE BRING GIFTS BY DECEMBER 9TH.

Thank you for making a child happy this Christmas!

Blessed Christmas to each of you!!

If you have any questions, please call Joelle Wentz, 609 267 0061

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The Friends of Sacred Heart School



**ICICLES FROM HEAVEN MEMORIAL
FUNDRAISER**

FOSHS will again offer this beautiful opportunity to remember our loved ones during the Christmas season. Please see upcoming bulletins, our website, and Flocknotes emails for updates.

Gala

Save the Date! FOSHS cordially invites you to our Blue and Gold Gala and Basket Auction next April 20th at Deerwood Country Club! Dinner, dancing, a super 50/50 and fantastic basket auction are some of the highlights of what will be a wonderful evening. Details to come!

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.

This year, on December 10 the Sacred Heart Conference of Saint Vincent dePaul is inviting the parents of children 17 or under that currently receive food assistance from St Vincent dePaul to our Christmas Gift Distribution Program to choose Christmas gifts for their children. We currently have more than 200 children on our rolls and we would like to provide at least two gifts for each child. For many of our children these gifts may be the only Christmas presents they receive. Any gifts appropriate for infants through 17 years would be appreciated. Gift cards to local stores such as Wal-Mart, Target are great. Cash donations are also always acceptable. (We have volunteers who love to shop.) Your unwrapped gifts, gift cards, cash, or checks may be brought to the SVDP Center on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10am to 12 pm, or Monday and Thursday evening from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. (Please place your gift cards, cash or checks in an envelope marked SVDP Christmas Gift Distribution.) If these times are inconvenient, your gifts may also be placed in the bins by the Christmas Tree at the back of the Church after all of the Masses. Your gift cards, cash, or checks may also be dropped off to Merry Marcellino at the Parish House during their operating hours. Please do not place gift cards, cash, or checks in the bins.

So, have fun shopping for a good cause. You will be blessed for your efforts. Click on the below link if you are interested in helping with our setup (December 9) and/or the distribution of gifts (December 10)...
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4EA4A728A6FB6-christmas>

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Advent by Candlelight

Trust in the Slow work of God

Wednesday, December 13th, 2023 - 7:00 PM

Please respond by December 6th

Sponsored by the Columbiettes, Santa Maria Auxiliary 1179, Advent by Candlelight is a special evening for women to become renewed and refreshed before the Christmas rush begins.

This is an opportunity to relax and refocus on the season of Advent, a wonderful time of waiting and anticipation. In an elegant atmosphere, lit only by candlelight, guests are served refreshments and invited by a guest speaker to reflect on the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas.

How to Attend

Host a table of guests or come as an Attendee, Invite your friends to the wonderful event as a Table Hostess OR Register as an Attendee. Come and enjoy the night.

Become a Table Hostess!

Any woman in the parish may be a table hostess. The table hostess invites up to seven of her female friends. (Members of Sacred Heart & Guests are all welcome!).

The hostess sets her table and provides refreshments for her guests. The hostess provides all of her own table settings including china and silverware. Tables seat 8 people. Registration will provide coffee, tea, water, and reflection materials for the evening. Once registered, table hostesses will receive more details via email.

Register as an Attendee!

Please join us for this lovely evening! All women are invited to attend. Please fill out the registration form below and return. You will be greeted at the event and welcomed by one of the Columbiettes who will host you at her table! If you are invited as a guest by a table hostess, no need to register as an attendee.

Questions?

Please contact Helen at (914) 980-1994

Advent by Candlelight Registration

Name

Phone Number

Email (updates on event will come via email)

_____ Attendee (will be seated at a table hosted by the Columbiettes)

_____ Full Table Hostess - Host a full table of 8 (including Hostess)

All registrations may be dropped off at the Parish Office - once received you will be notified via email

Please mark envelopes with Advent by Candlelight.



**BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE
OR MANGER SCENE**

God of Mary and Joseph,
of shepherds and animals,
bless us whenever we gaze on this
manger scene. Through all the days of
Christmas
may these figures tell the story
of how humans, angels, and animals
found the Christ in this poor place.
Fill our house with hospitality, joy,
gentleness, and thanksgiving
and guide our steps in the way of peace.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE



Dear God,
two thousand years ago,
You brought Your Son, Jesus
into this world to teach us the power
of love and sacrifice. As we raise this
tree, we remember His birth and the meaning
of His life for us. Bless this tree as a symbol
of our celebration of Jesus' birth and our
gratitude for His sacrifice. May the joy this
tree brings and gifts we place under it remind
us of the many gifts You have given us. We
ask Your blessing upon our loved ones, this
day and always.

Amen

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Good News Reflection

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

Pray: Forgive me, Jesus, for my distractions and for all the time I've wasted on things that separate me from You. Grant me the grace to be ever attentive to Your commands and Your love. Amen.

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Ps 85:9-14

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

You have a fruitful future

Today's readings tell us to prepare for the Lord - for whatever he wants to give us, do for us, and ask of us. He has a plan for our lives; he has a divine purpose that will bring us to our full potential as children of our loving Father and as partners with Christ the Savior of the world.

We can only fulfill our wonderful potential if we unite ourselves to Christ by joining him on the straight path, the holy path.

How do we know when we are on the right path? By the fruits of the journey. The way of holiness always produces good fruits.

Isaiah says: A voice cries out in the desert! What is barren in your life, and dry, hot, or empty? Sins dry up what would otherwise be fruitful.

Advent is a good preparation for Christmas - and meeting the Lord anew - if we use it to face our sins, reconcile with God, and follow Jesus back onto the holy path. If we neglect this opportunity, Christmas will be only a secular holiday. Our lives will be too barren to give Jesus to others, and we will feel just as empty next year as we do right now.

Prepare the way of the Lord! He has more love to give you, more healing, more joy! Make straight in the wasteland of your sins a highway for our God. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and create a wider road into your heart that's easy for Jesus to

travel, a through-way upon which he can arrive in great speed and glory.

All humankind is as frail as grass, and all our glory is like the flower of the field that withers and wilts. Only the glory of God stands forever.

What are your troubles and struggles this Advent? Here is where Jesus wants to minister to you, and here is where you are most vulnerable to sin.

What in your life is going well? What activities are you doing that seem good and productive? Are any of them grassy glories that can wither away in a drought? A hundred years from now, will what you're doing today still have an impact - a *beneficial* impact?

God has given you talents and a vocation - a calling, a special purpose - that requires those talents. Yes, you! We are all called to have fruitful lives that make an eternal difference. We are all called to be like Mary giving birth to Jesus so that the world becomes a better place. Jesus wants to come straight to us to produce the fruits of his eternal kingdom in our lives and in others.

Are you wasting time? If so, take this to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and prepare yourself for the way of the Lord. He wants to make an eternal difference through you!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What are you going to do this week to straighten a crooked path? What are you spending time on that is only going to wither up and wilt away?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What good do you see in each other that will make an eternal difference? How does thinking about eternity straighten the path that you're walking on today? What changes because of this perspective?

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WEEKLY PLANNER

SUNDAY December 10th
Second Sunday of Advent



7:30am Mass, 9:30am Mass Live Stream
Blessing of Expectant Mothers at 9:30am Mass
11:30am
 RCIA 10:00am LIB/PHCR
 Simbang Gabi 6:30pm
Parish Office Closed

MONDAY December 11th

Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am
 SHS Band Christmas 6:30 AUD
 Simbang Gabi 7:30pm

TUESDAY December 12th

Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am
 No Rel. Ed. Classes
 Columbiettes 7:15pm LIB
 Knights of Columbus Basketball 7:15pm
 Simbang Gabi 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY December 13th

Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am Live Stream
 Advent by Candlelight 7:00pm Aud
 Simbang Gabi 7:30pm

THURSDAY December 14th

Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am
 Legion of Mary 3:30pm
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR
 Adult Choir 7:00pm
 Simbang Gabi 7:30pm

FRIDAY December 15th

Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am
 Legion of Mary Prayer in the Chapel 9:00am
 Simbang Gabi 7:30pm

SATURDAY December 16th

Daily Mass 8:30am
4:30pm Vigil Mass
Third Sunday of Advent
 Simbang Gabi 6:30pm Church and AUD
Parish Office Closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY December 17th
Third Sunday of Advent



7:30am Mass, 9:30am Mass Live Stream
11:30am
 RCIA 10:00am LIB/PHCR
Parish Office Closed

MONDAY December 18th

Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am
 Travel Meeting with Terry Rensman 5:30pm LIB
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD

TUESDAY December 19th

Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am
 No Rel. Ed. Classes
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD

WEDNESDAY December 20th

Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am Live Stream
 Legion of Mary Prayer in the Chapel 9:00am

THURSDAY December 21st

Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am
 Legion of Mary 3:30pm
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR
 Adult Choir 7:00pm

FRIDAY December 22nd

Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am
 Legion of Mary Prayer in the Chapel 9:00am
Parish Office Hours 9am to 12pm
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD

SATURDAY December 23rd

Daily Mass 8:30am
4:30pm Vigil Mass
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Parish Office Closed

Children's Worship Bulletins

Ages 3

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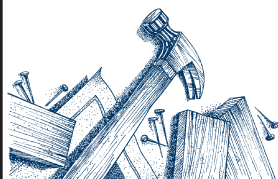
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