



Sacred Heart Church

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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

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COMMITTEES

Parish Council: Steve Archer, Facilitator,
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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 30, 2018

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Today as we celebrate *Holy Family Sunday*, our society can learn a several things from the Scripture readings and by following their model. In the readings we



hear of the faith of Abraham and Sarah for as in their old age conceived a son, Isaac. *Through this act, God shows his love and faithfulness.* The family is therefore the sign of faith of human beings and of love of God. *God is faithful to his promises; faith becomes the source of hope and happiness for his family.* We should always place our trust in God's promises. Abraham believed God's promises and put his faith in him and lived that in every phase of his life. This week we should remember the words of the Psalm *"The Lord remembers His covenant forever."*

We want to extend a special "Thank You" to each of our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and all our Parish Volunteers. Their service to our parish is so important! We are grateful and appreciate their dedication to Sacred Heart Parish.

BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



January 1st, New Year's Day is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. It is the Feast of Mary the Mother of God.

MASS SCHEDULE NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, December 31st New Year's Eve Vigil 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1st New Year's Day 9:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

SACRED HEART CRÈCHE. We want to mention again our *gratitude* to *Mark Ferrandino* for *constructing the beautiful new Christmas Crèche* next to the Church. So many people have commented on it during the past two weeks! *May it inspire and uplift many generations of parishioners here at Sacred Heart to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas!*



† ATHLETES FOR CHRIST †

All teens of Sacred Heart Parish are invited to our next meeting Sunday, January 6, 2019 - The Feast of the Epiphany.

We will begin in the Church at **5:00 p.m.** for our **FAITH** segment with *Eucharistic Adoration* and a reflection on how the *Feast of the Epiphany* can inspire us not only on the *Feast Day*, but throughout the year



As always, we will conclude our meeting with a delicious dinner in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room!

*Jesus, Mary, Joseph – Watch over Our Families
May you have a Blessed, Healthy
and Happy New Year!*

Scripture readings for the Week of December 30th

Sunday (Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

1 Samuel 1:20-28 / 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 / Luke 2:41-52

Monday (St. Sylvester I, Pope)

1 John 2:18-21 / John 1:1-18

Tuesday (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21

Wednesday (Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen)

1 John 2:22-28 / John 1:19-28

Thursday (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)

Philippians 2:1-11 / Luke 2:21-24

Friday (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious)

1 John 3:7-10 / John 1 35-42

Saturday (St. John Neumann, Bishop)

1 John 3:11-21 / John 1:43-51

MASS INTENTIONS: December 31 – January 6

Mon 8:30 Members of the Armed Forces
New Year's Eve, December 31st
 4:15 The Sick
Tue **New Year's Day, January 1st**
 9:30 Sacred Heart Parishioners
 11:15 Patricia Lane
Wed 8:30 Lilly Duane
Thur 8:30 Frances Holmes
Fri 8:30 Special Intention



Sat 8:30 The Homeless
 4:15 Members of the Armed Forces
Sun 8:00 Veterans of the Armed Forces
 9:30 Sacred Heart Parishioners
 11:15 Deceased Members of the Armed Forces
 12:30 The Sick

OFFERTORY

December 16, 2018 \$4,553
 (Weekly Amount needed to meet our ongoing Operating Cost \$5,800)

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: December 31 – January 6

New Year's Eve, (Monday) December 31st

4:15 p.m.
L G Fagan
EM T McQuilkin
EM M Convertito
EM G Fagan

	4:15	8:00
L	C Hurwitz	J Feehley
EM	Z Jankowski	A Lisciandra
EM	M Convertito	M Ferrandino
EM	C Hurwitz	
EM		

New Year's Day, (Tuesday) January 1st

9:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
C Hurwitz	J MacEachen
C Hurwitz	M DiBari
	A DiBari
	J MacEachen

9:30	11:15	12:30
G Fagan	M DiBari	M Radocy
B Glennan	A DiBari	R Leon-Paez
J Glennan	J MacEachen	M Radocy
G Fagan	P Roux	

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.

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

January 1st – Feast of Holy Mary, Mother of God is a Holyday of Obligation.

Classes Resume. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 8th. There will be no class Tuesday, January 1st.

Mid-Term Exams. The mid-term exams will be on

January 15th for Grade 8 and on **January 22nd** for Grades 2 -7. Students need to review all chapters 1 - 14 using the study sheets.

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

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.**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near." - Philippians 4:7

BIRTHRIGHT DONATIONS. Thank you to all who generously donated baby items to the Birthright collection!