

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 21, 2018

THEY ABANDONED THEIR NETS AND FOLLOWED HIM

Simon, Andrew, James, and John abandoned their nets and followed Jesus. The nets were their livelihood, the most important tools for their work as fishermen. For these first disciples, their nets represented all they knew life to be about, and all it could be. Yet they put the nets aside, risking an unknown future in order to “catch people” as Jesus promised. What do you need to leave behind? Most people will not be asked to give up their livelihood in order to answer Christ’s call. Yet we certainly must abandon everything that prevents us from living our lives authentically as followers of Jesus. Sometimes we must let go of the life we know in order to embrace a living, compelling, meaningful life of faith in Christ. Prayerfully examine your faith and life. Is there attachment to material possessions? Are there relationships or feelings that prevent you from living and growing in faith? Is there a negative habit that gets in the way? Let go of what stands between you and the Lord. Invite God’s healing presence, forgiveness, and mercy to transform the nets—all that holds you back—and risk answering Christ’s call to discipleship.

WALK TOWARD

Jonah did not simply walk away from his previous way of life. He walked toward Nineveh. The disciples did not only abandon their nets. They walked toward Jesus and to a life of discipleship. G. K. Chesterson is quoted as saying, “Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been tried and found difficult.” Yet Christian living is also deeply meaningful. What would happen if you truly took the call to follow Jesus to heart? It isn’t only about turning away from things that are counter to the Christian way of life. As it was for Jonah, the disciples at the seashore, and Saint Paul, a true life of faith is also about walking toward God, about loving God and neighbor, about risking an unknown future filled with life and goodness, holiness and grace.

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

Rev. Mr. Robert Bednarek
Rev. Mr. Joseph Donadieu
Rev. Mr. Kenneth Heilig
Rev. Mr. Michael Stinsman
All Deacons — ext. 10

PARISH OFFICE

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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, Maria Lopez, Joanne Powell, Margaret Donovan, Joseph Peditto, Christine Rossell, Vincent Fynan Sr, Regina Criqui & Ralph Talarico



Monday, January 22, 2018

8:00 am **Florence Ehrhardt**
r/o Her Family

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

8:00 am **Patrick McGee**
r/o Helen McGee

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

8:00 am **Sr. Fidelis Beck, O.P.**
r/o Mary Lou

Thursday, January 25, 2018

8:00 am **People of the Parish**

Friday, January 26, 2018

8:00 am **For the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

Saturday, January 27, 2018

8:00 am **Ven Gertie**
r/o His Family

4:30 pm **Maria Lopez**
r/o Her Family

Claudia Berardinucci-Borgmann

r/o Her Family

Frank Copeland

r/o Patrick Brett

Joe McCormack

r/o Patrick Brett

Thomas O'Malley

r/o His Family

Sunday, January 28, 2018

7:30 am **Jean Costello**
r/o Dolores Burke

John O'Connell

r/o Karla & Joe O'Connell

9:00 am **Charlene Cantor**

r/o The Sulock Family

Robert Moccia

r/o The Ehrhardt Family

10:30 am **Fr. Michael Waites**
r/o Kay & Chuck Mufalli

Cathy Daly

r/o Theresa Pepper

Eileen L. Muraco

r/o Alise M. Jordan & Family

12:00 pm **Josephine & Marvin Wismer**
r/o Cecelia Angst

Paul Cooney

r/o The Ehrhardt Family

Richard Millilo

r/o The Millilo Family



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Colleen Anninos, Bobby Barnett, Joann Beard, Joanne Brady, Debra Burns, Billy Byrem, Tom Cairns III, 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, Pat Franecki, 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, Amanda Milewski, Melissa Milewski, Kathy Moir, Eleanor Mortiz, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Alexa Pagano, Guido Pasquale, Anthony Pignatelli, Anthony Portella, George Reinas, Bro. Bill Riley, Kathie Rubright, Thomas Rutledge, Bob & Kate Salamon, Theresa Scafidi, Michael Stanley Schneider, Charles Sharpe, Ed Siemietkoski, Joan Siperavage, James Sutton, Lynne Turley, Bob Venango, Barbara Wajda, 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.

Men's Fellowship



Please join us on Thursday, January 25th at 7:00 pm in the Family Center.

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13



As we follow Christ in this mission to be fishers of men, we must bring men and women out of the sea that is salted with so many

forms of alienation and onto the land of life, into the light of God — Pope Benedict XVI

Sacred Heart Church Blood Drive

Monday, March 26 from 2:00 to 7:00pm

Make your appointment by visiting: www.redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code: Sacred Heart 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 22

6:00 pm — Legion of Mary
Family Center

6:30 pm — Mom's Gathering
Deacon's Room

Tuesday, January 23

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 24

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Thursday, January 25

6:00 pm — Mary's Rosary Guild
Lower Church Rosary Room

7:00 pm — Men's Fellowship
Family Center

7:00 pm — Dance Class
Lower Church

Friday, January 26

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:00 am Mass

Sunday, January 28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm — Youth Group Meeting (grades 7-8)

7:30 pm — Youth Group Meeting (grades 9-12)
Family Center

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church



The deepest element of God's commandment to protect human life is the requirement to show reverence and love for every person and the life of every person.

— St. John Paul II

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of January 13 & 14, 2018

\$11,292.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$7,740.00 (snow)

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

Obedience to His Call

The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of obedience of faith; to obey (from the Latin ob-audire, to “hear or listen to”) in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself. Abraham is the model of such obedience offered us by Sacred Scripture. The Virgin Mary is its most perfect embodiment.

Last week we saw other examples of such obedience, the Call of Samuel and Jesus call to his disciples. He said, “Come and See”, they *heard and obeyed*. Jesus continues to call to his disciples to detach themselves from their everyday life, the familiarity of their boats and nets and to follow Him. God called Jonah to a task that he was not in favor of doing eventually he *heard and obeyed* and with the Lord’s patience to teach he gave the message to the city of Nineveh.

In obedience to these calls, there were eventual change in the lives of Samuel, the disciples, Jonah and the people of Nineveh as well. Although these changes were not immediate in some cases they were a gradual transformation in the hearts of those involved.

Isn’t this what God does in us today? If we will but say, “Speak Lord your servant is listening”. Or, “Yes Lord, I come to do your will.” Or, “Be it done to me according to your will.” If we are sincere in our prayer, then God moves in our hearts, changes attitudes, strengthens us to handle adversity, forgives us and pours out a floodgate of blessings. Then above all else he opens our eyes to the height and breadth and depth of His Magnificent Love. A Love that he wants to pour in us. A Love that is like our life breathe itself to enable us to continue to journey with the Lord and with one another.

Let us remind ourselves that Jesus is not far off but instead offer ourselves in obedience to His Holy Will, remembering his words, “The Kingdom of God is at hand, repent and *believe* the Good News!”

GIFT

What I am is God’s gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God. — Anonymous

Sacred Heart Parish would like to thank Rudy Grilli and his family for all of the help and their generous donation to time and material keeping our parking lots salted and clear for everyone to park and walk safely to Mass. Rudy and his company have done several projects here at the parish making our walkways and driveway aprons better.



Keep the Flame Alive!

Celebrate Your Love

*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

Formed.org

With Formed.org you not only have access to wonderful Catholic teaching and movies, you also have the opportunity to follow Pope Saint John Paul II's message for New Evangelization.

What is the New Evangelization?

The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. The focus of the New Evangelization calls all Catholics to be evangelized and then go forth to evangelize. In a special way, the New Evangelization is focused on 're-proposing' the Gospel to those who have experienced a crisis of faith. Pope Benedict XVI called for the re-proposing of the Gospel "to those regions awaiting the first evangelization and to those regions where the roots of Christianity are deep but who have experienced a serious crisis of faith due to secularization."¹ **The New Evangelization invites each Catholic to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church.**

Be sure to offer the parish code to those who may not be coming to Mass every Sunday, for those for one reason or another have not grasped the fullness of their Catholic faith. Maybe listen and then share with those who do not know the great love that God has for them

If you have not registered on **Formed.org** yet, be sure to do so right away. It is easy and free to you.

Visit Formed.org with your web browser

Click on Register (lower right of page)

Enter our Parish Access Code: 6G4YCH

Enter your email and create a password (you will need this to login later)

Enjoy and share with others in our local community.

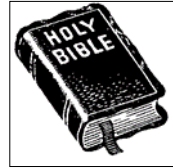
It is our privilege as Baptized Catholics to be a part of God's Kingdom and His plan for the salvation of souls.

**Riverton Fire Ladies Auxiliary
St. Patrick's Festival
Doolan's
Spring Lake
Saturday, March 17th**

Bus leaves 9:30am due back 5:30pm. Matinee Show and full course luncheon with 1 hour open bar. \$79 per person includes everything. For more information please call Barbara Jordan at 856-786-1105.

SAVE The Date

**Join us for Bible Study,
Philippians: Life in Christ
Wednesday Mornings 9:00 AM
Beginning February 21st. All are welcome!
Call Fran to register at 829-1836.**



Towards the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. Paul's affection for the Christian community at Philippi is apparent from his opening words. The Philippians were not only Paul's sons and daughters in the Faith but also his partners in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

At the heart of this letter is Paul's eloquent hymn of Christ's total gift of self, the model for Paul's life. With his words and the example of his life, Paul exhorts the Philippians to have the mind of Christ, to live a life worthy of the Gospel, and, by God's grace, to gain Christ.

In six sessions, Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the *lectio divina* disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive in *Philippians: Life in Christ*.

The **King's Kids** will gather every Sunday during the 9:00 Mass for the Children's Liturgy of the Word that is age appropriate for their learning. They may also enjoy a page or song that brings the Word alive for them. Your children are in good hands with dedicated trained volunteers. Consider Coming to the 9:00 Mass and have your children partake of this wonderful ministry.



2018 Men's Conference

DATE:

Saturday, February 24, 2018

TIME:

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Saint Gregory the Great
4260 Nottingham Way
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690

PHONE NUMBER:

609-587-4477

Catholic Men for Jesus Christ
www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org

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 or kathyp319@yahoo.com
to reserve a room.

**Join our Legacy of Excellence in Education
with the Power of Faith!**

We are extremely excited to invite you to discover Our Lady of Perpetual Help School and to tell you how we can provide your child with the best education possible – a Catholic Education!

The mission of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School is to enable students to celebrate their God given talents by serving others in the Spirit of Christ, and grow into life-long learners. Our highly dedicated faculty and staff are committed to the pursuit of academic excellence for all of our students.

OLPH offers an affordable option for families that seek an educational environment for their child that is family oriented, rooted in Gospel values, and is Christ-centered. Our commitment to excellence ensures that students excel academically, mature emotionally, and develop spiritually.

**We invite you to our Open House, Sunday, January 28,
from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, to meet our faculty, staff,
students, and families.**

Our dedicated faculty is committed to teaching the individual child by supporting children through a safe, nurturing environment for learning; by creating unique experiences that encourage discovery of new concepts; and by providing an understanding of Christ's message through his teaching.

**Pennsauken School District offers transportation to
OLPH!**

I encourage you to contact the school office and schedule a tour today. It is my pleasure to offer you a personal tour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, to discover the difference that is within, which is 85 years of a Catholic education at its finest.

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.

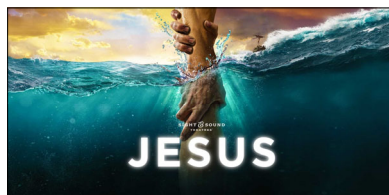
I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior... Amen.

WEEKEND MUSIC – JANUARY 21ST

- 544 Sing a New Song
- 379 Here I Am, Lord
- 354 The Supper of the Lord
- 600 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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 are attending the show Jesus must remit balance of money or full payment by Monday, February 5th. Thank you.

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.

Full remittance for Caesars due on Monday, March 12th. Deposit for Caesars due now. Thank you.

Calling all Jerry Blavat Fans!!

The Holy Cross Alumni Association is hosting our second annual dance party featuring the "Geator with the Heater" on Saturday, February 3rd from 7:00pm to 12:00am at Holy Cross in Delran. Tickets are \$50 and include buffet, beer, wine, & soft drinks. Tickets may be purchased online at www.newholycross.org or by contacting Karen Krankowski at 609-284-2209. Limited tickets are available; this event will sell out quickly so don't wait! All proceeds benefit the alumni scholarship fund.

Calling all Millennials! There is a website with you in mind.

Check this out on the web
<https://thehitchfix.com/>