Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time
January 31, 2016

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Fr. Kevin P. Ashe

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

Confessions:
Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 PM
Other occasions as announced.

Marriages: (Registered Parishioners only)
Please notify the rectory as soon as the decision to marry has been made. There is a prescribed preparation program of one year.

Baptisms are held on the first and third Sunday of each month. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements as early as possible.

Sick Calls: At any time.

Funerals: Call rectory.

Religious Education Sunday morning Grades 1-8
10:15 AM—11:30 AM. (732-451-2580)

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
**JANUARY 30th/31st**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Saturday, January 30, Vigil Mass**
5:15 PM  George Snyder
Msgr. Phil  From Lois Curie

**Sunday, January 31**
8:00 AM  Kelly Bielewicz
Father Paul  From Barbara Domanic
9:15 AM  Robert Morris, Jr.
Father Michael  From Siblings
Wedding Anniversary Blessing
11:00 AM  Kathleen Ann Keefe
Father Paul  From Family
Deceased Members Nulty-Keefe Family

**Monday, February 1**
8:30 AM  Gerald Guttenberger
From Dot and Bob Hoffmann

**Tuesday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord**
8:30 AM  Louis Rinaldi
From Eileen

**Wednesday, February 3, Ss. Blaise and Ansgar**
8:30 AM  Laszlo Abonti
From Sean, Melissa, John and Alana

**Thursday, February 4**
8:30 AM  Dolores Fox
From Sacred Heart Church

**Friday, February 5, St. Agatha**
8:30 AM  Deceased Members Hanus Family
From Frank Hanus, III

**Saturday, February 6, St. Paul Miki and Companions**
8:30 AM  For Our Parishioners

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**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION**

The next Baptismal Preparation Session will be Monday, March 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 godparents.

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**NEXT WEEKEND**

**FEBRUARY 6th/7th**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Saturday, February 6**
5:15 PM  Beth O’Rouke
Msgr. Phil  From Lois Curie

**Sunday, February 7**
8:00 AM  Dolores Fox
Msgr. Zaccardo  From Ann & Ed Riordan
9:15 AM  Gerald Guttenberger
Father Paul  From Pat and Vern McKinney and Family
11:00 AM  Frank Lawless
Father Paul  From Betty and John Cassidy

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**SACRED HEART CHURCH**

**Daily Mass:**  Monday—Saturday  8:30 AM

**Vigil Mass:**  Saturday  5:15 PM

**Sunday Mass:**  8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00AM

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  First Friday of month  9:00AM

**Confession:**  Saturday  4:30PM

**Baptismal**  1st Monday of Month  7:00 PM

**Preparation Class:**
**Rosary:**  Before the 8:30 AM Daily Mass

**Respect Life Ministry**  Last Thursday of Month  3:30 PM

**Breakfast Club**  2nd and 4th Saturday  9:00AM

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

January 9th/10th  $4,742.00

Please remember Sacred Heart in your Last Will and Testament. Thank you for your support.
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For the first four centuries or so, there seems not to have been a sense of marriage as a church institution. Christians followed civil law, which kept the wedding in a family setting. Bishops wanted people to be good citizens insofar as possible, and so they recognized the government’s role in marriage. In general, they expected Christians to know that marriage was good, that marriage to other Christians was best, and to take it easy on the wild wedding parties. They agreed that marriage was a divine institution, that Christ blessed it especially, and they loved referring to the miracle at the wedding feast at Cana. Still, even when Christianity became the official religion of the empire in 380, marriage remained a family matter.

On wedding days people gathered in the bride’s house, where the father would “give her hand” to her husband, draping a garland of flowers over the couple. There were no official words to say, there was no blessing to be given. Everyone walked in procession to the bride’s new home for the concluding rites and the feast. In the Eastern Empire, it soon became customary to invite a priest or bishop to give a blessing at the meal or the day before. It was a nice things to do, completely optional, but had a “photo-op” feel to it that was widely emulated. Before long, at least in the East, it looked as if the priest were joining the couple in marriage and blessing the union.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR INCOME TAX RETURNS

Are available on request from the parish office. Call 732-899-1398 and leave your name, address and telephone number and a statement will be prepared and mailed to you. Please note donations to the Bishops Annual Appeal and the Faith to Move Mountains Campaign are not included in your Church contributions but are available from the Diocese in Trenton.

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel’s Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. This retreat offers a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can begin to experience the process of healing. It will be held at the Upper Room in Neptune February 26–28. 7PM arrival on Friday, 4PM departure on Sunday. Fee $130.00. For registration and further information contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871 or judywarren543@msn.com.

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

The Core Team continues to oversee the parish evaluation of the Criteria for Sacramental Life and will be reporting on their findings next month. Please look for these results within the next few weeks. We thank all of you for sharing your opinions and thoughts.

As always feel free to reach out to the core team with any questions, concerns or if you would like to be a part of the team. Look for updates which will be provided throughout this process.

Core team members: Jim Gates, Alicia Flath, John Paglione and Susan Larsen

MARIS STELLA RETREAT HOUSE HARVEY CEDARS

Lenten Weekly Holy Hour for World Peace—Wednesdays beginning February 10 from 3-4PM at Maris Stella Chapel. Holy hour will provide an opportunity for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer for world peace. No registration needed. For more information contact Sr. Pat at 609-494-2917.

ST. GREGORY’S FOOD PANTRY

Please leave food donations in the basket in the church lobby and we will deliver to the Pantry. February requests include personal products—shampoo, toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, etc. Money donations or gift cards are most welcome and may be mailed to 804 Bay Avenue, Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742. As always thank you for your support of our Pantry.

GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

The Lord spoke to Jeremiah “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.”

With these words the Lord sent Jeremiah to set over nations and over kingdoms, to speak to them on the Lord’s behalf against wickedness and evil.

We, who were also known before we were formed in the womb, are also directed to speak on behalf of the Lord against the evil and wickedness of those who support abortion and those who vote to continue its.

Your comments are requested! Please e-mail Respect Life Committee at shrbbh@comcast.net or fax at 732-899-2233.
SAVE THE DATE

Sacred Heart Church’s 2nd Annual St. Patrick’s Day Party is quickly approaching. Mark your calendar for Saturday evening March 12. There will be a traditional corned beef dinner, dancing and great entertainment by Jimmy Byrne. Don’t miss the fun! Advance tickets are available by calling 732-920-4627.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Annual Retreat will be held February 5, 6, and 7, at Loyola Jesuit Center Morristown, NJ. Pope Francis states “Those who live Retreats in an authentic way experience the attraction and fascination of God and return renewed and transfigured in their daily lives, their ministry and their relationships”. Come and join us. Call George Richardson at 732-245-6412 for reservations.

TRAVELING BLESSED MOTHER

Thank you to everyone who took the traveling Blessed Mother into your home in 2015. It has been such a success that we are going to continue circulating her. If you wish to have her again or would like to take her for the first time call Ronnie Duffy at 732-332-9965 to make arrangements.

ST. ALOYSIUS—JACKSON

“Learning to Pray as a Family” on Saturday, February 27, by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia from Nashville. The same workshop will be offered three different times so that attendees can choose what is most convenient for them: 9-11AM, 1-2PM, and 7-9PM. The workshop is geared towards moms and dads, and covers a variety of topics that focus on how to strengthen, revitalize, or begin a family prayer life. The sisters’ book A Short Guide to Praying as a Family will also be available for sale. This workshop will be an incredible resource for parents and all parents are welcome. For more information or to attend contact Ms. Jennifer Draeger at 732-370-1515 ext. 311 or jdraeger@saintaloysiuseonline.org.

FIRST FRIDAY

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction—First Friday of each month after the 8:30AM Mass. We are attempting to combine First Friday Devotion with Benediction and Adoration. Please help to propagate this rite by remaining after Mass and telling a friend. The next celebration will be Friday, February 5.

WANTING

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

HOLY NAME MONTHLY 50/50 CLUB

Sponsored by Sacred Heart Church is open to all parishioners. 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. This month’s winner was #49 Anthony Scardaville and paid $450.00. Congratulations to our winner and good luck to all next month.

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LENTEN DAILY REFLECTION BOOKS

Back by popular demand! Lenten daily reflection books are available at all the church doors starting this weekend! Be sure to pick up your copy before they are all gone.

RETREAT AT ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA

February 5-7 — COME TO THE QUIET — A SILENT RETREAT. Come and experience the shore in all its winter beauty! This weekend has been set aside for those desiring time alone with God. This retreat offers time for reflection and Eucharist. Arrival: 6:30-7:00PM Departure: 1:00PM. Cost $210. Please call St. Joseph by the Sea to register (732) 892-8494 or for more information.

6 WEEK LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Lent 2016 is Lectionary Year C with Luke’s Gospel. Join us each Monday as we start our week off in a powerful way exploring Luke to deepen our faith. February 8, 15, 22, 29, March 7 and 14 beginning with Daily Mass at 8:30AM. Bible study will commence from 9:00-10:30AM with light refreshments. All are welcome! Registration is $15 until February 1st and $20 after that date. Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church. Register by calling the parish office at (732) 8991398 or email DawnRusinko@yahoo.com.

FROM OUR PASTOR

During the flu season just say peace be with you to each other if you don’t want to shake hands.
JANUARY 31ST
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE GREAT HYMN TO LOVE—It is doubtful that Saint Paul, when he sat down to write what we now know as the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, knew that he was penning that was to become one of the keystones of Christian ethics. In this brief passage, he set down ideals about love that have held fast through the centuries. Sometimes we may think that because these are ideals to which we aspire, we are excused from them in our daily living.

But what Paul was writing was a letter to his friends, providing them with some sound advice about what it meant — and still means — to live in love, day by day, as a follower of Christ. We find in his words to his friends a broadening of the great commands of Jesus to love God and neighbor. Today we hear what this love must look like in our own actions, and how it ought to guide our relationships with others.

A FORETASTE

Faith is the foretaste of that knowledge which hereafter will make us happy. — St. Thomas Aquinas

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading—God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations
(Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19)

Second Reading—Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues
(1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13[13:4-13])

Gospel—When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord
Goundhog Day
Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats
Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday
Saturday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
First Saturday
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS—
Please send (600) bulletins until further notice.
I am sending 1/31 bulletin today as there is a
Blizzard warning in effect for our area Saturday -
Sunday and we may not be able to come in next
Week. Thank you - Barbara Guttenberger -
Bulletin Editor

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