



SACRED HEART CHURCH

established 1914



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Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8, 10, 12, 6:30 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45



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Cor ad cor loquitur...

(A heart-to-heart dialogue...)

+ My dear parish family:

This is our first Sunday in Lent and once again we embark on our journey of “40 days in the desert with Jesus”. In these first few days of Lent, we usually devise our plan to make the most of this time leading up to Easter by deciding what we will give up and what special acts of charity we will perform. Recently, I received an email from Carmelite Father Tom Jordan, whom some of you know from seeing him here from time to time for Mass or confession. He wanted to share with us some “Lenten resolution” ideas of how to use the normal everyday circumstances of life to grow in our spiritual life. Here are just a few examples from the list:

1. Read a spiritual book, something to help you grow spiritually.
2. Husbands and wives: spend 15 minutes each night, just talking and sharing, not problem solving. Perhaps remind yourselves of your dating, engagement, earlier years, how you’ve grown together, etc.
3. Students: make decisions (determinations) to study, to pay attention in class, to attend class, to be respectful of other students and professors, etc. Even, ask a question in class!
4. If you can’t remember WHY you hold onto some grudge, can’t remember what the cause was, then perhaps the time has come to let go of the grudge or bad feelings. What a waste of energy!
5. Maybe you are more patient or compassionate with other persons than you realize, and you need to be more compassionate or patient with yourself – instead of taking it out on others!
6. In a similar way, asking whether something that annoys me in others, may be operative in my own life.
7. Be attentive to others, for example, imagining **why** they speak or act the way they do. In this way, perhaps letting go of some of the annoyance you might feel.
8. Sometimes it is good or helpful to forgive another, not because he/she asks for it, and less because he/she “deserves it,” but so that I might be more free than I am now.

There are two more items that I would like to share with you. The first is that our VITA Youth Group continues to fundraise for their upcoming mission trip to Haiti. Please continue to support them as you did last weekend at their bake sale. This trip is a great opportunity for them to make a difference in a part of the world that is so impoverished. Father Luca, who is now working at the Nunciature in Port-au-Prince, will spend a few days with us during our mission.

Secondly, Archbishop Gloder, who heads the Pontificia Accademia Ecclesiastica in Rome, has asked us once again to host another diplomatic student this summer. Father Francesco will be with us during the months of July and August. I know we will all enjoy meeting him and looking after him as well as we cared for Fathers Luca, Natale, and Ante.

Finally, let us take a few quiet moments to sincerely commit to our individual paths with Jesus this Lent. May it be our best Lent ever!

Yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Fr. Stephen

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 6

8:30 Stephen Roeser

Tuesday, February 7

8:30 Joseph Michael Alvino

Wednesday, March 8

8:30 People of the Parish

Thursday, March 9

8:30 Living Intentions of
Michael Giulian

Friday, March 10

8:30 People of the Parish

Saturday, March 11

5:00 Thomas Vahey

Sunday, March 12

8:00 Gloria Vallone

10:00 Marion Thompson

12:00 Dorothy Marie
DiVitantonio

6:30 Leon Catalano

March Donations:

The bread & wine donated in
loving memory of **Scott
Gillen** by the Kipel family.

The sanctuary lamp burns
this week in memory of
**Sal Amorese donated by the
Capasson & Shannon
Families**

LENTEN TALKS

Monday, March 20,

7:00 in the parish center

Sister Joanne

Monday, March 27,

7:00 in the parish center

Deacon Philip

Monday, April 3 , 7:00

Penance Service in the church

Father Stephen

THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT HERE AT SACRED HEART—JOIN US!

March 8, 7:30 pm. in the church

Donna Eschenauer, Ph.D.

Stirring up Enthusiasm!
Family Life in Relation to the Feasts and Seasons of the Church Year. This presentation is focused on how families can understand the feasts and seasons of the Church year in a way that will offer a richer sense of identity, relationship, and most of all hope.



This deanery-wide lecture series will continue next Wednesday night, March 15th at 7:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Church in Norwood and again on March 29 at Saint Mary Church in Closter.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Our annual Lenten Soup Supper on **Saturday, March 25 at 6:00** in our church hall. We will



a large selection of homemade soups. Our menu includes bread, rolls, butter and desserts. Eat as much as you would like. No tickets will be required. A free -will collection will be offered to our guest speaker. Come and enjoy this evening. If you would like to make a soup, please phone Mary Ann Mastrangelo at 201-387-2060.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance



Friday, March 17
at Haworth Country Club

Flyers at the doors of the church and on our parish website.

Cardinal Joseph Tobin has given a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2017

RCIA

RCIA Candidates with the RCIA team, and their sponsors, and families. Thank you for your continued prayers.



RCIA On Sunday, March 12 there will be two special rites for those participating in the RCIA. At the 10:00 Mass, Eniek VanDerWerff who is not baptized will participate in the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. She will express her desire to continue in RCIA and to ask for the gift of faith. At the noon Mass, Chassidy Bello and Gretchen Lord will participate in a special penitential rite for candidates. Both women are baptized Christian, but would like to be Catholic. Let us pray for these women and support them on their faith journey.

FRANCISCAN RAFFLE Sr. Joanne and the Franciscan Sisters of Peace wish to thank you for buying raffle tickets in support of her community. For those of you who were not here when sister was selling the raffles, there are raffle tickets on the racks at the doors of the church. They offer 30 money prizes for the month of April. We appreciate your generous support.

FIRST COMMUNION OUTFIT COLLECTION The Office of Development and Stewardship will be collecting gently used, in good condition, Communion dresses, veils, suits, and shoes for inner city parishes. Please drop off any donations to the parish center Monday—Thursday between 9:00—4:00.

A SPECIAL HEALING MASS during the season of Lent and a support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter, NJ on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 12:00 noon. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly affected with the abuse of alcohol or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information please call 201-768-7565.



MEET YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS

Florence (Lawlor) Haggis

In 1957, my husband, Ted, and I bought a house and settled in New Milford, NJ, (St. Joseph's Parish, Oradell), where we raised our family of six children. During that time, I earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University and an MBA from Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. After obtaining my CPA license, I worked for Deloitte and Touche CPA accounting firm in New Jersey for 38 years, first as a Touche Auditor, and then in that firm's National Office in NYC in charge of the quality control of the Touche Firm. During the years 1980-1981, I was the National President of the American Woman's Society of CPA's (AWSCPA).

In 1981, on a church visit to Sacred Heart Church, my husband, Ted and I, became convinced this was the parish for us, mainly due to the friendliness and warmth exhibited by its parishioners towards us. So we joined! In 1991, I became a Eucharistic Minister, and a few years later, I joined the "Visiting Sick and Homebound" group. Most recently, I have become a member of the Sacred Heart Finance Council, where I also have been most warmly welcomed by the group.

BTW: Our 3 sons ALL attended Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, the best parochial high school in the state!