



Sacred Heart Church

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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Sat. Eve. 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00, 10:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
Mon. – Sat. 8:00 a.m.
Holy days 7:00 p.m. evening before
8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. of Holy day

Confession

Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and as posted

Baptism

2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:15 p.m.
Pre-register for preparation classes.

Holy Matrimony

Arrangements at least six months in advance

Care of the Sick

Emergency calls anytime. Holy Communion for shut-ins on a weekly basis. Please call to make arrangements.

Devotions

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena and Adoration
Sacred Heart (Mass)
Eucharistic Adoration

Sat. 3:00 p.m.
First Friday 7:00 p.m.
First Friday 7:30 -8:30 p.m.
Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 pm

Funerals

Arrangements are made through the funeral home. At Sacred Heart, the Mass of Christian Burial is seen as a time of prayer and reflection on the mysteries of death, resurrection, and eternal life. Family remembrances, favorite songs, poems and eulogies are incorporated into the wake service.

Parish Membership

We encourage every Catholic to register with us, use the parish envelopes, and inform us regarding changes of address.

Parish Activities

Adult Instruction (R.C.I.A.), Altar Servers, Altar Society, CYO Sports, Choir, Folk Group, Children's Choir, Lectors, Right to Life, Rosary Society, San Gennaro Feast Committee, Ushers, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Assistance Program, AA Women's Serenity Mon. & Wed. 10:30 a.m. and Sat. 8:30 a.m., AA Men's Friday Night 8:00 p.m., "Below Sea Level" AA Sat. 7:30 p.m., O.P.A. Sun. 7:00 p.m., Al Anon "Double Winners" Women's Fri. 10:30 a.m.

Food Pantry Open

Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Announced Masses for
The Week of December 9th, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent**



**Devotions to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
&
Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament
at Sacred Heart Church
Saturday's at 3:00 p.m.**

Monday	December 10 th
8:00	† Irma Tice r/b Barbara Ried
Tuesday	December 11 th
8:00	† Tommaso Irato r/b Bianca Irato
Wednesday	December 12 th
8:00	† Katherine Pfadt r/b Alice Grogan
Thursday	December 13 th – St. Lucy
8:00	† Steve Ried r/b Barbara Ried
	8:00 † Theresa Paccione r/b Matthew Paccione
Friday	December 14 th
8:00	† Given Intention
Saturday	December 15 th
8:00	† Joseph Fatale r/b Nick & Adele Buffardi
	5:00 † Steve Ried r/b Barbara Ried
Sunday	December 16 th 3 rd Sunday of Advent
8:00	Special Intention r/b Doreen Goucher
	† Fiore Acovino r/b Marie DeLuca
	† Geraldine Yellin r/b Marie DeLuca
10:00	People of the Parish
12:15	† Andy Donaghy, Sr. r/b Louise Luisi
	† Dorthy & Armand Bassi r/b The Ryder Family
	† Rosaria DeSanto r/b Rose Camileri

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday	December 15 th
5:00 p.m.	Eleanor Yacovelli
Sunday	December 16 th
8:00 a.m.	Rose Marie Ripi
10:00 a.m.	Valerie Gembecki
12:15 p.m.	Eileen Power-Furino

Lectors

Saturday	December 15 th
5:00 p.m.	Jeanne Morrone
Sunday	December 16 th
8:00 a.m.	Vinny Alleva
10:00 a.m.	Joan McCreight
12:15 p.m.	John Byrne

Altar Servers

Saturday	December 15 th
5:00 p.m.	Dylan Lane, Adam Santa Maria
Sunday	December 16 th
8:00 a.m.	Isabella Palladino, Kayla McDonough
10:00 a.m.	Matt Ragan, Matthew Matthaai
12:15 p.m.	Anastasia Segreto, Kayla Scott



*Jesus, Savior of the world, sanctify
your priest and sacred ministers.*

Feast Days Celebrated this week:

Dec. 11	St. Damasus I, Pope
Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec. 13	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Dec. 14	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Daily Rosary

The Rosary is said
Monday through Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m.
All are welcome to come and pray.

**The Next Rosary Society Meeting is:
Saturday, January 12, 2019, 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Center**

**Confession Schedules for
Christmas 2018**

*Saturday, December 22
4 PM and after the 5 PM Mass*

*Sunday, December 23
After all the Masses (Except 12:15 PM)*

Readings for Sunday, December 16th, 2018

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18B

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

R.(6) Cry out with joy and gladness;

For among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Saint Luke 3:10-18

24th Indoor Christmas Fair

Sacred Heart Parish Center

Sunday, December 9th
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Handmade Crafts, Raffles, TV & Pictures with Santa at 1 p.m.! Bring your camera!



Bring Family and Friends!

50/50 & Raffles will also be sold after all weekend Masses in the rear of the Church.



Thank you for your generous support of the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Completing your 2018 pledge ensures that our Parish will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

There is still time to make a gift. Please remember that **all new pledges must be in by December 31st, 2018 and paid in full by January 31st, 2019.**

The Saint Nicholas Society

In past years, your participation in this effort provided gifts for those who would otherwise have received nothing for Christmas. **Notice the picture of St. Nicholas displayed near the choir lofts steps.** If you wish to be a helper for the Franciscan Friars, we are in need of warm clothing, scarves, gloves, flannel shirts, fleece pants, hoodies, sweatshirts, sweatpants & sweat socks for Boys and Girls. **Place the gifts under the picture or bring them to the Parish Center by December 17th.** Thank you in advance for your generosity!

“National Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little or no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to the collection **this weekend** for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

Thanksgiving Collection

The Thanksgiving collection for the Friars (Mass collection, donations, offering basket at dinner) totaled **\$1,206.50.**

Thank you all for your generosity!

Pilgrimage
To the Basilica of
the Immaculate Conception
& The Franciscan Monastery
In Washington, D.C.



Date: Monday, February 11th, 2019
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Price: \$60 per person (Food not included)
RSVP By Monday, February 4th, 2019
(Please make check payable to **Sacred Heart Church**
And mail check or drop it off to the Parish Center)

Bus Pick Up: 5:30 a.m. at the
Parish Center Parking Lot,
301 Long Beach Road, IP
Bus leave Parish Center:
at 6 a.m.



Itinerary: 12:10 p.m. Mass at the Basilica
1 p.m. Lunch in the Cafeteria
2 p.m. Guided Tour of the Basilica
3 p.m. Guided Tour of the Monastery
With the replica of the Holy Land
6 p.m. Dinner at Jimmy’s Famous Seafood

Bus Arrives at Island Park: 10:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Smile Corner
*If you had believed
in the Good News
on earth,
I would have some
Good News
for you here.*





Our Lady of Guadalupe

On December 9th, the Church celebrated the feast of Saint Juan Diego.

On December 9, 1531, a 57 year old Aztec, Juan Diego, saw the Blessed Mother on a hill in Mexico City. She told Juan to have a church built in her honor. When Juan went to ask Bishop Zumarraga about this, the bishop did not understand the Indian dialect – and he did not believe in the vision Juan described.

Three days later, on December 12th, Mary appeared again to Juan Diego, and this time she gave him a sign for the bishop. “Take these roses to the bishop,” she said, as she arranged in his cloak beautiful roses she had Juan Diego pick from the hillside although it was winter. When he was admitted into the bishop’s room, Juan Diego opened his cloak, and out dropped the roses. On the cloak there remained an image of Mary as she had appeared to Juan Diego.

The image of Mary on the cloak is known as Our Lady of Guadalupe for an interesting reason. On that same day, Mary appeared to Juan’s uncle and cured him, giving him a message for the bishop, saying that she would “crush the serpent’s head.” The bishop did not understand the Indians’ language. The Indian word for “crush the serpent” sounded to him like “Guadalupe,” the name of Mary’s shrine in Spain. Thinking that the Virgin wanted the new shrine to have the same name, the bishop called her Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mary appeared to Juan Diego dressed as an Aztec woman to show her love and compassion to an oppressed group of people, and she came to give them hope.

Mary’s visit to Guadalupe is a reminder that God will remember his mercy for all people. In Mary’s song of joy, the Magnificat, she praised God because he has put down the mighty, exalted the lowly, filled the hungry, and sent the rich away empty. People honor Our Lady of Guadalupe because they recognize her motherly concern for them.

On December 8, we celebrated the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, patroness of the United States. On **December 12th** the Church celebrates Mary as patroness of the Americas.

Did you know? Within six years of this apparition, six million Aztecs had converted to Catholicism. The tilma shows Mary as the God-bearer - she is pregnant with her Divine Son.



St. Lucy (d. 304)

Do you remember the parable of the 10 bridegroom to come? It is told in the Gospel, Matthew 24:1-13. The bridesmaids brought oil lamps to light their way, but only five wise ones carried flasks of oil for refills. The ones who were able to keep the light burning were permitted to enter the wedding banquet with the bridegroom; the others were left out in the dark.

Lucy, whose name means “light,” kept the light of her faith burning and now enjoys the eternal wedding banquet of heaven.

Lucy was a young woman who was martyred for being a Christian. She died at Syracuse in Sicily during the persecution of Roman emperor Diocletian. The fact that she is mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I of the Mass indicates the great respect that the Church has for her.

One story about Lucy portrays her as a young Christian who struggled against the pagan influences of her friends and of society. Because of her deep love for Jesus, Lucy vowed to remain unmarried. When the man she was engaged to marry found out, he reported her to the government for the crime of being a Christian. She then had the opportunity to prove her faithfulness to Christ by giving her life for him.

Lucy’s feast is celebrated during the season of Advent, when we wait for the coming of Christ our Light. Various customs have developed around her feast. In Scandinavian countries young girls dress in white dresses with red sashes, symbolizing victory, and wear crowns of candles on their heads. In Sweden the girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung. A Hungarian custom is to plant a few grains of wheat in a small pot on St. Lucy’s feast. By Christmas there will be little green sprouts – signs of life coming from death. It symbolizes the fact that, like Lucy, we enter new life in an eternal wedding feast – when we die.

Perhaps because Lucy’s name means “light,” she is the patron of eyes.

*“Those whose hearts are pure
are temples of the Holy Spirit.” – St. Lucy*

Reminder: St. Lucy Mass

Thursday, December 13th Feast of St. Lucy.
Mass is at 7 PM, in Italian, followed by traditional “non-flour” St. Lucy foods in the parish center.