

# Church of the Sacred Heart



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*Together we foster a welcoming spirit of unity while honoring our diversity which leads to a graced harmony among us since Christ is the center of all we are and do.*

### **Baptism of the Lord ~ January 9, 2022**

*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis*

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life. It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism. It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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Rev. Charles M. Schwartz  
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*SACRED HEART CHURCH*  
*PARISH INFORMATION*

**PARISH OFFICE**

103 Fourth Street, Riverton, NJ 08077-1205

Monday through Friday

8:30 am — 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

Family Center, 102 Fourth Street, Riverton, NJ 08077-1206

Tuesday through Friday

12:30 pm — 4:30 pm

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays

2:30 pm — 3:30 pm (in the Sacristy)

*GENERAL INFORMATION*

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Are always welcome, please register at the parish office.

**MOVING?**

Please notify us if you are moving out of the parish or changing your address or telephone number.

**BAPTISMS**

Please call the rectory as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Parish registration must be confirmed and eligibility certificates

for Catholic Godparents must be presented. Godparent and sponsor certificates may be obtained by those who have received

all Sacraments in the Catholic Church. **CALL LESLIE AT 829-**

**0090 x 10.**

**MARRIAGE**

Arrangements should be made at the rectory at least **ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE.** Please contact us to receive guidelines for the celebration of marriage.



**PLEASE PRAY  
FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED  
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Warren Ferry, Connie Kelley, Angela Cheesman, Kate Salamon, Gennaro DiRe, Anna Anthony, Daniel Lyons, Maryanne Wagner, Michaelene Sutton, Christine Kowalski, Raymond Tubic, Jr., Michael Schneider, Pat MacCord, Dennis Mundy, Jennie Giampaolo, Edward Diamond, Walter Biernacki, Bernice Dunn, Hon. Terrence McStravick, Henry Sincavage, Theresa Cotter, Cecilia Angst, Jimmy Morrissey, Joanne Lavin, Mildred Greisamer, Patricia McGinnis, Suzanne Allen, Leo Kilcourse, Margaret Conlow, Alice Anderson, JoAnn Kline, John Baxter, Rosalie Mascio, Charles O'Malley, Vincent Perkins, Chief Ed DeLussey, Christian Gonzalez, Phyllis Jung, Daniel Campbell, Florence Klein, Caroline Shontz, Helen McGee, Rita Leone, Joseph Vanak, Helen Gilbert, Marie Bloomquist, Marie Rota, Joanne Nesemeier, Pat Pellegrino, Rick Dudzic, Jeanne Max, Liane Stafford, Debra Burns, France Carmondy, Mary Ann Lattore, Jim Nachman, Sarah Jane Zimmermann, Patrick O'Neill, Sr., June Gill, Sophie Maduzio, Vincent Trola, John McInerney, Jr., Maria Bozicek, Russell DiLeo, Rick Muraresku, Baby Daniel Evans, Gerald Mulchay, Mary Vandy, Robert Happe, Ralph Pepe, Carol Hosey, Mary Gillette, Michael Vagnoni, Eric Johnstone, Margaret Hefler, Ruth Yearly, Joan Lynch and Jean Duschek



**Monday, January 10, 2022**

8:00 am **Joan Lynch**  
r/o Rich Rickus & Family

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

8:00 am **Bill Fries**  
r/o His Daughter, Dottie  
Gerlock

**Ervin Shaner**

r/o His Family

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022**

8:00 am **Communion Service**

**Thursday, January 13, 2021**

8:00 am **Joan Lynch**  
r/o Judy & Harold  
Zimmermann & Family

**Teresa Breward**

r/o Connie Gopal

**Friday, January 14, 2022**

8:00 am **Joan Lynch**  
r/o Karen Sulock

**Saturday, January 15, 2022**

8:00 am **Helen & Ted Syler**  
r/o Their Daughter & Son

4:00 pm **Joan Lynch**  
r/o Anne Thomas

**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

7:30 am **Edward Dudzic**  
r/o Sandy & Dan Looby

9:30 am **Carol Shontz**  
r/o Chester & Barbara  
Wajda

**Ed Cahill**

r/o The Loring Family

11:30 am **Regina Domanico**  
r/o Bill & Terri Ricco

**MEMORIALS**

**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week**

In Loving Memory of

*Connie Kelly*

At the Request of

*Sacred Heart Parish*





**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Linda Agosti, Patricia Baxter, Margaret (Peg) Brooks, Doug Budroe, Bert Cahill, Jr, Tom Cairns III, Dorothy Clinton, Diana Comerford, Sharon Connor, Esther DiLeonardo, Tanya DiMaio, Rosemary DiTaranto, Deacon Joe Donadieu, Ruth Donadieu, Diane Donnelly, Fr. George Dudak, Kathy Ellis, Elizabeth Falkiewicz, Marianne Ford, Stephanie Forker, Nicole Funkhouser, Marianne Gasper, Glenn Godwin, Joe Gross, Marlie & Megan Guicheteau, Jamie Hall, Maddie Harris, Eric & Sasha Hayes, Mary Hayes, Gerald Higgins, Glenn D. Jackson, Vernon Jenkins, Madison Jones, John Jordan, Marie Kenkelen, Marybeth Kennedy, Ellena Klein, Regina Kurtz, Matthew Laverty, Willow Laverty, Joe Leahy, David MacWilliams, Molly Maerten, Travis Martin, Bill Max, William McGonigal, Ashley McKeon, Mary Meeks, Amanda Milewski, Melissa Milewski, Mary Moynahan, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Marty O'Halloran, Millie Opperman, Judy Palait, Mary Theresa Pepper, Joseph & Mary Ellen Raday, Chris Reteneller, Marty Schindwein, Michael Stanley Schneider, Linda Sekula, Charles & Susan Sharpe, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Ed Siemietkoski, Gwen Smith, Rob M. Smith, Joanne Soden, Carol Spence, Nicole Stavely, Millie Flannery Strohm, Tim Svitak, Eileen Thress, Amy Tuccillo, Paul Ugolick, Gigi Urbano, Donna Van Hoy, Bob Venango, Richard Wark, Dennis Willoughby and Jamie Willoughby

*If you or a family member would like prayers during Mass from our parishioners please call the parish office.*



**Care of the sick:** If a family member is sick or homebound and would like to receive Communion please contact Dawn Vermes at 856-979-5107.

**Parish Mission**

In preparation for our Parish Mission in March we will need volunteers in areas of publicity, hospitality, liturgical ministers and possibly child care.

It will be a success when many of us take part, please consider and call Fran at 856-829-1836.

Save the Dates  
Parish Mission  
March 12th thru 15th

**WEEKEND MUSIC — JANUARY 9TH**

- 111** When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized
- 651** Come to the River
- 336** Behold the Lamb
- 649** Baptized in Water



**RECENT BAPTISMS AT SACRED HEART**

We extend a warm welcome to our newly Baptized

- Zoey Lynne Atkinson**
- Ruby Lou Minton**
- Frankie James Palestine**
- Tess Marie Perekupka**
- Austin William Pierone**
- Rhys David Stinsman**

May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways. — Psalm 91:11



**MARCH FOR LIFE  
Friday, January 21, 2022**

**The bus for the March from St. Charles has been canceled.**

**Please continue to prayer for the inviolable and precious sanctity of human life.**

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

December 26, 2021

\$6,971.00

January 2, 2022

\$12,066.00

Electronic giving for December 2021

\$9,899.00

*Thank you very much to all of you who have been kind enough to drop off or mail in your weekly offerings.*

*Please remember Sacred Heart in your Last Will and Testament*

**Father Chuck's Homily:**

Jesus' baptism is a strange event, if you think about it. John preached a baptism for the repentance of sins. But Jesus was sinless, so had nothing to repent of. By being baptized, he is in fact giving the idea that he DOES have something to repent of. So why was he baptized? Baptism as we know it has a number of effects: Washing away original sin (which Jesus did not have) and personal sin for those older (which Jesus did not have); an infusion of the holy spirit with gifts and talents – which Jesus already had. And one more: incorporation into the Body of Christ, the Church. Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry – his public works, in a way the beginning of the Church, since the Church existed in Jesus, even before Pentecost. As one author puts it: “Another very important implication of Baptism is entry into a community. And maybe that is the piece of baptism that Jesus sought. By his baptism Jesus became a part of a community. The specific community he joined – in a way created – was of a collection of Jews in Judea who, through faithful repentance, sought to renew their relationship with God. By his baptism, Jesus affirmed that he was truly one of them, one with them, sharing their lives and experiences and inviting them to share his life and experiences. Jesus may or may not have been personally affected by joining this community, but the community would never be the same. By his presence with them... by sharing his life with them... he transformed those individuals from a collection of people with a religious bent into a community that shared the life of Christ. That community was now alive with the very presence of Christ and empowered to be the Body of Christ in the world. He goes on to make the point that OUR baptism is OUR entrance into the community of the Church, alive with the presence of Jesus and empowered to go out and be witnesses to Jesus:

“Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry. Joining a community is the beginning of ministry. Entering the Body of Christ and ministering as the Body of Christ are dependent on one another and inseparable. Part of what Jesus says by being baptized is: I cannot be who I am called to be... I cannot do what I am called to do... alone. Jesus cannot, or at least does not, fulfill his ministry without being in the midst of a community. And it is the same for us. Alone, we cannot be who we are called to be. We cannot fulfill our Christian ministry in our world without being a part of the community that is the Body of Christ. And through our baptisms we become a part of that community, a community that is still alive and empowered with the presence and life of Christ.”

So by being baptized Jesus showed that he really was one of us – and gave example that as he went forth after his baptism and spread the kingdom, so we too should use our gifts and talents received in baptism to spread the kingdom – no matter what age: young old middle. It is our responsibility to take the word of God, to take the faith with us and to use them to bring Jesus to others. By an appropriate word here or there, and always, always, always by example in how we speak and act and just are in our everyday lives. Jesus' baptism, OUR baptism are the points of beginning of ministry – but they also point forward as well to the END of our ministries: As he entered the water and rose out again, as we entered the waters and rose out again as a new creation in Christ, so one day he would enter the grave and rise again to a resurrected life and we will enter the grave and rise again to a resurrected life if we do our best to do his will and are judged worthy to join him in heaven. Ash Wednesday is only a month away, believe it or not. So let's think about making the basis of our Lenten reflections our baptism, and how we have – and have not – lived up to our baptismal calling, and then revise reverse refine our lives to be more like him so that the words spoken of Jesus may one day be spoken of us: “This is my beloved CHILD, with whom I am well pleased.”



Good Sunday to you!

Let me say a big thank you to everyone who participated, attended, and donated during the Christmas Masses. Our total attendance was just over 1,300 people, the Church has rarely looked more beautiful, and the intermediate total for the Christmas Collection is just under \$36,000.00. Thank you!

Although this is only the first full week of the New Year, I'm already thinking ahead to the END of this year and the many things I want to accomplish during this year. My first goal is to ensure that the spiritual life of the parish continue as it has and even to add a few events, such as conferences or guest speakers. Second, to begin whittling away at the back log of work on our buildings and grounds needed to bring us up to the standard I would like for the parish. Third, to ensure that the people of the parish have input into these decisions. I was once told in my last parish the I was too transparent with the people. I don't plan on changing my ways.

Recently His Holiness caused a stir by revising the regulations on the celebration of what is called the 'extraordinary form' – the modern term for the Mass prior to Vatican II. For the young out there, prior to about 1965 the Mass was said in Latin, the priest was facing away from the people speaking in a low voice, and in many cases the people were spectators. The Vatican Council II changed all of that into what we celebrate today. Needless to say it caused conflict. There were those who refused to accept the changes, and others who thought the changes went too far. Some even splintered off from the Church and formed their own "Churches". The Latin Mass was never banned, but was strictly limited. Pope Benedict loosened the regulations for celebrating the extraordinary form Mass in an effort to heal the divisions. Pope Francis reimposed restrictions and caused the controversy. The problem is that loosening the restrictions, rather than bringing them closer to the fold in many cases merely reinforced the attitude that the Latin Mass was the 'right' Mass. In one case, when they ran low on hosts during Communion and there were still people in line, the priest (only priests or deacons can distribute Communion at an extraordinary form Mass) went to the tabernacle to retrieve the reserved sacrament consecrated at an English Mass. When he turned around the line had disappeared because to them the reserved sacrament, consecrated at the English Mass, wasn't really Eucharist. It's that attitude that Pope Francis wanted to curtail. A prime example of one who refuses to accept Vatican II is the actor Mel Gibson who famously once said that Transubstantiation (turning the bread and wine into the body and Blood of Christ) isn't taking place at Novus Ordo (the Mass since 1965) Masses because 'there are no rules'. I guess those 85 pages at the beginning of the Missal must not count for him. I have no issue with Mass in Latin – we say it in every other language in the world, why not Latin? It's the attitude that the Latin is 'better' or 'more valid' or even worse 'the way God prefers it' that I have issue with. It doesn't matter what language the priest uses, if he is validly ordained with 'faculties' consecration takes place. Or as I have put it rather crudely: if I call you an idiot in any language, I'm still calling you an idiot. The words meant the same thing.

I pray you have a safe and blessed week. . .Father Chuck

*Liturgical Ministers Schedule*

January 15th - January 16th ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>11:30am</b>
<b>Father/Deacons Preaching</b>	Deacon	Father	Father	Deacon
<b>Cantors</b>	Linda Mundy		Guitar Group	Sue Wilson Choir
<b>Lectors</b>	Pat Horan	Pat Higgins	Karen Higgins	Pat McDermott
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	Lucille Teter Bonnie Campbell	Jack Merget Elizabeth Centinaro	Lolly Blaney Fran Stinsman	Lori Rodolico Rob Rodolico

*"You are my beloved Son: with you I am well pleased."*  
Luke 3:22



It was a wonderful day when Jesus approached the waters of the Jordan River to be baptized. The wonder was when the Father spoke of Jesus as His Son in whom He was well pleased.

Up until this time in the scriptures we do not see Jesus as an adult doing anything special. No miracles, no signs and wonders, no big physical accomplishments. Then what was it that caused the Heavenly Father to be so pleased? What caused the Spirit of God to be poured forth?

No accomplishment had to take place, only a willingness for obedience through humility. Think of it. Here is God Himself, with no sin within Him, approaching John who was calling for change and repentance. The same God who spoke everything into existence was now going to empty Himself and humbly submit to baptism of repentance. He gave of Himself even in this baptism to be an example to us that we would be willing to humble ourselves to follow Him and be called into His Righteousness. This was the beginning of His mission to save us.

With each Baptism that takes place, the infant, child, or adult is called into a magnificent unity with the Trinity. We become part of God's Family. But what about the Holy Spirit that was poured out on Jesus and the Father's expression of pleasure? Have you experienced that?

Many of the wonders that are brought about from the grace of Baptism will not be experienced deeply unless we grasp the humility and obedience that was present in Jesus with His desire to do the Father's Will. It was this that caused the pleasure of the Father. It is our own humility and obedience that causes the Spirit of God to stir His fire within us and we experience a deeper union with God and His Church.

The hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season is over, but did we experience "Emmanuel", God With Us? The Baptism of the Lord may be a good time for all of us to be encouraged to come humbly before our Lord, and seek to be obedient to His Holy Will that we may experience union with Him more and more in 2022. The union that will cause the face of the earth to be renewed.

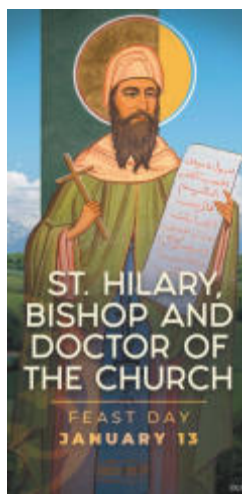
*"When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth."*

Psalm 104: 30

Holy New Year!

*Fran Stinsman*

### **St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | January 13**



Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 - c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to our Magnificent Decorators, who worked hard to make the Church of the Sacred Heart beautiful for all of us during the Christmas Season.



We go together like  
Coffee & Donuts



Next Sunday after the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Mass in the gym.

We will need men to help break down the tables and put chairs away. Many hands make light work. Thank you in advance to anyone who can help.

**Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale  
Saturday, January 15th**



American, Tuna and Chicken Salad hoagies are available on a 12" hoagie roll. Orders can be placed at 856-786-7266 or email [kofchoagies@gmail.com](mailto:kofchoagies@gmail.com) for pick up

on Saturday, January 15th between 10:00 am & 12 noon.

Cost is \$5.00 per hoagie. Please leave your name, phone number, number of hoagies you wish to order and the time when you will pick them up, please order before Friday evening.

Pick up is at Sacred Heart Family Center lobby.

**Thank you for your support... Your Knights.**

**Diocesan Youth Conference**



**Jan 29, 2022 | 10am  
St. Aloysius Church  
935 Bennetts Mill Rd.  
Jackson, NJ 08527**

**8TH-12TH GRADE TEENS INVITED!**

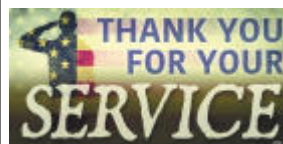
**\$25 ADVANCE REGISTRATIONS  
(BY JAN 24TH)**

**\$35 WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS**



**REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH!  
[WWW.DOTYOUTH.ORG/DYC](http://WWW.DOTYOUTH.ORG/DYC)**

**A PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY**



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior... Amen.



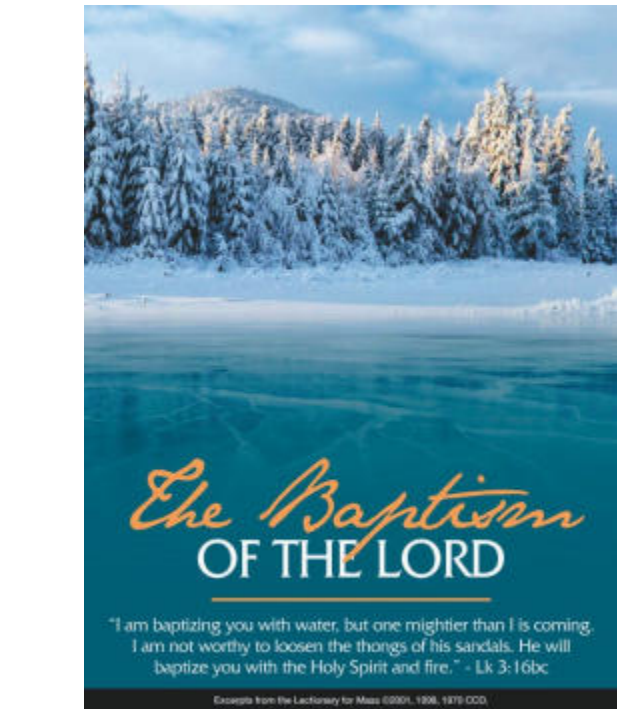
**Catholic Daughters** are on the road again. A trip planned is to see *David* at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, for more information and reservations regarding the trip please call Marie Russo at 856-829-1999. **Cost is \$135. Deposit is requested by Monday, January 17, 2022.**



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A trip to Doolans in Spring Lake, NJ is scheduled for St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17, 2022. Trip includes one hour open bar plus extra wine hour, complete luncheon, choice of one of three entrees, dessert, coffee/tea plus a show and transportation, snacks and gratuities including driver tip. The is \$105 pp. Deposit upon registration is due by January 7th and the balance due by February 1st. Call Marie at 856-829-1999.

Catholic Daughters will be collecting baby items again for 1st Way of Burlington co. Let's help these moms who chose life!  
 Items needed are baby clothing, baby blankets, diapers, formula, baby cereal, baby towels, shampoo, etc. They only accept donations for the babies. The only adult clothing they will accept is maternity clothing. Please place donations in the side altar closest to the ramp. We thank you in advance for your generosity!



\*\*Updated 11/15/21

The NJ Reproductive Freedom Act (S3030/A4848) was introduced in the Senate and Assembly on October 8, 2020. The purpose of the bill is to protect and expand access to abortion and contraceptives. It is a radical abortion bill that places women's lives in jeopardy and is so extreme that it will allow abortions up until birth. Among other things, It will make NJ an abortion tourist destination and a haven for sex trafficking criminals because it welcomes individuals from out of state to come to our state for free abortions and sterilizations, all paid for by NJ taxpaying citizens.

At this time, we ask that you stop what you are doing and contact your State Senator and Two Assembly members immediately and tell them you expect them to Vote NO on S3030/A4848 regardless of any revisions or amendments that may be made. Tell them that this is an extremely important issue which deserves adequate public notice for a hearing, and this is not an issue that should be pushed through in secret during a lame duck session during a pandemic.

Please do this immediately and pass it on to friends and family and ask them to do likewise.

**Senator Troy Singleton**  
**400 North Church St., Suite 260,**  
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**Fax: (856) 234-2957**

**Assemblyman Herb Conaway Jr.**  
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**Delran, NJ 08075**  
**Phone: (856) 461-3997**

**Assemblywoman Carol A. Murphy**  
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**Fax: (856) 499-2187**





A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 4 – 6, 2022. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.

**Location:** Holiday Inn - Princeton - Princeton, NJ  
**Contact:** Ruth & Tom De Falco  
**Contact Phone:** 732-904-9636



**Offerings at Francis House of Prayer**

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center  
84 Walnford Road ~ Allentown, NJ 08501  
609-877-0509 or [FHOP@verizon.net](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net)

Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in person unless otherwise indicated.

**Mondays with Merton**

**5 Mondays ~ 1:00 to 2:30pm**

**January 17th ~ February 14th ~ March 14th ~**

**April 11th ~ May 9th**

Thomas Merton will be our guide to the contemplative way of life. In this series, we will use *The Inner Experience: Notes on Contemplation*. Time will also be given to experience Lectio Divina and contemplative prayer. Donation: \$75

**The Maturing of Your Soul**

**Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life**

**5 Fridays ~ 9:30am to 12:00pm**

**January 14th ~ February 11th ~ March 11th ~**

**April 8th ~ May 13th**

Join with others who are 65+ to share the experience of these precious years. You will find faith, support, camaraderie, laughter and encouragement in these monthly meetings. We will use *Vesper Time* by Frank Cunningham between sessions. Donation: \$100

**Family of Origin**

**A Series of Retreat Days**

**In-Person Only**

**5 Tuesdays ~ 1:00 to 4:00pm**

**January 18th ~ February 15th ~ March 15th ~**

**April 12th ~ May 17th**

Each of the five sessions provides time for prayer, reflection, ritual and input on an aspect of family of origin. Jan: My Beginnings; Feb: Cultivating Self-Compassion; Mar: Cultivating Empathy; April: Embracing the Family Tree; May: Celebrating & Choosing Life. Donation: \$125



**RETROUVILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE** - Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

This January 22nd, the Church in the United States observes the Annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. Visit the website: [respectlife.org/January-22](http://respectlife.org/January-22).

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If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit [HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://HopeAfterAbortion.org).

**Confession**

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

# RESPECT LIFE

*The Cathedral of Saint Mary of The Assumption hosts:*  
**Mass January 14, 2022**



*Day of Prayer  
for the legal protection of the Unborn Children*

**9:30 a.m. | Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Roldan**

*Mass will finish in time to walk over to the **Rally for Life** which will be held at the State House Annex at 11:00 am*

**For any and all questions please call St. Mary's (609) 396-8447  
151 N Warren St, Trenton, NJ 08608**



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