

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 11:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 pm

January 5, 2020 The Epiphany of the Lord

Marriages: This wonderful sacrament is a joyous time, but also a rewarding spiritual journey. While many focus on the day of the wedding, we seek that you both flourish the second day and beyond. We are happy to accompany you on your journey. The Bishops of NJ have adopted a policy to assist in this preparation. Engaged Encounter, Pre-Cana, or another approved marriage prep program, are required and individual visits with your priest or deacon will also assist you in your preparation. Couples should contact the Rectory one year in advance of the intended marriage, and before finalizing other details particularly reception facilities.

Baptisms: The Church shares the joy of families in the birth of children, and, with their parents takes seriously the responsibility of bringing them up in the faith. Parents seeking baptism for their children are to attend a Baptismal Prep Class. This can be arranged by calling the parish office. Godparents, those who represent the church in the life of the child, must be practicing Catholics, if they are married, they must have been married in the Church, practice the faith regularly, and must obtain a sponsor certificate from their home parish. Please choose Godparents with these criteria in mind.

Anointing of the Sick: This sacrament is given for those facing serious illness or surgery, and for those of advanced years. If you or a family member is planning to enter the hospital, please see one of the priests following Mass or call the rectory if you would like to receive this sacrament.

Funerals: Please call the Rectory

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 5, 2020

Saturday, January 4th, Vigil Mass
5:15 James and May O'Brien
 From the Hoffman/Harrison Families

Sunday, January 5th, Epiphany Of The Lord
8:00 AM For Our Parishioners
9:15 AM Thomas Vanderspurt
 From Grandson, Cortland
 Frank Lanuto
 From his Family
11:30 AM Matthew Powell
 From Jim and Barb Turro
 Jason Byrne
 From Connie White

Monday, January 6th, Saint Andre' Bessette
8:30 AM Edward Cupoli
 From Arthur Condon

Tuesday, January 7th, Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest
8:30 AM Marcella Hickey
 From Arthur Condon

Wednesday, January 8th
8:30 AM Thomas Dailey
 From his Wife

Thursday, January 9th
8:30 AM Bill Harrison & Bob Hoffman
 From Arthur Condon

Friday, January 10th
8:30 AM Joseph Byrne
 From Connie White

Saturday, January 11th
8:30 AM Jean Turro
 From the Staff of Sacred Heart

NEXT WEEKEND-JANUARY 12, 2020

Saturday, January 11th, Vigil Mass
5:15 PM John Sevak
 From Ron and Lorraine Schultz

Sunday, January 12th, BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:00 AM Patrick Crowley
 From Marie Cronin Hull & Bob Hull
9:15 AM Tracy Hart
 Kristine, Emily, Casey & Connor Brown
11:30 AM Thomas Ricca
 From the Tawgin Family
 Sharon O'Meara
 From Pat Fahmie Werdann

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Daily Mass: Monday—Saturday 8:30 AM
Rosary: Before the 8:30 AM Daily Mass
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:15 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:30 AM
Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday of month 9:00 AM
Confession: Saturday 4:30 PM
Prayer Group: Tuesday 9:00 AM
Divine Mercy
AA Meeting Wednesdays (Parish Hall) 7:00 PM
Breakfast Club 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month after
 8:30 AM Mass
Respect Life 2nd Thursday of each month 3:30 PM
Rosary Altar/Holy Name 3rd Tuesday of each month 7:10 AM

LOOSE CHECK USERS

If you use a loose check as a donation, kindly add your parishioner number in the memo section of your check. If you do not know your number you can call the parish office and we will be glad to supply you with it. Thank you so much!



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION

The next Baptismal Preparation session will be February 3rd at 7PM in the Parish Hall. To register, please call the parish office at 732-899-1398. All families who have not attended a prior class are requested to attend and are asked to invite god-parents.



“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”
 - Teresa of Avila

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Contributions	St. Pio		Sacred Heart	
	This Past Week	Last Year	This Past Week	Last Year
Weekend of Dec 21/22				
Church	\$ 4,337	\$ 4,517	\$ 6,864	\$ 5,951
Online	\$ 855	\$ 250	\$ 233	\$ 188
Total	\$ 5,192	\$ 4,767	\$ 7,097	\$ 6,139

“Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”



2 Corinthians 9:6

From Fr. Joe:

Here is a traditional Epiphany house blessing you can use to bless your family home using holy water:

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.
Blessed be God forever.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way.> When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

Intercessions are then said:

The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

After the intercessions all present pray the Lord's Prayer and bless the door and home with holy water:

Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house
and all who inhabit it.

Fill them (us) with the light of Christ,
that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

Conclude the rite with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us,
keep us from all harm,
and make us one in mind and heart,
now and forever.

R/. Amen.

End the blessing with a suitable song, for example,

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*





CHRIST HAS APPEARED AMONG US. COME, LET US ADORE HIM. THE PRECIOUS GIFTS WHICH THE MAGI BROUGHT TO THE LORD THIS DAY ARE THREEFOLD, AND THEY ARE SIGNS OF DIVINE MYSTERIES. BY GOLD THE POWER OF THE KING IS SIGNIFIED, BY FRANKINCENSE HIS GREAT PRIESTHOOD, BY MYRRH THE BURIAL OF THE LORD. THE MAGI WORSHIPPED THE AUTHOR OF OUR SALVATION IN THE CRIB, AND OF THEIR TREASURES THEY BROUGHT TO HIM GIFTS OF MYSTIC NATURE.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY GHOST. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

LET US PRAY. O GOD, BY THE LEADING OF A STAR THOU DIDST MANIFEST THINE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON TO THE GENTILES ON THIS DAY; MERCIFULLY GRANT THAT WE WHO KNOW THEE BY FAITH, MAY BE BROUGHT TO CONTEMPLATE THE BEAUTY OF THY MAJESTY. THROUGH THE SAME JESUS CHRIST THY SON. ALLELUIA.

NOW THERE APPEARED A BRILLIANT STAR WHICH LED THE WISE MEN FROM AFAR. THEY CAME AND, KNEELING DOWN, ADORED AND OFFERED GIFTS TO CHRIST, THE LORD.

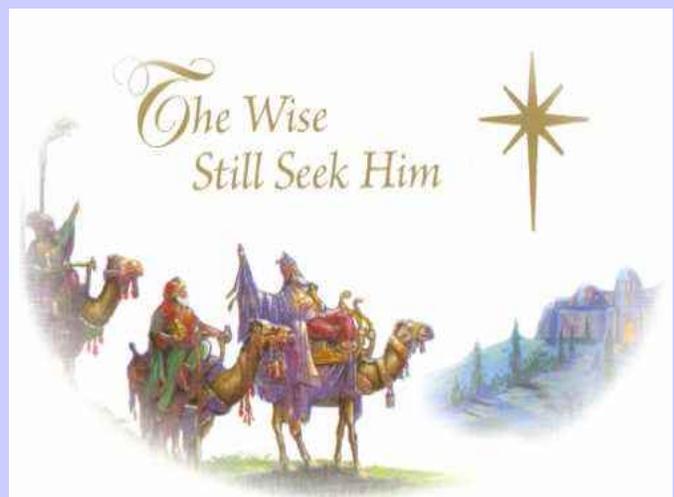
GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE, FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine had passed since his conception, was born or the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man.

May you blessed with a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

Your comments are requested!
Please Email the Respect Life Committee at
shrcbh@comcast.net





A bus will be leaving from St. Martha Church,
Pt. Pleasant at 7:00 am sharp.
Mass will be celebrated at 6:30am

\$10.00 donation requested

Refreshments will be served on the bus, bring your own lunch.
A stop will be made at the Golden Coral for
dinner on the way home.

Please contact Ellen at 732-899-7322 by Jan 20th

Please show support for God's most precious gift –LIFE!

THE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

We pray for all of you, our own intentions and all prayer requests.

If you would like to give us a prayer request please call

732-892-4052

*Or you may call the parish office or see one of us in Church after
the 8:30 am Mass.*

You are welcome to join us!!



**COMING TO SACRED HEART CHURCH
-TUESDAYS -JANUARY 28TH-MARCH 31ST
7:00 PM—Msgr. Casey Hall**

**Sign up for this Financial Peace University
Group today!**

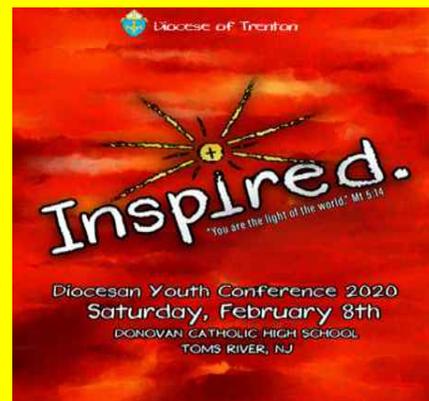


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If questions contact:

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**All teens are invited to join us for this great day that will offer
every participant the chance to hear God's call for them and
connect with other young Catholics from beyond their parish
or school!**

**The day will be filled with joy!
Conclude with Mass celebrated by
Bishop David M. O'Connell**

HOLY NAME MONTHLY 50/50 CLUB

Sponsored by Sacred Heart Church is open to all parishioners and visitors. The monthly drawing is held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. \$60.00 gives you (12) chances to win. Make your check payable to Sacred Heart 200 Club and return to the parish office. **December** winner is Henry Wrublewski #186-**\$465.00**-Congratulations!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

NEED A GIFT FOR SOME WHO HAS EVERYTHING??

Give an entry into the Holy Name Society 50/50 \$60.00 for 12 months.

Birthday, Anniversary, any occasion you need a gift for!

*12 chances to win!
Help us support local charities in our area!
See above for entry form*



SAINT PETER SCHOOL

Please donate to St. Peter School this holiday season!

Help needy children have access to a Catholic Education!

BAPTISM BLESSINGS!

God Bless...

Vail Marie Callahan

Baptized at Sacred Heart on December 28th

Through water and the word you have become a child of God and are sealed as Christ's own forever



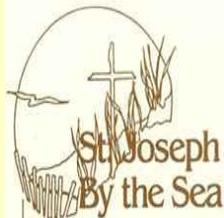
Vincent's Legacy, the SVdP/Trenton Council Furniture ministry is launching its new fundraising initiative

“Handbags to Help.”

Since 2010, our furniture ministry has served 500+ families, providing \$600,000+ worth of furniture and household goods in addition to \$250,000+ in value of volunteer hours.

Please consider donating your gently used designer handbags to help us continue to help others.

Contact: handbags.to.help@svdptrenton.org for more information



January 31-February 2, 2020 - COME TO THE QUIET – A SILENT RETREAT - Come and experience the shore in all its winter beauty! This weekend has been set aside for those desiring time alone with God. This retreat offers time for reflection; Eucharistic Liturgy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be included. Arrival: 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenters: Staff and Visiting Directors) Cost: \$225

February 21-23, 2020 – FORGIVENESS – The need for forgiveness is rooted in well being. The journey to forgiveness will be explored through the stages of Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression and Acceptance accompanied by prayer, discussion and lectures. Mass included. Arrival: 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenters: Sr. Lucy Battistuz, MPF, MS, RE and Patricia Rainer, BA, ASLF) Cost: \$225

March 19, 2020 - HONORING ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER - In honor of our patron St. Joseph, the staff cordially invites you to join us at Liturgy as we celebrate this special day. We will pray for peace and healing for ourselves and for our world. Please call to register by March 16. Refreshments and Blessed Bread after the program. Arrival: 10:30 a.m. - (Mass: 11:00 a.m.) - Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenters: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF and Sr. Dolores Bianchi, MPF) Donation

March 27-29, 2020 – FOOTSTEPS IN THE GARDEN – Do you ever wonder what God is doing and has done in your life even without your help? In scripture, God says, “You will be like a watered garden.” (Is 58:11-12) The blooms in the garden of life take root in the silence. Although the garden needs tending and harvesting, often in our busyness, we miss the beauty that comes on its own and the footsteps of the One who scatters seeds of hope. This weekend offers you time to explore the gardens of your life. Light supper served on Friday, March 27 at 5:30 pm Mass included. Arrival: 4:00-5:00 pm/Departure: 11:00 am (Presenters: Paulette Cicero, M.Th., CSD, and Ellen Murphy, CSD) Cost: \$235

March 27, 2019 - WHY ARE YOU CRYING? - On the way to Calvary, Jesus said little and the Gospels offer only a few details. Come for a day to use your imagination as we walk the way of the cross in the form of Christ speaking from his heart. Lunch and Mass included. Arrival: 9:00 a.m. / Departure: 2:30 p.m. (Presenter: Paulette Cicero, M.Th., CSD) Cost: \$50

Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2019

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.



SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Though her liturgical designation is "Religious," Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also wife, mother, educator, foundress. Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William's tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family's disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: "Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!"



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. André Bessette
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas



They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
— *Matthew 2:11b*