

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 22, 2017

JESUS WENT AROUND ALL OF GALILEE, PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

Darkness is a very common human experience. Have you recently been in pitch darkness? When it is really dark, not only can't you see where to take the next steps, you can't see any activity around you, whether good or bad. This is the kind of darkness Isaiah speaks of in our reading. In this darkness, the people of Israel, and all humanity, can't see how God is working on their behalf. So when Jesus arrives on the scene in our Gospel passage, it is like the first rays of sunlight from the dawn, giving clarity and hope. In Jesus we can begin to see how God is active on behalf of all people, and in fact has been working during the earlier darkness. We can begin to see where to take our next steps, and to learn how to reflect this light to others.

FROM THE ORDINARY

When Matthew turns to the call of the first disciples of Jesus, it is striking how ordinary these men were. Jesus does not recruit "the best and the brightest" as his core team. The four disciples named here had little or no education, no special breeding, no influence in high places. They had ordinary jobs in ordinary places. But this is often how God works, throughout the story of God and the Chosen People in the Bible. Remember the call of ordinary folks like Abraham, Moses, David, Mary, and many others. Today we are reminded that God loves us and calls us just as we are, where we are, in the present. God doesn't ask us to become somehow more acceptable ahead of time, in order to draw near to God. We are called by God to be partners and disciples, and God will teach us along the way. Wherever we are in our lives, God calls us from our ordinariness, to join our hearts with the divine Heart, and to join God in the work that must be done.

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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, 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



Monday, January 23, 2017

8:00 am **Loretta Obeda**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

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

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

8:00 am **Leo Carr**
r/o Adam & Nancy Haraburda

Thursday, January 26, 2017

8:00 am **Eric Rogers**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family

Friday, January 27, 2017

8:00 am **Ven Gertie**
r/o His Family
Thomas O'Malley
r/o Winnie Koch

Saturday, January 28, 2017

8:00 am **Sr. Helen Cecilia Lowen, OP**
Mary Lou
4:30 pm **George Dusheck**
r/o Jean & Sharon
Kimberly DeCicco
r/o Rosalie Forte

Sunday, January 29, 2017

7:30 am **Eileen Cronin**
r/o Joseph & Karla O'Connell
Patricia Stavelly
r/o Her Mom, Dot Fries
9:00 am **Patricia E. Diaz**
r/o Robert & Janine Long
10:30 am **Loretta Horgan**
r/o Karen Sulock
Bob Cristella
r/o The Notte Family
Ray McCue
r/o Joe & Jean Threston
12:00 pm **Richard Millilo**
r/o His Wife, Pat & Children
Phyllis & Daniel Goffredo
r/o Tommy & Keely Shaw and the Goffredo Daughters



**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.

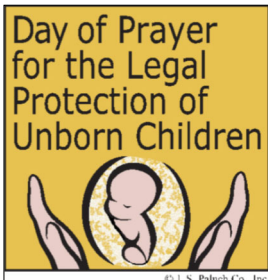
LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

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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 23

6:00 pm — Legion of Mary
Family Center Room 6
6:30 pm — *Virtus* Workshop
Family Center

Tuesday, January 24

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following 8:00 am Mass
Willing and Able will resume in February
7:00 pm — NA Meeting
Lower Church

Wednesday, January 25

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Thursday, January 26

6:00 pm — Mary's Rosary Guild
Lower Church Rosary Room
7:00 pm — Dance Class
Lower Church

Friday, January 27

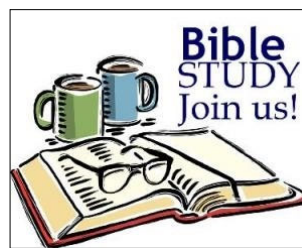
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:00 am Mass

Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

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.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of January 14 & 15, 2017
\$12,498.00
Same Weekend last year's collection
\$12,346.00
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

Three Tips from Pope Francis on How to Share the Faith (2015)

1. Appeal to people's deepest desires.

This is the common denominator in our humanity: we are all looking for "something" – some kind of happiness, some kind of fulfillment. All sharing of who Christ is (and why people should care) must begin with an appeal to that longing for life, love, and happiness, witnessing to the eternal banquet that satisfies our deepest hunger.

As Pope Francis says... *"All Christian formation consists of entering more deeply into... the message capable of responding to the desire for the infinite which abides in every human heart"* (Joy of the Gospel 165).

2. Speak of your faith in everyday language.

It's an obvious point that, if we are to communicate, we need to speak in a language that people understand. But it's a point that is often ignored for some reason when it comes to sharing the faith.

As Pope Francis says... *"Today's 'vast and rapid cultural changes demand that we constantly seek ways of expressing unchanging truths in a language which brings out their abiding newness. 'The deposit of faith is one thing... the way it is expressed is another'"* (Joy of the Gospel 41).

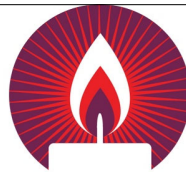
3. Remain open to the fire of the Holy Spirit.

If evangelization means bringing Christ to the world, Mary was the first evangelist. How did she do it? How did she bring Christ to the world? The Holy Spirit came upon her and she conceived (see Lk 1:34–35). The Holy Spirit—the fire of God—is the very source of evangelization. Hence, evangelization is simply impossible unless we remain open to this fire.

As Pope Francis says... *Evangelizers must be "fearlessly open to the working of the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost, the Spirit made the apostles go forth from themselves and turned them into heralds of God's wondrous deeds, capable of speaking to each person in his or her own language. The Holy Spirit also grants the courage to proclaim the newness of the Gospel with boldness in every time and place, even when it meets with opposition"* (Joy of the Gospel 259).

March for Life 2017
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.

Cooperstown Cinnaminson Dream Team Pancake Breakfast

- * Pancakes
- * Sausages
- * Coffee
- * Tea
- ◇ Cost: \$5/person
- ◇ Raffle tickets will be available to win an autographed Eagles Carson Wentz jersey and Jordan Matthews football

When: Saturday, February 18th from 9 to 11 am

Where: Sacred Heart Lower Church

Why: To raise money to support our baseball team, with players from Cinnaminson, Riverton, Delran and Maple Shade, as they work towards the Cooperstown experience.

For more information please call Vicki at 856-303-9548.

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@dioceseoftreton.org. For those who wish to volunteer in this ministry, additional sessions of preparation will follow.

Keep the Flame Alive!



*Dinner for Two
Saturday, 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 cou-
ples 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*

Save the date!

**Join Our
Golf Outing**



**Sacred Heart
Church
3rd Annual Golf
Outing
May 8th, 2017
More information
to follow.**



**Please join us
Saturday, February
18th
9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Sacred Heart Family
Center
God's Strengthening
Love for Caregivers
Suggested cost \$20**

Come and experience a day of prayer, reflection and renewal with other care-givers; be refreshed and learn some simple practices to strengthen you as you care for others. Continental Breakfast, please bring your own lunch, coffee, tea and ice tea will be provided.

The retreat is open to all ministers, especially those who visit the sick and home-bound, as well as nursing facilities. Our retreat leader is John Patrick Gatton. Pat (as he likes to be called) led the diocesan Pastoral Care retreat back in June 2016. He comes highly recommended and is the author of the book, "God's Strengthening Love for Caregivers". Each participant will receive a copy of his book.

This retreat is a time FOR YOU to come away and be refreshed, blessed and re-energized as you continue to serve God through serving one another. You will learn new tools that will enable you to take better care of yourself, while you care for others.

In addition to the above, this will be an excellent opportunity to build community with other care-givers in the area who are faithfully serving those who need our support, encouragement and love.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Since I need to order the books for the day I will need to know and exact count. Please RSVP...YES I will be attending... to gardenlife127@comcast.net and/or call 829-1836. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



Jenelle and JD worked the pretzel sale to make sure our church family had a little snack for after Religious Ed and Mass!

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 22nd ~ Meeting ~ 7:00pm ~ Family Center

Saturday, January 28th ~ Loaves & Fishes ~ St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral in Trenton

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

TNT has added a service project for January. They will be going to St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral in Trenton to serve at the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen on Saturday, January 28th. The teens will be helping to turn the basement of the cathedral into a dining room by setting up tables and chairs, putting out place settings, welcoming guests, serving meals, refilling drinks, and handing out supplies to the guests as they leave. The teens will have the opportunity to interact with the guests and hear some of their stories. Sometimes that's all we ever want is for someone to listen to us.



Dominic, Larry, Stephen and Nick work the snack stand at movie night!!



Find Fr. Bob in the crowd if you can!!

WEEKEND MUSIC – JANUARY 22ND

- 543 Sing A New Song
- 596 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
- 591 Your Words are Spirit and Life
- 383 City of God



2017

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR SACRED HEART FAMILY ...

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

March 11th ~ St. Patrick's Day Dance ~ Family Center Gym (more info to follow)

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.