

# Sacred Heart Church



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Office Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9:00am - 5:00pm (Closed for Lunch 12:00pm-1:00pm)

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)

## Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. John P. Czahur ext. 308

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. 9:00am – 2:00pm

### Fall Program Class Times

Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday: 5:30pm to 6:45pm

Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bulletins@parishofsacredheart.org)

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - April 9<sup>th</sup>

**MONDAY**

7:00am **Mrs. Eleanor MacMahon** Req. By Jim & Dottie Westlake

8:30am **The Special Intentions of Alice Farkas** Req. By Joanne Sage

**TUESDAY**

7:00am **Daniel Sulpizio** Req. By The Romano Family

8:30am **Desmond O’Keeffe** Req. By John, Janet, and Maureen

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00am **Joan Kahuila** Req. By Yodi & Bill Langan

8:30am **Umeh Muomah** Req. By His Family

**THURSDAY**

7:00am **Eleanor MacMahon** Req. By The Schmid Family

8:30am **Anna Odell** Req. By Joan Tolmayer

**FRIDAY**

7:00am **Marlane DeMara** Req. By Nancy Reid

8:30am **The Special Intentions of Richard & Joan Langan** Req. By Yodi & Bill Langan

**SATURDAY**

8:30AM **Dorothy McClosky** Req. By Jim & Dottie Westlake

**Dr. Conrad Salita** Req. By The Reyes Family

4:30pm **Caitan Rodrigues** Req. By Allwyn & Sandra Mascarenhas

**SUNDAY**

7:30am **Leo Gillis, Sr.** Req. By Dave & Rita Gillis

9:30am **Julia Dimaano** Req. By Christopher & Francis Grupico and Family

11:30am **Jeanne Livingston** Req. By Her Family

7:00pm **The People of the Parish**

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



*Will Burn For the Special Intentions of:  
Cindy Steward*

**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:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;  
Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;  
Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;  
Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**Weekly 3/25 – 3/26 \$ 12, 712.88**

**Catholic Relief Services \$ 1,269.00**

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

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> **9:00am – 9:30am**  
**and 3:30 – 4:00pm**

Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> **Parish Penance Service**  
**7:00pm**

**The Garden Experience**

Share in the experience of prayer in the Garden with Jesus. On Holy Thursday following the Mass of the Lord’s Supper we will present the Garden Experience. “Watch and Pray” with Jesus. Listen as we hear the stories of Mary, Joseph, the woman with the hemorrhage and more tell of their relationship with Him. The Garden Experience is a beautiful way to prayerfully end the Holy Thursday Liturgy followed by Adoration and Night Prayer until Midnight. If you would be interested in reading a part for the Garden Experience, please call Merry Marcellino at 702-1848 extension 305. There are 17 parts that need to be filled. (7 male, 2 female and 8 either male or female)

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Dear Parishioners,

The liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday Night are the most important of the entire year. Through these services we celebrate our own dying and rising in the Lord. Please refer to the schedule below and make plans to gather with us in worship and prayer, as we commemorate the great mystery of our redemption.

Father John

**HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS**

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00am - 9:30am and  
3:00pm – 3:30pm

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm– 5:30pm

Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 9:30am

Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm–12:30pm

Note that confessions will *not* be available

Good Friday or Holy Saturday:

*The dates & times above will be the last opportunity for confessions before Easter.*

**HOLY WEEK**



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**The Sacred Triduum**

**HOLY THURSDAY (April 13<sup>th</sup>)**

8:30am Morning Prayer  
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Following Mass – The Garden Experience  
Eucharistic Adoration until midnight (Night Prayer at 11:45pm)

**GOOD FRIDAY (April 14<sup>th</sup>)**

8:30am Morning Prayer  
11:00am Stations of the Cross (Sacred Heart Cemetery)  
12:00PM Ecumenical Service  
3:00pm The Lord's Passion – Veneration of the Cross and distribution of Holy Communion  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY (April 15<sup>th</sup>)**

8:30am Morning Prayer  
11:00am Blessing of Easter food  
8:00pm Solemn Easter Vigil

**No confessions or 4:30pm Mass**



**EASTER SUNDAY (April 16<sup>th</sup>)**

7:30am MASS - Church  
9:30am MASS – Church & Auditorium  
11:30am MASS – Church & Auditorium  
(NO EVENING MASS)



**The Parish Office will be closed from Good Friday until Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**There will be no Eucharistic Adoration Holy Thursday through Easter Monday. The Chapel of the Two Hearts will reopen on Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

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**THE SEASON OF LENT**

During the holy season of Lent, from Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, to Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, you are strongly encouraged to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion, to receive the Sacrament of Penance, to attend Lenten devotions and the Stations of the Cross, to read the Scriptures prayerfully, and to perform acts of self-denial and works of mercy.

**PRAYER:**

Daily Mass is celebrated at 7am & 8:30am. Weekend Mass and Confession times can be found on the front of the bulletin.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena is held every Wednesday at 7:15pm in the chapel. Stations of the Cross are held at 4pm & 7pm every Friday during the Lenten Season. Eucharistic Adoration is Monday through Friday from 9am to 9pm in the Parish House Chapel.

**FASTING:**

The days of fast and abstinence are ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY. The other Fridays of Lent are DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.

**ALMSGIVING:**

Give of your time, talent and treasure. Donations of canned or boxed food to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry can be made by placing the items in the collection bins in the vestibule of the church. Monetary donations are accepted at the Parish House or you may mail them to The Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Fridays during Lent Stations of the Cross will be held at 4:00pm and 7:00pm in the Church.**  
**LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**  
**MONDAY, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm**

Following a brief prayer service and examination of conscience, priests from around the region will be available to hear private confessions.

A general absolution will not be given.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Connie Vazquez, Vinnie Vazquez-Garcia, Paisley Trojanowski, Bobby Sumanga, Freddie J. Faber, III, Megan Dezur, Arleen Bishop, Matthew Ottenwess, Talia Rosko, Martin O'Connor, Tracy & Erica Schwab, Matthew McDonald, Lenore Scatuorchio, Kristal Faber, Alice Farkas, Justin Beckett, Robert Lally, Tonya DeMaio, Olga Aponte, McKenzie Hunter, Gail Reilly, Alva Marino, Paul J. Marcinko, Fred Zimmer, Wayne Potts, Stephanie Martin, Pat Adornetto, Corey Kaiser, Baby Stella Grundahl, Rebecca Bozarth, Matthew Wernoch, Kay Weiss, Maria Wolfe, Casey Davitt, Fredrick Naphys, Margaret Brock, Herbert Cucuini, Daniel Toussaint, Baby Zoey Reed, Mason Damico, Lynn Kellogg, David McCoy, Lois Pedrick, John Rubino, George Sampson, Evan Martinez, Trey Nieves, Gisela Harrell, Camila Doris Perez, Annabelle Ochipinti, Loretta Minakee, Patricia Parker, Sabrina Kaiser, Wilma Peterson, Christine, Morgan Ackerman, Celeste Bunn, Tom Polinski, Raymond Bishop, Jenny Hand, Patricia O'Connor, George Schneider, Marie Donahue, Peggy Stewart, Dylan Crespo, Doris Gallo, Sharon Carroll, Teddy Smith, Arthur Netti, Clara Hynes, Don Hartman, Mary Hartman, Daniel DeMaio, Frank Anton, 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:**

L.Cpl. Noah Stimiloski U.S.M.C.  
Capt. Robert J. Boccio, U.S.A.F  
Michael Bakker, Isaac Paredes  
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  
Sgt. Russell Norton, NG Army  
Cpl. Marshall Norton, U.S.M.C  
Corporal Maxwell Hughes, U.S.M.C  
Lt. Matthew Carr, U.S.M.C  
Lt. Victoria Holbert, U.S.M.C

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### Parish Penance Service

You are invited to experience the forgiveness that only Our Lord can offer you. Come and celebrate the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Gather with other “struggling saints” as we share in a Reconciliation Service to be held at our parish church on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. Join in prayer, scripture, an examination of conscience and the opportunity to encounter Jesus through the compassion of one of our many priests from our diocese who will be there to celebrate the sacrament. Take advantage of this opportunity to gather in His presence.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marge McGinley, our Pastoral Administrator and for the gift she has been to all of us over these last 26 years on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm followed by dinner in the auditorium.** She will be retiring at the end of May. All are invited! You may drop off your well wishes or email them to Merry and also if you wish to RSVP please email Merry @ [ministry@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:ministry@parishofsacredheart.org) or call 609-267-0209 x 305. You can also go to our bulletin on the website [parishofsacredheart.org](http://parishofsacredheart.org) and click on the Save the Date link to RSVP.

### Blue Mass

Join the Diocese of Trenton at our 18th annual Diocesan Mass in Celebration of Law Enforcement celebrating the dedication of those men and women who, by serving in various agencies of law enforcement, sacrifice a great deal to provide for the safety of our communities.  
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017  
Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Location: Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption  
151 N. Warren & Perry Street  
Trenton, New Jersey  
For information, visit [www.bluemass.org](http://www.bluemass.org).



### The Feast of the Divine Mercy; April 23, 2017

We are celebrating the Feast of the Divine Mercy here at Sacred Heart Parish with a novena devotion praying the chaplet of the Divine Mercy starting Good Friday through the 1st Sunday of Easter. Everyone is invited to join in this novena.

### Divine Mercy Week

April 14 – April 23<sup>rd</sup>

### NOVENA SCHEDULE:

April 14 – After the 3:00PM Good Friday Service, we will gather in the Chapel  
April 15 – After 8:30 Morning Prayer -Chapel  
April 16 - After 11:30 Mass in the Church  
April 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, - After the 8:30 Mass in the Church  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Divine Mercy Sunday at 3:00 PM in the Church. Benediction follows ending novena.  
Please come and join us in celebrating the Feast of the Divine Mercy. For questions please call Deacon William Rowley c/o Merry Marcellino 609-702-1848 ext. 305

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR **EASTER MISSION – May 8, 9, 10**

Our Mission Leader will be Sister Bridget Haase, an Ursuline Sister, author, speaker, and storyteller.  
Sister Bridget, who has written the following books: “Doors to the Sacred: Everyday events as Hints of the Holy,” “Generous Faith: Stories to inspire Abundant Living,” “Enkindled,” “Life is a Gift.”

The theme of the mission will be *“Walking the Path of Faith: God’s Power, Providence, and Presence in our lives.”* Sister Bridget will be speaking to all of us on the weekend prior to the mission May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at all of our Masses. Set the evenings of May 8, 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> aside and celebrate that Our Lord has risen!

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SERRA VOCATION PRAYER  
CHALICE



**Prayer for Vocations**

Jesus, High Priest and Redeemer forever, we beg you to call young men and women to your service as priests and religious. May they be inspired by the lives of dedicated Priests, Brothers and Sisters. Give to parents the grace of generosity and trust toward you and their children so that their sons and daughters may be helped to choose their vocations in life with wisdom and freedom.

Lord, you told us that *the harvest indeed is great but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.* We ask that we may know and follow the vocation to which you have called us. We pray particularly for those called to serve as Priests, Brothers and Sisters; those whom you have called, those you are calling now, and those you will call in the future. May they be open and responsive to the call of serving your people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**The Altar Rosary Society needs a few extra hands** – Perhaps you have heard the saying, “Many hands make light the work.” Well, there are many small altar linens that are used at our Masses. These linens are ironed so they look neat and clean during our Masses and there are many volunteers that make that happen. Turn on a good TV show, put up the ironing board and the iron and before you know it, you’ve ironed enough cloths for the week. We could use your help as little as once a month. For more details please call Carol Ward at (609)267-4811. Your Church family needs you!



**I Am the Resurrection and the Life**

The theme of death and resurrection appears in all of today’s readings. In the raising of Lazarus from the dead we see Jesus’ emotional involvement. There is a glimpse into the tenderness of His humanity: “...And Jesus wept...”

The Lazarus story appears in John’s Gospel shortly before Jesus is captured, tried, and executed. The raising of Lazarus from the dead is the event that most directly results in Jesus’ condemnation by those who were seeking to kill him.

As we come closer to Passion Sunday and Holy Week, Let us take time to assess where we are today in our Lenten journey. Have we spent time in prayer, in fasting, in alms giving?

**The SVDP Pantry is in need of the following:**

Jelly, Canned Soup, Canned Fruit, Tuna, Baked Beans, and Canned Vegetables. If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks payable to:

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL**  
**Thank you!**

**Saint Joan of Arc Marlton**

Awakening the Brain – Saturday, April 29, 2017  
10:00 to 2:00

We will have Dr. Charlotte Tomaino, PhD, with us on April 29<sup>th</sup> to lead us through an Awakening of our Brains to the Fruits of the Year of Mercy. We will understand the brain functions we can control and how to do it. We can learn to listen and act from our hearts and souls to reduce stress, enhance physical wellness and stay smart in challenging times. Join us in Pedata Hall after the 9AM Mass for coffee and bagels. Bring your lunch with something to drink and take advantage of this special opportunity to grow both physically and spiritually.

The cost of the day is \$10.00.

Registration: Please send your name, phone number and email address if you have one with a check for \$10.00 made out to St. Joan of Arc to Mary Bernard, 206 Shalstone Lane, Marlton, NJ 08053. by April 15, 2017. If you have any questions, contact Mary at [webernards@comcast.net](mailto:webernards@comcast.net) or call 856-596-3227.

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**The Acies 2017**

**April 2, 2017**

2:00 Procession

2:30 Opening Prayers & Rosary

3:00pm Mass / Consecration to Our Lady

Followed by Fellowship / Dinner in the Auditorium

The Acies, the most important Annual Function of the Legion of Mary, is a ceremony in which Active and Auxiliary members renew their fidelity “to Jesus through Mary” and rededicate themselves to another year of service and prayer.

The Legion of Mary was founded in 1921 in Dublin, Ireland, and began at Sacred Heart Church in 1964. The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of it’s members developed by prayer and active Co-operation in Our Blessed Mother and the Church’s work.

For more information on the Legion of Mary, or the Acies Celebration, please call Kimberly Smith, President-Legion of Mary, Sacred Heart at 609-9633-5984 or Adele Beauvais, Vice President-Legion of Mary, Sacred Heart at 609-668-8664

All Are Welcome

**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](mailto: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**

Got Game?

We are looking for basketball players !!! Come show off your basketball skillz and help support our 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Sacred Heart School Presents

*Hoopz Jam*

An 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser

Grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> are welcome

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

In the Auditorium

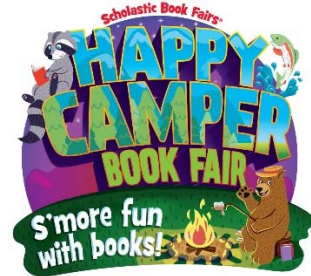
Price \$15 per family or \$10 per person

General Admission \$5

For Questions contact:

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Rachael Schein: [rachel832@comcast.net](mailto:rachel832@comcast.net)



The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library from **April 3rd - April 7th**. The Fair will be open on **Tuesday the 4th for our Family Night from 2:30-8:00pm**. All parish members are welcome to stop by and join us! Time will also be made available after school on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:00pm.

Sacred Heart School Presents

**LITERACY  
SHOWCASE &  
STORY HOUR**

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP  
YOUR CHILD LOVE TO READ!

Books available! See techniques in action that  
will keep your child engaged in reading!

Tuesday, April 4th  
6-8pm in the Sacred Heart School Library  
250 High Street Mount Holly, NJ



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**ISN'T KNOWLEDGE A WONDERFUL THING!!**

**“Do you love me?”**

There's a story about a woman who lived in a lovely home with a very faithful and committed husband. As she was preparing dinner one day it occurred to her that her husband hardly ever said the words “I love you.” As the recipe was long and tedious she had more time to think. She began to realize that she never heard her husband tell someone else how much he loved her. Hmm she thought to herself perhaps I need to ask him.

So the story continues that at dinner that evening over that delicious meal she had prepared she popped the question. “Honey, do you love me? The reason I ask is because I don't often hear those words come out of your mouth.” We can all imagine that moment – the man is racing through his mind deciding just which words to choose in this moment.

“Dear you should know that I love you – I bring home a nice paycheck and I give it right over to you. I'm home every night. I'm faithful to you. I do exactly what you ask.” She responded, “Oh, I'm grateful for all those things.” “Do you ever tell anyone about how much you love me?” The husband is now staring at his plate trying to figure out that perfect loving response. “Dear, why must I speak about my love for you to you or to anyone else?” The woman thought about it and simply responded, “It is not absolutely essential honey but it would certainly delight me.”

Speaking about our love of Jesus is often similar to this story for many Catholics. We do love Jesus, however many of our saints and our tradition speak of loving God “with the sweat of our brow,” or use as few words as possible, just “see Christ” in those we meet. So over the years we, as Catholics, tend not to speak of the great love we find in our relationship with God and with our Church. Although so many saints

spoke of silence – there obviously were many who proclaimed Jesus or we would not have the Catholic faith spread throughout the world. Perhaps today's readings are a bit of a challenge to come forth from the grave of silence and begin to share with others who we are as Catholics in Christ. Of course, before any of us can do that we must “untie” those things that limit our sharing of our faith. Do we know why we come to church on Sunday and other days to gather in worship or do we do that because we were raised that way? Are we aware that God loves us literally to the ends of the earth so much so that he waits for us every day to simply experience how He is involved in our lives? Bond with Our Lord as you journey through your day. He really is interested in every single “hair on your head.” As we hang around with Jesus throughout our daily lives we will begin to see Him in our lives and we will find ourselves lifting our hearts, minds and souls in gratitude *and then* perhaps every now and then we will have the courage to share that story with another. In that moment, you and the person you are sharing your thoughts with will realize that indeed you are loved by God and in fact you love our Blessed Lord.

During this Lenten season let us notice moments when we know our lives were touched by God's loving relationship with us – it's in the details, the little things where we will see His finest work. Look for this: People's hearts being moved to assist, events that seem very coincidental, little moments when you seemed to have the perfect words to help another.

Then when you see opportunities, share your love of God with others. How else will people know of the gift of Jesus if we don't live it and speak it? I think Our Lord would be delighted to hear us speak of Him!!!

*Marge McGinley, Pastoral Administrator*

**April 1 – April 2 2017**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**WEEKLY PLANNER**

SUNDAY April 2nd  
 Fifth Sunday of Lent  
 Third Scrutiny 9:30am Mass  
 Adults RCIA LIB  
 No Baptisms  
 Legion of Mary Acies 2017 2:00pm Church  
 Refreshments 3:00pm in Auditorium  
 Mass Music Practice 6:30pm Church

MONDAY April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Scholastic Book Fair in Library  
 Children's RCIA 5:00pm PHMO  
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm – 8:00pm  
 Parish Penance Service 7pm Church

TUESDAY April 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Scholastic Book Fair in Library  
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm  
 SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center  
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR  
 Altar Rosary 7:00pm PHCR

WEDNESDAY April 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Scholastic Book Fair in Library  
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm  
 OLPH 7:15pm Chapel  
 Bible Study 7:30pm PHMR

THURSDAY April 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Scholastic Book Fair in Library  
**RE Summer Program Section 1 5pm- 6pm**  
 Cub Scouts 6:30pm AUD  
 Boy Scouts 7:00pm PHMR  
 Adult Choir 7:30pm Church

FRIDAY April 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Scholastic Book Fair in Library  
 Sacred Heart School Liturgy 8:30am  
 Middle School Youth Group 6:30pm Aud  
 Stations of the Cross 4:00pm & 7:00pm  
 Healing Mass after 7:00pm Stations

SATURDAY April 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Confessions 9:00am to 9:30am &  
 3:00pm to 3:30pm**  
 Mass Music Practice 3:30pm Church

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

SUNDAY April 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Palm (Passion) Sunday  
 Adults RCIA LIB  
 No Baptisms


MONDAY April 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Confessions 5:00pm to 5:30pm  
 Children's RCIA 5:00pm PHMO  
 Cub Scouts 5:00pm – 8:00pm

TUESDAY April 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm  
 SVDP Meeting 7:00pm SVDP Center  
 Legion of Mary 7:00pm PHCR  
 Columbiettes 7:30pm Lib  
 Knights of Columbus 7:30pm PHMR

WEDNESDAY April 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Religious Ed. Fall Program 5:30pm - 6:45pm  
 OLPH 7:15pm Chapel

HOLY THURSDAY April 13<sup>th</sup>  
 School Half Day  
**8:30am** Morning Prayer  
 Confessions 12:00pm to 12:30pm  
**7:30pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 Following Mass – The Garden Experience  
 Eucharistic Adoration until midnight  
 (Night Prayer at 11:45pm)

**GOOD FRIDAY April 14<sup>th</sup>**



**8:30am** Morning Prayer  
**11:00am** Stations of the Cross  
 (Sacred Heart Cemetery)  
**3:00pm** The Lord's Passion – Veneration of  
 the Cross and distribution of Holy Communion  
**7:00pm** Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY April 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30am** Morning Prayer  
**11:00am** Blessing of Easter food  
**8:00pm** Solemn Easter Vigil  
 Reception in Parish House immediately  
 following Mass