

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 15, 2017

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

All four Gospels speak of the baptism of Jesus, but the Gospel of John does so in a distinct way. The evangelist does not narrate the story, but instead provides the testimony of John the Baptist about the event. John simply reports the descent of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit's continued presence in Jesus. John the Baptist is thus shown as an exemplary disciple of Jesus; one who not only does great deeds, but also always points to Jesus. John *testifies* to Jesus; he proclaims him as the Christ and his entire life gives evidence of the lordship of Jesus. We too are invited to *testify* in daily life, to give testimony and to be evidence of God's reign in our world.

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

From the beginning, the people of Israel understood themselves as a people who are gathered by God with a distinct purpose: to be so united with their God and with each other that they form a society filled with justice and mercy, and generously share with others. Imbued with God's graciousness and compassion, they are to be "a light to the nations," an example to all for how to live in community, and how to live in peace with all peoples. Our passage from Isaiah speaks to us today because all our parishes and Christian communities are similarly called to be such a light, to our neighbors and to our world. Every society struggles to find ways to live peaceably together. Bitterness in conflict and suspicion of strangers are all too common. The quality of our life together in Christian community thus matters a great deal. How we address conflict, how we forgive each other, and how we welcome strangers can be a source of light to our world. Put another way, as Paul wrote to the community in Corinth, we are called to holiness, to testify to God's graciousness in our life together.

PRIESTS

Rev. Robert Holtz, Pastor, ext. 11
Rev. Roberto Ignacio, Assistant, ext. 21

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Rev. Mr. Robert Bednarek
Rev. Mr. Joseph Donadieu
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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.



Monday, January 16, 2017

8:00 am **Dr. Robert Wey**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

8:00 am **Ann Ott Murphy**
r/o Her Children
Gus Scafidi
r/o His Wife, Theresa

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

8:00 am **Frank Rooney**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family
Bill & Isabell Rafter
r/o Their Family

Thursday, January 19, 2017

8:00 am **Sue Horan**
r/o Her Family

Friday, January 20, 2017

8:00 am **Harold Ehrhardt**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family

Saturday, January 21, 2017

8:00 am **People of the Parish**
4:30 pm **Ralph Talarico**
r/o Dennis & Joanne
Moore & Family

Sunday, January 22, 2017

7:30 am **Ralph Talarico**
r/o The Perry Family
9:00 am **Charles Daniels**
r/o Drew Williams &
Family
Anne Verdino
r/o The Bucchi Family
10:30 am **Bob Cristella**
r/o Conor & Theresa
Brennan Murray
Loretta Horgan
r/o Cathy & Paul Daly
Mary K. Van Note
r/o Harry McCurdy
Donna DiVece Devlin
r/o Her Mom, Madeline &
Family
12:00 pm **People of the Parish**



**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, Mary Jane Holland, Edward D'Andrea, Sr. Marion David, Joseph Zeisweiss, Joseph McGrane, Cecelia Sacca, Ann Hegedus, Regina Truitt, Douglas Kirk, Rita Alven, Thomas Kovack, Jack Murphy, Jim Dennis, John Yezzi Sr, Constance O'Brien, Cecelia Johnson, John Doyle, Charles Milligan, Marie McMullen, Sandra Perkins, Jerry McKeever, Frances Orfe, Sean Cullen, Don DyBalski, Kenneth Schiller, Edwin Matczak, Joseph Hartman Sr, Harriet Guelich, Maureen Deegan, Anthony Giampaolo, Harry Doherty, Edith D'Andrea, Maureen McGlashon, Lily Corso, Paul Tillger, Joseph Fassano, Anne Schwartz, Carol Lattanzi, Dolores DiPasquale, Donald Weist, Stephen DeJoseph, Ray McCue, Daniel Cooney, Marypat Chrupcala, Joseph Berkley, John Mahony Sr, Mary Paolini, Joseph Pignatelli, Mary Smith, Mary Taylor, Anthony Garbett, James Murphy, Kathryn Agnes, Mary Burns, Elizabeth Johnson, Loretta Fratto, Evelyn Morton, Julius Romero, Mary Mulvihill, Lillian Wille, Mildred Lipsett, Leon Paulikas, Mary Chiaccio, Helen Nachurski, Constance Bergmeister, Robert Cristella, Maryann LaSalle, Margaret Donovan, Joseph Peditto, Christine Rossell, Vincent Fynan Sr, Regina Criqui & Ralph Talarico

VISION

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world. — Anonymous



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Bobby Barnett, Richard Boucher, Joanne Brady, Debra Burns, Billy Byrem, Dorothy Clinton, Tony Colkers, Melissa Creagh, Tanya DiMaio, John Doherty, Diane Donnelly, Fr. Michael Doyle, Mary Lou Francis, Debbie Frank, Marianne Ford, Dot Fries, Jane Gasper, Loretta Gibson, Kelsey Goodwin, Thomas Heliger Sr, Becky Jones, Maura Kendall, Don Kline, Edward Knicley, Matthew Laverty, Howard & Joy Lawmaster, Margaret Link, Molly Maerten, Robin Graff Marinelli, William Martens, Maryanne McClintic, Melissa Milewski, Dawn McGinley, William McGonigal, Mary McGovern, Kathy Moir, Eleanor Mortiz, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Alexa Pagano, Guido Pasquale, Anthony Pignatelli, Anthony Portella, George Reinas, Bob & Kate Salamon, Mildred Santos, Theresa Scafidi, Michael Stanley Schneider, Charles Sharpe, Ed Siemietkoski, Jim Sutton, Marcia Thomas, Lynne Turley, Fr. Michael Waites, Jason Wark, Jim & Ruth Wentworth, and Lillian Zamichieli

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

THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the “servant songs” from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus’ ministry of service. Isaiah’s mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today’s Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus “outranks” John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John’s baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

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In Observance of
Martin Luther King’s Birthday.
The parish offices will be closed
on Monday

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 16

Parish Offices Closed

6:00 pm — Legion of Mary
Family Center Room 6

Tuesday, January 17

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following 8:00 am Mass

Willing and Able will resume in February

7:00 pm — NA Meeting
Lower Church

Wednesday, January 18

10:00 am — Moms & Tots
Lower Church

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Thursday, January 19

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

7:00 pm — Dance Class
Lower Church

Friday, January 20

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm — God’s Followers
Family Center

Sunday, January 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1:15 — Celebration of Baptisms
Church

6:30 pm — Little Flowers & Blue Knights
Family Center

7:00 pm — Sacred Heart Youth Group ~ TNT
Family Center

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of January 7 & 8, 2017

\$7,740.00

Same Weekend last year’s collection

\$14,656.00

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

Pope Francis: *Jesus' baptism opened the heavens*



The Pope said the opening of the heavens when John the Baptist baptized Jesus “ended the time of the ‘closed heavens’ which indicate the separation between God and man, the consequence of sin.”

“The open heavens indicate that God gave his grace for the earth to bear fruit. So the earth has become the dwelling of God among men, and each of us has the opportunity to meet the Son of God, experiencing all his love and infinite mercy,” he told tens of thousands of people gathered in St. Peter’s Square for the Sunday Angelus Jan. 11. “Sin alienates us from God and breaks the link between Earth and Heaven, thus determining our misery and failure of our lives,” he added.

Sunday marked the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Pope Francis reflected on the day’s Mass readings, which included a reading from the Gospel of Mark’s first chapter about Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River and the descent of the Holy Spirit. When God’s voice proclaims “You are my beloved son, with you I am well pleased,” the Pope explained, “the Father’s voice proclaims the mystery that lurks in the Man baptized by John the Baptist.”

The descent of the Holy Spirit allows Jesus Christ to begin his mission of mankind’s salvation.

“Remember this: pray often to the Holy Spirit because he helps us, he gives us strength, he gives us inspiration and helps us move forward!” the Pope exhorted.

Pope Francis said the Holy Spirit encourages the spread of the Gospel “to the ends of the earth and of society.”

He lamented the existence of Christians and communities who are “deaf” to the voice of the Holy Spirit and are also becoming “mute.” He described them as those who “do not speak and do not evangelize.”

The Pope suggested that the Holy Spirit is “the Great Forgotten One in our prayers.” Christians often pray to Jesus and to God the Father, but not so frequently to the Holy Spirit.

“And we need to ask for his help, his strength, and his inspiration. The Holy Spirit who animated entirely the life and ministry of Jesus is the same Spirit who now leads the Christian life.”

Mark your calendars coming February 2017!

Bible Studies on Wednesday morning will resume on February 8th from 9:00 to 10:30 am in the Family Center. The group will be studying the *Gospel of John*. For more information and/or to register, please contact Dawn at 829-6179 or email at dawn@vermesmachine.com.

Diocese of Trenton

Jail & Prison Ministry Information Session Saturday, January 28th ~ 10:00am

Chancery, 701 Lawrenceville Rd, Trenton, NJ

Anyone interested in volunteering or learning about Jail & Prison Ministry is invited to attend an Information Session on January 28th at 10:00am. If you are interested please call Dorian at 609-403-7175 or email her at dthoma@dioceseoftrenton.org. Or call Fr. Martin McGeough at 609-403-7198 or email him at mmcgeo@dioceseoftrenton.org. For those who wish to volunteer in this ministry, additional sessions of preparation will follow.



I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. — Isaiah

49:6b

March for Life 2015 Friday, January 27th

12th St. National Mall, Washington D.C.

12:00 noon Rally

1:00 pm March

Please join fellow parishioners from St. Charles &



THE POWER OF ONE

Sacred Heart for the March for Life. The Buses will leave from St. Charles’ parking lot at 7:30am and leave Washington at 4:30pm. **Please see details:** Mass at St. Charles at 6:30am, coffee

& donuts and sign-in at 7:00am in McCusker Hall, Buses will leave St. Charles at 7:30am and return to St. Charles at 7:30pm. Bring a lunch and drink to eat on the bus before arrival and dress warmly! Please contact Therese at 856-364-0255 or tookewlt@gmail.com to reserve your seat on the bus.

Keep the Flame Alive!



*Dinner for Two February 11th at
6:30 pm*

*We invite you to Cafe' 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.*



*Sacred Heart Parish, Riverton
Lower Church, Cost \$25.00 per Couple
Taking Reservation Now at 856-829-
1836, RSVP By: Tuesday February 7th*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOAGIE SALE Saturday, January 21st

American or Tuna hoagies are available on a 12" hoagie roll. Orders can be placed at 829-9859 or email kofchoagies@gmail.com for pick up on Saturday, January 21st, between 10:00 am & 12:00 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. Pick up is at our Council Home at Broad and Elm Streets in Palmyra.

Thank you for your support... Your Knights.



2017

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR SACRED HEART FAMILY ...

January 14th/15th ~ Registration begins Women's Annual Retreat ~ March 24, 25 & 26

January 23rd ~ 6:30 pm ~ Virtus Workshop (new volunteers) ~ Family Center

January 26th ~ Retreat Planning Meeting ~ Location TBA

February 2nd ~ 6:30 pm ~ Pastoral Council Planning Meeting ~ Family Center

February 6th ~ 7:00 pm ~ Mom's Gathering ~ Deacon's Room

February 8th ~ 9:00 am ~ Bible Study ~ *The Book of John* ~ Family Center

February 11th ~ 6:30 pm ~ Couple's Valentine Dinner ~ Lower Church

February 18th ~ 9:30 am ~ Care Givers' Retreat for all SH Ministers ~ Family Center

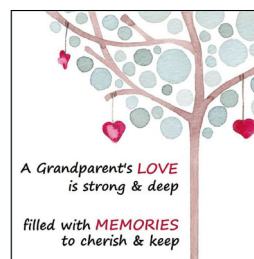
GOD KNOWS BEST

God's creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.

— Anonymous

ATTENTION ALL GRANDPARENTS!!!

You have the power to make a difference in your grandchildren's' life despite the miles that may separate you. Today, many families are miles apart due to job locations and schooling. Children do not just leave home, but many leave the state!



A Grandparent's LOVE
is strong & deep

filled with MEMORIES
to cherish & keep

Come join us and create your own one of a kind keepsake that you can pass on to your grandchildren. The stories you share, the traditions, memories and photographs will help to strengthen your family's bond of love and Faith! This workshop is free of charge the only cost is the material for your project.

If you are interested in learning more about how to create this priceless gift...Please contact Mary at 829-1836 or m.neary@shcriverton.org.

SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY ~ TNT

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

Sunday, January 15th ~ Pretzel Sale

Sunday, January 22nd ~ Meeting ~ 7:00pm ~ Family Center

Operation Christmas Child will be collecting **hats, gloves and scarves**, which can be placed in the Blue Collection box in the Family Center. Thank you for your support

For any questions, please email us at: sacredheartyouthgroup@yahoo.com

Sacred Heart's Youth Ministry Pretzel Sale!!

The next pretzel sale is January 15th. This event is sponsored by the Sacred Heart Youth Group—TNT and is usually the first Sunday of each month, during the religious education year. The proceeds from the pretzel sales (and movie night concession stand sales) goes toward trips, workshops and conferences that the Youth Group attend. It also goes toward any costs for any service projects.

**Camden Catholic High School
300 Cuthbert Road
Cherry Hill, NJ**

The Arts at CCHS Presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella*

Tickets now available! www.cchsperformingarts.com
Performances: March 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 7:30 pm and March 5 & 12 at 2 pm.

The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn with the Rodgers & Hammerstein hallmarks of originality, charm and elegance. Join us to be entertained by the talented performing arts and music students of Camden Catholic High School.

Admission Information Night: Thursday, February 2nd from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Whether you are an 8th grader still making your decision about high school, or a 6th or 7th grader planning for your future, please join us to learn more about the admissions process, curriculum, arts and athletics at Camden Catholic High School. This is a general information session in which you will have the opportunity to meet our students, faculty and administration, tour our campus, and have your questions answered. RSVP at www.camdenccatholic.org/admissionsevents, call the Admissions Office at 856-663-2247 ext 136 or email janet.indelicato@camdenccatholic.org.

WEEKEND MUSIC – JANUARY 15TH

418 The Church's One Foundation
455 You Are Mine
338 Behold the Lamb
545 Glory and Praise to Our God

**Good Counsel Homes invites you to...**

An evening of dining, dancing, an opportunity to win lots of prizes and help our babies! Good Counsel Homes Annual Dinner Dance, Buffet and Basket Fund Raiser, February 4, 2017, will be held at Infant Jesus Parish, (St. Margaret's Gym) in Woodbury Heights. Doors open at 6pm. You will be able to dine at an all you can eat buffet, listen to music by John Childress, participate in 50- 50 raffles and win beautiful gift baskets. All proceeds will benefit the moms and babies of Good Counsel Homes, Riverside. Advance tickets by January 29th will be \$30.00. After Jan. 29th and at the door-ticket prices will be \$35.00. Bring your family and friends - we promise it to be a rewarding evening in many different ways especially knowing you are helping those less fortunate. For tickets call Jo-Ann DiNoia 609-387-2928; or email jo-ann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org. See you there!

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.

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.