

# Church of the Sacred Heart

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

## Weekend Celebrants:

Fr. Kevin P. Ashe

## Masses:

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

## Confessions:

Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 PM



## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23rd 2018

**Marriages:** This great sacrament of vocation is a joyous time, but also a time of very serious spiritual preparation. The responsibility assumed by the couple and the Church is significant. While many focus on the day of the wedding, we seek to prepare for the second day and beyond. The Bishops of NJ have adopted a policy to assist in this preparation. Attendance at Engaged Encounter, Pre-Cana, or another approved marriage prep program, and individual sessions with a priest or deacon are required of all couples. Couples should contact the Rectory one year in advance of the intended marriage, and before finalizing other detail 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 Baptismal Prep Class. This can be arranged by calling the parish office. Parents should be registered members of the parish. 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23rd, 2018

**Saturday, December 22nd, Vigil Mass**  
5:15 PM The Reckage/Pontonski Families  
Fr. Doug

**Sunday, December 23rd, Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Sauers Family  
Msgr. Phil From Tom and Roberta Uber  
9:15 AM James Brenna  
Fr. Ashe From Mel Van Pelt and Family  
11:30 AM Frank Vasaturo and Helene Duda  
Msgr. Zaccardo From Helene and John DeFilippis

**Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve**  
4:00 PM Kennedy and Vanderspurt Families  
Fr. Ashe From Tom Vanderspurt  
8:00 PM Carolan C. Sommer  
Fr. Doug From Mary Ellen Beaton

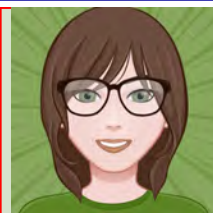
**Tuesday, December 25th, The Nativity of the Lord**  
9:15 AM Deceased Members of  
Fr. Doug The Czarnocki Family  
11:30 AM Louis Rinaldi  
Fr. Doug From His Wife  
Christina and David DeVoll—Wedding  
From Mom Anniversary

**Wednesday, December 26th, St. Stephen, First Martyr**  
8:30 AM Louis Rinaldi  
From His Wife

**Thursday, December 27th, St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**  
8:30 AM The Rev. Robert Beloin  
The Smith Family

**Friday, December 28th, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  
8:30 AM Thomas J. White  
From His Wife  
Peg and Harry Getcliffe  
From Ellen and Ray Sitko

**Saturday, December 29th, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**  
8:30 AM Jack Allen  
From Eileen Rinaldi



*The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 24th thru Wednesday December 26th and will reopen on Thursday, December 27th.*

*Merry Christmas! Blessings, Ginny*

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.*

*Luke 2:11*



## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION

The next Baptismal Preparation Session will be January 7th 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.



## NEXT WEEKEND

DECEMBER 30, 2018

**Saturday, December 29th Vigil Mass**  
5:15 PM Carolan Sommer  
Fr. Ashe From Anne Kennard

**Sunday, December 30th, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
8:00 AM Kathy McFeat Engelhardt & Joseph  
Fr. Doug From The Beaton Family  
9:15 AM George Ippolito  
Fr. Ashe From The Tullo Family  
11:30 AM James W. McCourt  
Msgr. Zaccardo From The McCourt Family



*Fr. Doug, the Clergy and Staff of Sacred Heart Church  
Wish you all the blessings of Christmas!*

## 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
Respect Life	Last Thursday of Month	3:30 PM
Divine Mercy		
Prayer Group	Tuesdays	9:00 AM
Breakfast Club	2nd & 4th Saturday after 8:30 am Mass	

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 8th -(Immaculate Conception) \$977.00  
December 9th— \$5,006.00  
Retired Religious-\$2005.00

Please remember Sacred Heart Church in your last will and testament. Thank you for your support.





*From Father Doug:*

As we make the last touches on holiday preparations the excitement builds. It is such a special time of the year, with friends and family, the giving and receiving of gifts, and at the center is the greatest gift, our Blessed Lord. We naturally look back to Christmases past, hoping in some way that this will be the perfect celebration.

I am very grateful for all that has been done for others this Advent Season. The gifts for the giving trees for both parishes, will add great cheer to some for whom Christmas might otherwise be a lonely time. Anonymous gifts have been given, some in thanks for blessings received, others have given food, many have given time to activities in CCD and in both parishes.

It is good to remember why we do what we do. It is all, as the angels first sang, our way of adoring the newborn King. It is our way of bringing our gifts before the crib, the offering back of what has been given to us in thanks and love. Much has happened in the last year in each of our lives. We all celebrate in our own way, and I have tried to respect as many of your traditions as possible this Christmas. Part of the challenge presented by our Lord is that we are all on a journey, moving forward, as the Kings who came to him continued on in their journeys, changed by the encounter to be sure, We all move on, even when we might wish to stay where we are just a little bit longer.

I hope this Christmas is for each of you a time of remembering, but also looking forward, for each of the guests at the manger went forward into the world to share what they had seen and felt. May it be the same for you this week. Come and see. Then go and tell.

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**



*God bless  
Jon Alexander Karnick  
Baptized on December 15th*

*And*

*Robert Joseph Jensen  
&  
Magdalena Rose Chyb  
Baptized on December 16th*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you safe.  
Take your hand when need be  
And fill your heart with his love.*

### **ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP**

#### **DINNER**

**January 1st**

**1:00 PM—4:00 PM Msgr.**

**Casey Hall**

If you can donate a cooked Turkey Breast or side dish such as stuffing or sweet/mashed potatoes and/or can donate your time or monetary donation it would be greatly appreciated!

Donations can be made out to Sacred Heart Church .

Please contact John Paglione at 732-598-1590 or email

[pags711@aol.com](mailto:pags711@aol.com)

**Please help us with this great community event!**



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

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

**A Savior is born unto you!  
Rejoice and be glad.**

Your comments are requested! Please Email the Respect Life Committee at [SHRCBH@comcast.net](mailto:SHRCBH@comcast.net) or fax us at 732-899-2233.





**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. October winner is Frances Costello #84 for \$447.50—Congratulations!!

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**SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS**

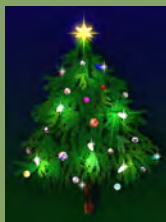
**Christmas Candle**-Placed in the center of the Advent Wreath to complete the removal of darkness and sin by the coming of Christ.

**Lights of Christmas**-signify that Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.



**Window Lights**-placed inside window sill depict a beacon to light the way for Mary, Joseph, and the coming of the Christ Child.

**Christmas Tree**-symbolizes the green of hope at a time of dying, the burning light of Christ at a time of spiritual darkness and the fruits of paradise.



**Holly**-is a representative of the burning bush of Moses and Mary's love of for God. The red berries and prickly points are symbolic of the crown of thorns and the bloody death that The Christ Child would eventually suffer.



**Poinsettia**- associated with Christmas as the lily is with Easter. In Mexico it blooms only at Christmas time and is called "Flower of the Holy Night."

**Baby Jesus and the**  
**Tabby Cat**

The baby Jesus was shivering in the manger, a small tabby cat, knew what needed to be done. She leaped into the manger and cuddled next to the baby Jesus and began to purr. It was the sweetest lullaby imaginable. The baby Jesus stopped shivering and drifted off to sleep.



In her gratitude to the tabby cat, Mary marked her own initial "M" upon the tabby's forehead so that tabby cats would forever remind the world of how a humble cat had comforted the newborn baby Jesus.

**PRAYER FOR FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT**

*Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is savior of us all.*

*O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light all candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.*

*May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.*



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018**



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent, December 22 and 23**  
Sacred Heart Church | St. Pio Church  
Vigil 5:15pm | Vigil 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:00, 9:15, 11:30am | Sunday 8:00 and 10:30am

***Masses of Christmas***

**Vigil of Christmas**  
Sacred Heart Church | St. Pio Church  
4:00pm and 8:00pm | 5:00pm

**Christmas Morning**  
Sacred Heart Church | St. Pio Church  
9:15 and 11:30am | 10:30am

**December 29 and 30**  
Sacred Heart Church | St. Pio Church  
Vigil 5:15pm | Vigil 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:00, 9:15, 11:30am | Sunday 8:00 and 10:30am

**Solemnity of Mary, January 1, 2019**  
(a Holy Day of Obligation)  
Sacred Heart Church | St. Pio Church  
Day: 8:30am | Vigil: 5:00pm

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **DECEMBER 23RD, 2018**

### **MEMORIES AND DREAMS**

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure traveling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

### **O COME, LONG FORETOLD**

O come, Desired of nations,  
Whom priest and prophet long foretold

Will break the captive fetters,  
Redeem the long-lost fold.

Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.



## **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

**Gospel** — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).



### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: Vigil of Christmas

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord  
(Christmas)

Wednesday: St. Stephen; Thursday:  
St. John

Friday: The Holy Innocents

Saturday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity  
of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

