

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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Deacon Charles Moscarello
Deacon Ron Zalegowski

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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*



September 23rd – September 29th

MONDAY

7:00am **The Special Intentions of Carla McElven** Req. By Jeff & Teresa Redder
 8:30am **Raul Gesmundo** Req. By Maridel Tuazon

TUESDAY

7:00am **The Special Intentions of Jim Putman** Req. By Jeff & Teresa Redder
 8:30am **Nancy Schoenhoffer** Req. By Jack & Linda Bradley

WEDNESDAY

7:00am **Matthew Norton** Req. By Jeff & Teresa Redder
 8:30am **Samuel Vitone, Sr.** Req. By His Family

THURSDAY

7:00am **Vince Caruso, Sr.** Req. By Sandy Roth
 8:30am **Virgilio Lao** Req. By Margie & Ninfa Lao

FRIDAY

7:00am **Elizabeth Paolucci** Req. By Donna Guyre
 8:30am **Maria Bonanno** Req. By Christopher & Francis Grupico

SATURDAY

8:30am **Jeanne Brenner** Req. By Her Loving Family
Bernard Cadavez Req. By CCMC Class of 1979
 4:30pm **Dorothy McBride** Req. By Denise & Brian Curran

SUNDAY

7:30am **Stanley & Alfreda Kwoka** Req. By The Redder Family
 9:30am **Eileen Hoefling** Req. By Joan Lavell & Family
 11:30am **Nancy Wesley** Req. By The Swenson Family

And **The People of the Parish**

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



*Will Light in Loving Memory of
Celeste Bunn*

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 Thursday
9:00am to 4:00pm
Friday 9am to 1pm**

Readings for the Week

Monday Prv 3:27-34 Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday Prv 30:5-9 Lk 9:1-6
Thursday Eccl 1:2-11 Lk 9:7-9
Friday Eccl 3:1-11 Lk 9:18-22
Saturday Eccl 11:9-12:8 Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday Nm 11:25-29 Jas 5:1-6
 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Children's Worship Bulletins

Ages 3

https://sacredheartmh.org/documents/2024/9/pwb_gospel_bw_20240922.pdf

Ages 7

https://sacredheartmh.org/documents/2024/9/cwb_gospel_bw_20240922.pdf



III Meghan Mc Cormick and Andrew Buckley

I Matthew Harris and Shannon Flannery



**SANTA MARIA #1179 COLUMBIETTES
MUM SALE. SEPTEMBER 28, 29, 2024**

After all the Masses. Outside auditorium . Stop by. Support our good works.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Dawn Panzitta, John Mehling, Aimee Buck,
Meghan Ivory, Sharon Astorino, Vickie Robles,
Nayda Ramos, Sharon Straehle,
Marcus & Carmen Vidal, Faith MacDonald,
Josephine Dwyer, Bobby Sumanga,
Martin & Diana Wintczak, Mary Barber,
Stephen Carbone, Tammy Rogers,
Richard & Janice Riehle, Tonya DeMaio,
Charles & Nancy Beckett, Connie Krzywicki
Sandy & Michael Grant, Brian Burgos,
Maureen Sampson, Irene & Richard Moken,
Barbara Hyer, Marianne O'Rourke, Clare Faber,
Ed White, Rose & Vincent LoCascio,
Dennis O'Donnell, Peggy Mahan, Lea Hodge,
Lloyd Shanahan, Pete Giambalvo, Josephine Nast,
Mary Sconza, Hank Hess, Madeleine Loffredo,
Dorothy Valeri, Catherine Verme, Bob Laraia,
Joan Cole, Liz Finn, Monica Fredrick,
Don Hartman, Noel M. Long, David Michael Benn,
Tammy Witt, Richard Dow, Frank Danley,
Ann Graff, Clarence Pugh, III, Theresa Matrisciano,
Jeanette McGhee, Frank Anton, Crystal Faber,
Carlyle Clark, Margaret Jeffers,

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:

Mason Alderman, FM Coast Guard
2nd Lt. Dennison Kelly, U. S. Army
Sgt. Vincent Paul Curcio, NJ Rev. Iraq
Capt. Chaplain Roberto Padilla U.S.A.F.
Sgt. Jason Brenner- U.S. Army
Anthony Dickenson, FCA3
Lt. Kurt Malinoski US Navy
LtCol 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
Capt. Matthew Carr, U.S.M.C.
GySgt Sean Curran U.S.M.C

Blessing of Animals

October 5th following 8:30am Mass.
Confessions will follow the Blessing of Animals.



O God,
You have done all things wisely;
In Your goodness You have made us in Your image and given us care over other living things.

Reach out with Your right hand and grant that these animals may serve our needs and that Your bounty in the resources of this life may move us to seek more confidently the goal of eternal life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

After the prayer of blessing, as circumstances suggest, the minister may sprinkle those present and the animals with holy water.

Friends of Sacred Heart School Updates:

FOSHS is looking forward to another year of supporting our wonderful School! Here are a couple of our upcoming initiatives:

Country Line Dancing - This popular event returns on Saturday, October 19th from 7 pm - 10 pm in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. No experience and no partners needed! Ticket information to come. *No one under 21 permitted.*

To purchase tickets, go to our website at www.sacredheartmh.org/foshs

Memorial Brick Fundraiser

- Opportunities to purchase memorial bricks in memory of loved ones will be offered again this fall. Details and our order form will soon be available.

We will keep you updated as we continue to plan for this year. Thank you, as always, for so generously supporting Sacred Heart School!

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VOCATION PRAYER

DID YOU KNOW that there are special Seminaries for men entering the Priesthood later in life, Seminaries where students range from ages 25 to 60? Many of these men have thought about being a priest at one time or another but, for whatever reason, pushed the idea to the back of their minds. They are men who have made a career change to a second vocation, the priesthood. They're ordinary people, men who have been Electricians, Teachers, Barbers, Policemen, Social Workers, Businessmen, Farmers, Dentists. Some are widowers, even grandfathers. Diverse though their backgrounds may be, they now share one aim in life: to become a priest and serve God's people. Could you be one of them?

*Serra for priestly and religious vocations. **Thank you for praying for vocations.***

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.



Ministering to Others with Humility

In today's reading, St. James exhorts Christians to change their disposition of jealousy and selfish ambition by seeking the wisdom from above which brings about peace and harmony among peoples.

In St. Mark's Gospel passage the disciples were discussing among themselves who was the greatest. They were talking about serving their own self-interest by reaching the top of the human ladder of importance, exactly the opposite of what Jesus explains as the meaning of discipleship.

Jesus uses a child to illustrate that status in society is irrelevant to being a disciple. Taking up one's cross and being of service qualify one as the disciple of the Son of Man.

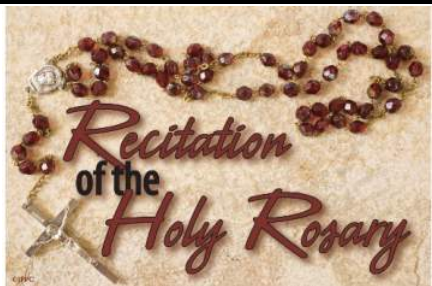
Vincentians celebrate the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul on September 27th. His concept of charity is his most notable contribution to the Church. He gave new meaning to the role of the parish as the center of spiritual life and the charitable and communal activity of its members. What he taught was eyeball-to-eyeball charity in the name of Christ. May we, his followers, imitate his love of God which overflowed to his fellow humans by practical deeds on their behalf.

jelly, soup, pasta sides & shelf stable milk
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
Or scan our QR code for PayPal.



Donate to SVDP Mt. Holly

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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 September 25, October 9, 23

Friday October 4, 18

It will continue following the same schedule.

All are welcome.

Please direct questions to Adele

609-668-8664 or Maridel 609-871-0222

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AIDES and EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION are needed throughout the Virtua Health hospitals in Burlington and Camden Counties. There are openings for trained lay visitors every day of the week. Following a training and orientation process, an Aide may donate two to four hours each week to visit patients, offering them friendship and spiritual comfort, prayer and Holy Communion. Our next Chaplaincy orientation class is October 16th and October 18th from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

To find out if volunteering is for you, please call or email for an information package with details of the training and the process to become a volunteer. For information in regards to volunteering at Virtua Burlington, Virtua Marlton, Virtua Mt. Holly and Virtua Voorhees, please contact Chaplain Janet Doyle, at 856-247-2729 or email jdoyle3@virtua.org

Come and See *Cabrini*



The Cabrini Project - a look at the life of St. Frances Cabrini - comes to a close on September 22nd when we will gather in the Sacred Heart Library at 3pm to see the recently released and highly acclaimed film, *Cabrini*, directed by Alejandro Monteverde.

Cabrini may prove to be one of the best movies of the decade. It is sensationally written, and inspiringly acted by Cristiana Dell'Anna, who perfectly embodied the zest, tenacity, love and indelible determination to be a missionary to her fellow immigrants of New York and America. It is artfully told with tremendously good cinematography, script, acting, editing and score. The scenes of turn-of-the-century New York (and even of the Vatican), transport you back to a time when immigrants were hated and discriminated against, children were easily orphaned by death and disaster, and there was little, if any, help or dignity for these urchins of America. But Mother Cabrini is a triumph by the way she stubbornly works to see that they are given dignity, clothes, food and a place to sleep away from the sewers and rats. The storyline proceeds to show the obstacles, hardship, and disdain which Cabrini surmounts.

Cabrini is a story that reminds us of what one person, guided by the love of Christ, can do to better the lives of all people. After we view *Cabrini*, our discussion should be very lively and spiritually uplifting.

Please RSVP if you plan on attending, please call me (Deacon Jim Casa) at 609.267.0209, ext. 305, and leave a message.

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The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary gave service to our school for many, many years. The Sisters are now inviting us to assist them by

contributing \$25.00 and purchasing a chance to be entered in many drawings from October 2024 through June 2025, 300 drawings \$50 to \$1000. You will also be remembered in a monthly Mass for benefactors and in the prayers of the IHM Sisters.

If you have not received your ticket in the mail, please contact Barb Stellwag, one of the faithful members of the Silver Circle, will be selling tickets from **now until October 7th**. Please call Barb if you would like to support this cause. Barb's phone number is **609-330-5304 or 609-702-1146**

Thank you for your kind support of the IHM Sisters



Travel Group News:

Coming up: We are pleased to have 2 Faith Based explorations trips in 2025. Please register early if interested: these are phenomenal Trips.

Rome 2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year May 14-May 22 2025!

And our new Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and Discovery with Barcelona November 2-11 2025.

Please call Terry Rensman 609-284-2517 with questions and reservation information.

Don't Delay, Our reservation deadlines will soon be approaching.

Also, I am looking for other areas and trips you may be interested in going to, We have opportunities to Help, let me know your dream trip.



Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House

84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501
 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!

All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

LIFE LESSONS FROM OUR MENTOR, THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

Tuesday, October 1 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Thérèse of Lisieux is widely known for her life of simple and practical holiness. Despite her popularity, however, many contemporary people are unfamiliar with her strikingly modern psychological and spiritual insights, and some may be inclined to dismiss her loving life as naïve or immature. They would be missing a treasure! In this retreat, we will look at how Thérèse mentors us on the way to emotional health and spiritual maturity from her own experience. With humor, honesty and confidence, Thérèse teaches us that the merciful God of the Gospel is always on our side. Donation: \$35, includes lunch. Zoom \$30

THE VIRTUE OF HOSPITALITY AND THE PRESENCE OF ANGELS

Wednesday, October 2 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

“Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.” Heb 13:2 What can we make of this quote from the Letter to the Hebrews? Why is hospitality so important? How can we live according to the virtue of hospitality... and why should we? Come - on this feast of the Guardian Angels - to explore these and other questions raised by this provocative quote. Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom: \$20

IN-PERSON ONLY

CELEBRATE ST. FRANCIS

Friday, October 4 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

We will have a wonderful celebration of St. Francis! We begin our day by viewing an inspiring film by Bishop Robert Barron on St. Francis. You will feel like you are in Assisi! We will spend some time outdoors, weather permitting, to enjoy the beauty of creation as Francis insists and conclude with the celebration of Liturgy and lunch. Donation: \$30, includes lunch.

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Living the Good News Today

“The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace.”

On September 1st, the *Season of Care for Creation* started. This celebration continues until the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th. The theme for this ecumenical event is *“To Hope and Act with Creation,”* inspired by St. Paul’s epistle to the Romans (8:19-25).

There are many ways that people can responsibly act with Creation:

- Simplify our lifestyles;
- Recycle materials responsibly;
- Be conscious of what causes pollution of air, land, and water and act now to protect the Earth better outcomes;
- Advocate for protection of the environment;
- Practice solidarity with developing nations so that they are not exploited by those who seek toxic access to their natural resources;
- Educate our young people to care for our planet as a gift from God.

The Scriptures are always a great source of inspiration for our prayer and our responsible actions in an interdependent world that respects life.

On the day after the World Day of Prayer for Creation (September 1st), Pope Francis embarked on a 12-day historical visit to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and Singapore. The pastoral needs at each location were different, but they all shared a common focus on how to promote fraternity within those countries and to live as peacemakers. This weekend, St. James tells the Christian community: *“And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.”*

It is worthwhile to observe how Pope Francis focused his trip. Shortly after his arrival and welcome by children in Indonesia, the Holy Father met with refugees and migrants supported by Jesuit Refugee Services, orphans being cared for by Dominican sisters, and sick and elderly people in the care of the Community of Sant’Egidio. Those visits laid the foundation for what was to follow during the rest of his visit: encountering Christ through *unity in diversity*, a central characteristic of the Indonesian Constitution.

Although Indonesia hosts the world’s largest Muslim population, their unity in diversity principle allows Catholics and Christians to live there as minority denominations. Pope Francis made it a priority to participate in an inter-religious meeting hosted by the Grand Imam of Jakarta, Nasaruddin Umar, on September 5th at the Istiqlal Mosque, one of the largest in Southeast Asia. On their website, Pax Christi International welcomed *“the Holy Father’s call to fight extremism and foster interreligious tolerance and social development.”* During that historic meeting, Pope Francis shared his vision of fraternal relationships:

“What really brings us closer is creating a connection in the midst of diversity, cultivating bonds of friendship, care and reciprocity. These relationships link us to others, allowing us to commit ourselves to seek the truth together, learning from the religious tradition of others, and coming together to meet our human and spiritual needs. They are also bonds that allow us to work together, to move forward together in pursuit of the same goals: defense of human dignity, the fight against poverty and the promotion of peace. Unity is born from personal bonds of friendship as well as mutual respect and defense of the ideas of others and their sacred spaces. May you always cherish this!”

Pope Francis was able to spotlight global attention on what is known there as the “Tunnel of Friendship,” connecting the Istiqlal Mosque with the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption in Jakarta. The tunnel is an enduring and strong symbol for encounter and mutual desire for shared fraternity.

In Papua New Guinea, the Holy Father’s visit focused on solidarity with the native people who were adversely affected by global climate change with numerous environmental disasters. The sickness of the Earth was his papal prayer intention for September.

The visit to Timor-Leste was an encounter with a country that has a 95% Catholic population, yet most of the residents live in one of the world’s poorest countries. The last pope to visit this country was Pope St. John Paul II 35 years ago. The Holy Father appealed to their government to act sustainably in the interests of the majority, offering them this theme: *“May your faith become your culture”* as a mantra for seeing peace and reconciliation after many years of atrocities done to the Timorese.

The papal visit concluded with a stop in Singapore, a highly diverse and affluent city-state with a Catholic minority community. Here, the Holy Father presented a motto of *“Unity and Hope”* as an invitation to all communities to persevere in interreligious dialogue and share their prosperity with their neighbors with compassion and solidarity. These visits remind us that the fruits of righteousness that lead to peace must be sown in peace from the bottom up. Individuals embrace the decision to be open to others, then build communities that care for the Earth and care for one another (the essential message of *Laudato Si’* encyclical).

During the Season of Creation, the bounty of summer moves to the changes of autumn, so wondrous a display of the beauty of what God has entrusted to be shared prudently with one another. As we behold the diversity of our world with renewed vision, let this fill us with wonder:

“The Lord sustains my life.”

Teresa S. Redder, OFS

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Good News Reflection

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2024

Pray: Jesus, help me serve you with the pure and humble heart of a child. Amen.

Year B

Wis 2:12,17-20

Ps 54:3-8

Jas 3:16 – 4:3

Mk 9:30-37

A True Disciple Takes Up His Cross and Follows Jesus, the Humble Servant.

Jesus tried to help His disciples understand the true nature of His kingdom. The people wanted to make Him king. He knew they hoped He would save them from civil turmoil and free them from Roman oppression. But Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God, not a worldly kingdom. He came to teach them about His Father's love and the reign of God's holy will in their hearts. He wanted to take their souls to an everlasting spiritual kingdom for those willing to follow Him, accept self-denial, and take up their crosses.

Jesus' disciples didn't understand, and couldn't yet accept, the truths He tried to tell them about His upcoming passion, the suffering He would bear, His crucifixion and death on the cross, and His resurrection. They didn't realize that Jesus is the Servant Lord and we, all His disciples, are to follow His example. We are called to be servants to others. We must suffer and die, and then, because of our Savior Jesus Christ, our souls will rise to eternal life. Christ's disciples would not understand all this completely until they received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Jesus found His disciples squabbling amongst themselves over rank and status, fussing over which one of them was the greatest. They were probably "counting their chickens before they hatched," as they dreamed of being part of the new King's inner circle. Jesus stopped all this when He used a child to show them that, in His Kingdom, true greatness comes from being last and serving all. Greatness is defined by humility, purity of intentions, and service to others. Those who love and follow Christ with the open, pure, and innocent heart of a child that is willing to trust and obey Him will be welcomed first in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus used a child to show that we must welcome and care for everyone, even those society sees as least important. Comparing ourselves to others only leads to jealousy, pride, and unhealthy ambition. God gives each of us unique gifts to serve others and do His will. The Holy Spirit can help us value ourselves and our gifts without competing with others.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What motivates you to serve others? How do you live out humility and service in your daily life?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How can we accept our crosses and help others bear theirs? How can our crosses be gifts in disguise?

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WEEKLY PLANNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY September 22nd
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am Mass, 9:30am Mass Live Stream
11:30am
The Cabrini Project 3pm LIB
PARISH HOUSE AND CHAPEL CLOSED

SUNDAY September 29th
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am Mass, 9:30am Mass Live Stream
11:30am
Sacred Heart School Open House
10:30am to 12:30pm
Columbiettes Fall Mums Sale
PARISH HOUSE AND CHAPEL CLOSED

MONDAY September 23rd
 Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am

MONDAY September 30th
 Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am

TUESDAY September 24th
 Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am
 SVDP Mtg. 7pm PHCR

TUESDAY October 1st
 Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am
 SVDP Mtg. 7:15pm PHCR
 Altar Rosery 7:15pm LIB

WEDNESDAY September 25th
 Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am Live Stream
 Legion of Mary Prayer in the Chapel 9:00am
 Bible Study 9:30am PHCR
 Daisy Troop 6pm PHMR
 SVDP Prayer Service & Potluck 6pm Church/AUD
 Bible Study 7:30pm PHCR

WEDNESDAY October 2nd
 Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am Live Stream
 Bible Study 9:30am PHCR
 Daisy Troop 6pm PHMR
 SVDP Prayer Service & Potluck 6pm Church/AUD
 Bible Study 7:30pm PHCR

THURSDAY September 26th
 Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am
 Legion of Mary Meeting 3:30pm PHCR
 Music Practice 5:30pm
 Boy Scouts 7pm to 8:30pm PHMR
 Adult Choir 7:30pm

THURSDAY October 3rd
 Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am
 Legion of Mary Meeting 3:30pm PHCR
 Music Practice 5:30pm
 Basketball 6:30pm AUD
 Boy Scouts 7pm to 8:30pm PHMR
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FRIDAY September 27th
 Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am
 SHS Student Council Dance AUD

FRIDAY October 4th
 Daily Mass
 7:00am, 8:30am School Liturgy
 Legion of Mary Prayer in the Chapel 9:00am

SATURDAY September 28th
 Daily Mass
 8:30am
 Confessions 9am
 4:30pm Vigil Mass
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