

# 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.***

### **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ~ JANUARY 7, 2018**

#### **BEHOLD, THE STAR THAT THEY HAD SEEN AT ITS RISING PRECEDED THEM**

“Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.’” These words are joyous news for those through the ages who worship Christ, but bad news to those who, like Herod, selfishly guard their own prominence and kingship. “Herod called the magi secretly...” Those who act in secret often have evil motives, and like Herod, are full of lies—“... that I too may go and do him homage.” Herod has no such intent, but plans to murder the Christ child and, he thinks, protect his own rule. Evil is always at work in the world, but God protects the innocent, in this case sending the magi home by a different route rather than back to Herod.

#### **YOUR HEART SHALL THROB AND OVERFLOW**

The magi “were overjoyed at seeing the star.” So many of the words of Isaiah positively glow at the prophecy of the shining light of Israel, Jesus. “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance... Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow.” Christmas day, with all of its light and glory, has passed, and yet we forget that the Christmas season continues until tomorrow. The glory of the Lord continues to shine and manifest the glory to all nations. We who are members of these nations of the earth should continue to celebrate and rejoice at the coming of the Lord into our lives. We are indeed the Gentiles who have come to worship Christ, and to be saved by his glorious appearance. Blessed be the God who reaches out to us in mercy and love, and may the joy of his coming fill our hearts forever.

#### **PRIESTS**

Very Rev. Robert W. Holtz, V.F.,  
Pastor, ext. 11  
Rev. Roberto Ignacio, Assistant, ext. 21  
Rev. Richard Gross, S.J., Weekend  
Assistant

#### **DEACONS**

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Rev. Mr. Joseph Donadieu  
Rev. Mr. Kenneth Heilig  
Rev. Mr. Michael Stinsman  
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#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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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

3:30 pm — 4:15 pm

**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 JOANNE MOORE AT 829-0090 x 24.**

**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**

Loretta Horgan, Rudolf Bozicek, William Jeffers, Marta Shears, Earl Gray Jr, Sr. Madeline Mary Smith, Teresa McNulty, Frank Wigmore, Leo Carr, Francis Rooney Jr, Patricia Mori, Joseph Corso, Raymond Buenzle, Eugene McDonald, Robert Barry, Richard Boucher, Domenico Lombardi, Timothy Piazza, Flora Kramer, Jason Wark, Kiersten Ott, Connie Giampaolo, Glen Jackson, John Bruno, Stephen McCarty, Patricia Poletti, Maryann Coady, Jeanne Thomas, Joshua Rich, Terry Gillis, Florence Ehrhardt, Alfred Rezende, Gerard Schlindwein, Gail Truchel, Alexander Covalleski, Amanda Layton, Charlotte Weldon, Mark Irons, Suzanne Cucinotta, Genevieve Alburger, Claire Giovanetti, Toby Walz, Joy Lawmaster, Sandra George, Joan Kane, Dolores Mufalli, Janice Carr, Kathleen Brothers, Walter Brickley, Mary Cakir, Lila McKeon, Bernard Orfe Jr, Judith McCauley, Jeff Scouler, Jeanne Muzik, Joseph Allen, Fr. Michael Waites, Mary Rosica, Theresa Gladney, Kathy Frunzi, Cathy Daly, Kelly McGann Glenkowski, Anthony Tursi, Alice Durham, Edward Lewis Sr, Nick Orio, Edward Lewis III, Kate Cunningham, Regina Feeney, Jean Costello, Lillian Zamichieli, Michael Kaelin, Kenneth Carn, Alice Clauss, Dorothy Augustsyn, Darryl Tocco, Fran Murphy, Francis McCooley, Robert Cristella, Maryann LaSalle, Margaret Donovan, Joseph Peditto, Christine Rossell, Vincent Fynan Sr, Regina Criqui & Ralph Talarico



**Monday, January 8, 2018**

8:00 am **Alice Durham**  
r/o The Casey Family

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

8:00 am **Kassidy Bush**  
r/o The Perry Family  
**Rosemary Martin**  
r/o Celia & Leo Zink  
**John & Ann Devlin**  
r/o Celia & Leo Zink

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

8:00 am **Lillian Zamichieli**  
r/o Peg Kelly

**Thursday, January 11, 2018**

8:00 am **Ervin Shaner**  
r/o His Wife, Doris & Family

**Friday, January 12, 2018**

8:00 am **Lillian Zamichieli**  
r/o Ena Seetal

**Saturday, January 13, 2018**

8:00 am **For the Holy Souls in Purgatory**  
4:30 pm **Nick Orio**  
r/o Howard & Nancy Andrews  
**Christopher Fanelli**  
r/o The Lieggi Great Aunts

**Sunday, January 14, 2018**

7:30 am **Elise Fries**  
r/o Her Husband, Bill  
9:00 am **Hank Fox**  
r/o Judy & Harold Zimmermann  
**Cathy Daly**  
r/o Al Fera  
**Elsie Carl**  
r/o Eileen Blaney  
10:30 am **Bert & Theresa Cahill and Maureen Cahill Gerner**  
r/o Their Family  
**Lillian Zamichieli**  
r/o Regina & Kate Anderson  
**Darryl Tocco**  
r/o Annette & Michael Bark  
12:00 pm **Eric Koonce**  
r/o The Ehrhardt Family



**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Colleen Anninos, Bobby Barnett, Joann Beard, Joanne Brady, Debra Burns, Billy Byrem, Angela Canco, Anna Catanzariti, Sharon Christenson, Dorothy Clinton, Tony Colkers, Paul Daly, Tanya DiMaio, John Doherty, Ruth Dolbow, Jon Donachi, Diane Donnelly, Fr. Michael Doyle, Marianne Ford, Mary Lou Francis, Dot Fries, Loretta Gibson, Kelsey Goodwin, Alec Haas, Jamie Hall, Thomas Heliger Sr, Gloria Hornberger, Carol Hosey, Walter Huber, James Huff, Becky Jones, Liz Jones, Joachim & Phyllis Jung, Maura Kendall, David Kloss, Edward Knicley, Ryan & Sandra Konetski, Casey Lang, Matthew Laverty, Howard Lawmaster, Joe Leahy, Erin Lively, Joyce Macke, Molly Maerten, Robin Graff Marinelli, William Martens, Dawn McGinley, William McGonigal, Mary McGovern, Melissa Milewski, Kathy Moir, Eleanor Mortiz, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Alexa Pagano, Guido Pasquale, Anthony Pignatelli, Anthony Portella, George Reinas, Bro. Bill Riley, Thomas Rutledge, Bob & Kate Salamon, Theresa Scaffidi, Michael Stanley Schneider, Charles Sharpe, Ed Siemietkoski, Joan Siperavage, James Sutton, Lynne Turley, Bob Venango, Dori Walsh and Fr. Nick Wasline

*If you or a family member would like to be prayed for at Mass and listed in the bulletin, please call 856-829-0090.*

**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.



**Second Bann**

Alyssa Vagnoni and Justin Hornung

The Tri-Boro Clergy Association is holding it's Annual Reverse Bake-Sale on Martin Luther King Day, January 15 at Sam's Club and Shop rite. The members of the association and volunteers will give away small bags of cookies and brownies to shoppers and receive any monetary donations. Donations assist the association Emergency Relief Fund which helps individuals and families in need of temporary shelter. To volunteer baked goods or assist at the tables for 1 or 2 hours please call the rectory at (856) 829-0090.

**COFFEE & DONUTS**



We will be serving coffee & donuts next Sunday, January 14th, following the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses in the lower church.

**THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART PARISH**

**NOTE:** Please remember all announcements to be placed in the bulletin should be brought to the Parish Office by Friday, one week prior to the weekend the bulletin will be published.

**Monday, January 8**

No Legion of Mary

**Tuesday, January 9**

Miraculous Medal Novena

Following 8:00 am Mass

Willing and Able will meet again in February

7:00 pm — NA Meeting

Lower Church

**Wednesday, January 10**

8:00 pm — AA Meeting

Lower Church

**Thursday, January 11**

6:00 pm — Mary's Rosary Guild

Lower Church Rosary Room

7:00 pm — Dance Class

Lower Church

**Friday, January 12**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Following 8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm — Family Movie Night

*Despicable Me 3*

Family Center Gym

**Saturday, January 13**

10:00 am — Lucy's Ladies

Family Center

**Sunday, January 14**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

After the 9:00 am Mass — Coffee & Donuts

After the 10:30 am Mass — Coffee & Donuts

Lower Church

6:00 pm — Junior High Youth Group

7:30 pm — Senior High Youth Group

Family Center

8:00 pm — AA Meeting

Lower Church

O God, may all my thoughts and words speak of you. ...Breathe your Spirit into my faith and the way I confess it. — St. Hilary

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Weekend of December 30 & 31, 2017

\$7,357.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$12,056.00

Average needed for weekly expenses

\$14,950.00

**Thank you very much for your generosity.**

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

## Understanding Our Catholic Faith

### The Magi, Wise Men for Today

As one of the Church Fathers, Saint John Chrysostom noted, the Magi did not set out because they had seen the star, but they saw the star because they had already set out.

Wise men still seek him reads the bumper stickers and lawn signs of the season. It is in the seeking that there comes the finding. In the asking, seeking, knocking and longing for God that we find Him, the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Father Forever, Prince of Peace.

The Magi had a longing for something more than the riches of the day, these things they already possessed. But just like today, there must be more and in their quest they were to find Him, wrapped and swaddled and laid in a manger. Food for us, food for the world.

These men personify all of us, still searching and seeking for Him in whom we believe.

Pope Francis in his message on the Feast of the Epiphany 2017 states, "A holy longing for God wells up in the heart of believers because they know that the Gospel is not an event of the past but of the present. A holy longing for God helps us keep alert in the face of every attempt to reduce and impoverish our life. A holy longing for God is the memory of faith, which rebels before all prophets of doom. That longing keeps hope alive in the community of believers, which from week to week continues to plead: 'Come, Lord Jesus'."

It seems crazy that Herod would be so sinister in his hearing the news of the newborn king. What darkened his thoughts? When our gaze is focused on "Me first" we cannot see the beauty in the horizon. This self-centered thinking tries to invade our lives every day. It dulls our sights and robs us of the shining examples of God's glory that surround us. It befits us to keep our focus on the star leading us to Christ. Search out the light, search out the King of kings.



*We invite you to  
Café Sacred Heart  
for a candle lite dinner, reflection  
and renewal of vows. Join other  
couples to celebrate your love and to  
take time away from the busyness of  
life; a night out and time for  
yourselves.*

*This Dinner for Two is  
February 10th Cost \$25.  
Taking Reservation Now at  
856-829-1836.*

*The Two Become One,  
Held together with God's Perfect Love*



Please RSVP by  
February 2nd to  
856-829-1836



**SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP RIVERTON (SHYGR)**

**Sacred Heart Youth Ministry continues to be a gathering filled with friendship faith, and fun! Here are our January events!**

**Sunday, January 7th** ~ Pretzel Sale ~ After 9:00am & 10:30am Masses

**Friday, January 12th** ~ Movie Night (willing be showing Despicable Me 3) ~ 7:00pm ~ Family Center Gym (Teens should arrive by 6:30 to set up)

**Sunday, January 14th** ~ Meeting ~ 6:00-7:00pm Teens in grades 7 & 8, 7:30-9:00pm Teens in grades 9-12 ~ Family Center

**Sunday, January 21st** ~ Gym Night ~ 7:00 to 8:30pm ~ Gym

**Sunday, January 28th** ~ Meeting ~ 6:00-7:00pm Teens in grades 7 & 8, 7:30-9:00pm Teens in grades 9-12 ~ Family Center

Thank you for your support.  
For any questions, please email us at: [sacredheartyouthgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:sacredheartyouthgroup@yahoo.com)

**SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP RIVERTON (SHYGR)**

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**



Family Movie Night will be on this Friday, January 12th at 7:00pm. The movie will be **Despicable Me 3**. The movie is free, but the concession stand will be open. The proceeds from the concession stand sales (and pretzel sales) goes towards trips, workshops and conferences that the teens attend. It also helps to offset the costs for any service projects that the teens do.



Cold weather is here and we are busy working to meet the needs of God's Little Ones with newborn caps, baby blankets, afghans for the homeless, children and cancer patients. Please join us when **Lucy's Ladies** meet Saturday, January 13th at 10:00 am in the Family Center. Newcomers always welcome. Donations of 4 ply machine washable worsted yarn acrylic gratefully accepted.

**March for Life ~ Friday, January 19, 2018**

Show your concern for America's laws that allow the killing of the unborn up to the 9th month of pregnancy by joining thousands of peaceful and life-loving Americans at the 41st anniversary of Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision on January 19, 2018 at the annual March for Life in Washington,



D.C.! This is a national event that brings together, in our nation's capital, citizens who believe in the inviolable sanctity of human life. Come hear nationally known defenders of life, including Senators, Congressmen and Congresswomen, clergy, and women who have had abortions and now regret their decision. The March proceeds from the Washington Mass down Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court, behind the Capitol. Participants can choose to visit their Senators and Members of Congress in their nearby offices. You should plan to bring lunch and drinks and dress for winter weather. The bus is free for parishioners of St. Charles, Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Good Counsel parishes. It will leave St. Charles at 7:30 am and return by 7:30 pm. Please contact Peg Campbell at 829-2932 or John Loftus at 786-0555 for further information and to sign up. Thanks!

**Diocese of Trenton**

**Mass for Life**

**Respect Life Ministries**

Invites all to participate in prayer for life at the 2018 MASS FOR LIFE Monday, January 22nd 9:30 am—Mass for Life St. Mary's Cathedral 151 North Warren Street Trenton, NJ

Join Bishop O'Connell for a Mass for Life at 9:30 am **THEN**

Process to the Rally for Life 11:00 am—Rally for Life Statehouse Annex 131 West State Street Trenton, NJ

Come to hear Pro-Life Leaders, elected officials and clergy address the current abortion related issues.

Questions please call 609-403-7192 or Email: [rhendr@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:rhendr@dioceseoftrenton.org).

**Separated and Divorced...**

Are you divorced or going through a separation? The Divorced and Separated Group meets at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Maple Shade on the **3rd Thursday of each month at 7:15pm in the School Community Room. For further information please call Sr. Evelyn at 856-667-8850 ext. 213.**

Women's Annual Weekend Retreat  
March 23, 24 & 25, 2018

*Potter and Clay*  
*Yet, you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay,*  
*you are the potter;*  
*We are ALL the work of your hands.*  
Isaiah 64:8



Please contact Kathy Portella @  
609-230-1938 to reserve a room.

Calling all Millennials! There is a website with you in mind.  
Check this out on the web  
<https://thehitchfix.com/>



If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan **ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail at **abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org**.

**NEED A MIRACLE?**

Our Lady of Grace Statue is available to visit in your home for a week at a time. She has been known to bring peace and healing when she visits. The Legion of Mary representative will bring the statue to your home and lead a brief prayer. Then Legion of Mary (Mary Mother of Divine Mercy group) will continue to pray for your intentions and your family while the statue remains in your home. To schedule a visit please call Angel Sauro at 856-461-3873.  
**Our Lady looks forward to visiting you.**



**WEEKEND MUSIC – JANUARY 7TH**

- 103 As With Gladness Men of Old
- 108 We Three Kings
- 107 The First Noel
- 106 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



**Catholic Daughters** is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound Theatre on Friday, March 16, 2018 to see the production of "JESUS". The cost is \$130 per person which includes transportation, show ticket - premium seats, home style lunch at Good and Plenty, all tips including bus driver and gratuities and snacks. For more information please call Marie Russo at 856-829-1999.



**Friends of Catholic Daughters who have signed up for the show "JESUS" are asked to submit a deposit of \$30 by Monday, October 23, 2017. There is limited space and a waiting list is growing. Thank you**

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The creators of the show *Mother is Italian, Father is Jewish and I'm in Therapy* will open a new show on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 called "Cannoli, Latkes and Guilt" at Caesars. Cost is \$82 per person. A \$30 deposit reserves your seat. Price includes: transportation, \$25 slot play, buffet lunch, show ticket, all tips and gratuities including driver plus snacks. For information and reservations call Marie Russo at 829-1999. Only one show and limited seating.

**Attention all 4th to 8th Graders**

There is still a need for Altar Servers. Jesus calls us forth to serve with gladness. Please consider answering His call. Anyone interested please call Deacon Mike Stinsman at 856-745-0413.



**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.