



## Sacred Heart Church

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**PASTOR:** Rev. David C. Leopold, ext. 4  
**PAROCHIAL VICAR:** Rev. John J. Inserra, ext. 5  
**Office Administrator:** David Palumbo, ext. 3  
**Parish office hours:** Monday-Wednesday, Friday (Closed on Thursday)  
9:30am-4:30pm (closed for lunch from 12:30pm-1:30pm)

*Welcome to our Catholic family and faith community. We are glad you have joined us. Since 1881, generations of faithful have called our parish home.*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Cornelia Hurwitz, Director  
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### MUSIC MINISTRY

Paula Fontes, Cantor / Organist - Traditional Choir, Tel: 401-474-6929  
Jim Ryan, Folk Choir Director, Tel: 203-798-6127

### ALTAR SERVERS

Email: [religion.sacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:religion.sacredheart@gmail.com)

### LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Cornelia Hurwitz, Coordinator  
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### OUTREACH MINISTRY CONTACTS

#### Soup Kitchen Cooks:

Paula Hand 203-762-5856

#### Emergency Prayer Chain:

Susan Barnett: 203-834-7663  
Marie Hawes: 203-938-2639  
Diane/Jim Ryan: 203-798-6127

#### RCIA:

Anna Lisciandra: 203-938-9612

### COMMITTEES

**Parish Council:** Steve Archer, Facilitator,  
Tel: 203-544-7150

**Finance:** Steve Archer, Secretary  
Tel: 203-544-8583

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday - Friday 8:30 am  
Saturday Vigil 5:15 pm (EDT), 4:15 pm (EST)  
Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 12:30 pm  
Holy day 5:30 pm (VIGIL MASS) 8:30 am, 7:30 pm

### SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES

**Novena of the Miraculous Medal:** Mondays after 8:30am Mass.

**Rosary:** is said after each weekday Mass.

**St. Padre Pio Prayer Group:** after 8:30 am Mass on the second Monday of the month.

**Bible Study Group:** 10:00 am - noon on the second Wednesday of the month (Rectory Meeting Room).

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** First Friday of each month after 8:30 am Mass ending with Benediction at noon.

**Mens' Ministry:** Saturday 7:00 - 8:30 am in Rectory Meeting Room.

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 4:15 to 5:00 pm or by appointment (DST)  
Saturday: 3:15 to 4:00 pm or by appointment (EST)

**Baptism:** Pre-Baptism Program meets the first Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the church. *Please call the Rectory to schedule Baptisms and to register for the Pre-Baptism Program.*

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made six months in advance. Please do not book reception before speaking to the priests to finalize the date for the church.

**Sick Calls:** Call the rectory if you are hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, seriously ill or confined to home.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Please visit or call the rectory weekdays to register.

**December 23, 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

This Sunday, the *Fourth Sunday of Advent*, brings much expectation to everyone. Expectation keeps us young—we look to the future and instead of the past. There are new possibilities in life when seen with the eyes of expectation. Christmas is great every year, but only great for those who are expecting “*Emmanuel—God with us*” in faith and wonderment. In the Gospel, Luke teaches us about the child to be born. He wants our affirmation in faith that *Jesus’ origin is that he is born from God*. Secondly, Luke brings out the *role Baby Jesus will play in salvation* history. Taken from the first reading, God promised David that his dynasty (throne) would stand firm forever. We know *Mary was highly favored by God and blessed among all women*. It was her great faith that made her respond, “*Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done according to your word.*” We are always invited to follow *Mary’s faith that God prepared in her!*



***Christmas Prayer of Pope John XXIII.***

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. *Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them.* Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. *Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.* Join them all together in your love. *And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.*



*On behalf of Father David Leopold, Father John Inserra, and the members of the staff of Sacred Heart Parish, we would like to wish you and your families a very blessed Christmas Season!*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR.** Eoin Robertson, Philip Joseph Wax, Rebecca Myhill, Rita O’Brien, Mary Grady, Jeanne Bruestle, Sean Callanan, Robin Weir, Kathleen Heavey, Thomas Scanlon, Kathleen Kenneox, Gerry Commins, Charles Taylor, Barbara Tarnoff, Marianne Herrigty, Chris-

topher Rice Jr., Eileen O’Brien, Rose Hill, Caesar Cirigliano, Mary Conway, Marie Fontana, Kim Murphy, Tamara Deyle, Alexis Gorman, Janet Ross, Judy Colegrove, Elvira Hidalgo, Philip Gagliano, Ross Hand, Bob Vare, Kathleen Gola, Bert Miceli, Jean Russo, Patti Satkowsky Piech, Vincent Callanan, Jeanie Bangert, Italia Piana, Thomas Jagelka, Susan Fleming, Kathy Bannar, Mike Reese, Harry Minter, Michael Bannar, Susan Coan, Kathy Melli.

**SOUP KITCHEN COOKS.** Monday, *December 24<sup>th</sup>*, is the day *Sacred Heart will provide the meal for the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen*. The menu is baked chicken, boxed stuffing mix, green bean casserole (recipe on French’s onion rings, assemble, but don’t bake casserole). Large cans of fruits & vegetables and desserts are always welcome. *The food can be left in the refrigerator in the Rectory Meeting Room, on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, or may be delivered Monday morning no later than 11:00 a.m.* For more information please contact Paula Hand phone (203) 762-5856 or email [yasqua@aol.com](mailto:yasqua@aol.com). *New cooks are always welcome!*


**HELPFUL REMINDERS:**

1. Please advise us of parishioners who are confined to their homes and unable to attend Mass. Father David or Father John will be glad to contact them and make arrangements to bring Communion to them at home.
2. Also, we would appreciate knowing when parishioners are hospitalized and would like to have a priest visit them. Because of “*privacy regulation*”, it has become very difficult for priests to be aware of hospitalized parishioners.
3. If you need to reach *Father David Leopold*, you can do so by calling the rectory (203) 544-8345 x4. If the need to reach a priest is urgent, please call our *emergency phone number (203) 505-0607*. Father Leopold’s email address is [dcl1982@gmail.com](mailto:dcl1982@gmail.com).

**Scripture readings for the Week of December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>(The Fourth Sunday of Advent)</b> Micah 5:1-4 / Hebrews 10:5-10 / Luke 1:39-45
<b>Monday</b>	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-16 / Luke 1:67-69
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>(Christmas)</b> Isaiah 9:1-6 / Titus 2:11-14 / Luke 2:1-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10, 7:54-59 / Matthew 10:17-22
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>(St. John, Apostle and Evangelist)</b> 1 John 1:1-4 / John 20:1-8
<b>Friday</b>	<b>(Feasts of the Holy Innocents - / Martyrs)</b> 1 John 1:5-2:2 / Matthew 2:13-18
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>(St. Thomas Becket - Martyr)</b> 1 John 2:3-11 / Luke 2:22-35

**MASS INTENTIONS: December 24 – 30**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Sat</b>	4:15	Special Intention
	<b>4:00</b> For All Children				
	<b>8:30</b> Sacred Heart Parishioners		<b>Sun</b>	8:00	Deceased Members of the Armed Forces
	<b>10:30</b> Rita Smith			9:30	Frank & Dorothy Funk Family
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup></b>			11:15	Gerard Masson
	<b>8:00</b> Members of the Armed Forces			12:30	Sacred Heart Parishioners
	<b>9:30</b> The Sick				
	<b>11:15</b> Anthony J. & Anna Rita Rollo, Dominick Castiglione, Katherine Keefer and Andrea Roosendahl				
	<b>12:30</b> Veterans of the Armed Forces				
Wed	8:30 Eileen Long				
Thur	8:30 Marie Theobold				
Fri	8:30 Special Intention				

**OFFERTORY** **December 9, 2018 \$5,878**  
 (Weekly Amount needed to meet our ongoing Operating Cost **\$5,800**)

**LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: December 24 – 30**

	<u>Christmas Eve, (Monday) December 24<sup>th</sup></u>			<u>Christmas Day, (Tuesday) December 25<sup>th</sup></u>			
	<u>4:00 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30 p.m.</u>	<u>10:30 p.m.</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:15 a.m.</u>	<u>12:30 p.m.</u>
L	C Hurwitz			A Ragusa	G Fagen	M DiBari	B Davin
EM	C Hurwitz		Z Jankowski	U Callanan	G Fagen	A DiBari	R Leon-Paez
EM				A Lisciandra		P Roux	
EM						J MacEachen	
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	<u>5:15</u>	<u>8:00</u>		<u>9:30</u>	<u>11:15</u>	<u>12:30</u>	
L	C Hurwitz	B Saunders		R Constantine	B Davin	M Radocy	
EM	C Hurwitz	A Lisciandra		B Glennan	M DiBari	R Leon-Paez	
EM		K Tomko		J Glennan	A DiBari	M Radocy	
EM				G Fagen	P Roux		
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**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.** If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one for flowers to decorate our sanctuary this season, please send the (s) to be remembered with your donation to the rectory or place the envelope in the collection basket.

**FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**



*“He who carries God in his heart bears heaven with him wherever he goes.” - St. Ignatius of Loyola*

*The Religious Education staff wishes all our parishioners a New Year rich in God’s Blessings!*

**Children’s Christmas Pageant.** We want to thank everyone who helped with this year’s Christmas Eve Pageant! Thanks to our backstage helpers! Thanks to Julia Hurwitz, for leading the Children’s Choir and Alan Hurwitz for piano music and sound production. This beautiful tradition is always an inspirational and poignant reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

**January 1<sup>st</sup> – Feast of Holy Mary, Mother of God** is a Holyday of Obligation.

**Classes resume.** Classes resume on **Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**. **There will be no class Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Mid-term Exams.** The mid-term exams will be on **January 15<sup>th</sup>** for Grade 8 and on **January 22<sup>nd</sup>** for Grades 2 -7. Students need to **review all chapters 1 - 14** using the study sheets.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Family Mass.** On Sunday, **January 27<sup>th</sup>**, the **9:30 am Mass** will be a family Mass for all our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. There will be a brief **Sacrament of Reconciliation meeting** for parents immediately afterwards.

**Birthright donations.** Thank you to all who generously donated baby items to the Birthright collection!

**Snow Days or Other Absences.** Whenever your child is absent from class, **the next chapter** in the textbook needs to be **read and studied** at home. The syllabus listing each chapter and class date was emailed home to parents and given to students at the beginning of the year. **This applies also, if class is canceled because of snow, the chapter must be done at home before the next class.**

*Love, hope and joy are the gifts our Savior brings.*