

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 27, 2019

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME

Twenty-first-century American culture relies so much on brief social media texts—Facebook, Twitter—that we might wonder how the “men, women, and those children old enough to understand” (Nehemiah 8:2) could spend the entire morning listening to Ezra the priest read from the book of Jewish law. Returning home after seventy years of exile, the people had to rebuild their homeland—the city of Jerusalem, the temple, social and economic structures—all of it. Listening to Ezra reading the ancient law seems to have re-connected the people to traditions that gave meaning to all their struggles. They were weeping tears of joy! The psalmist is likewise moved by the beauty of God’s law. It is not a bothersome restriction on human behavior, but a wise guide for people seeking wisdom and enduring happiness. At the conclusion of his reading, Ezra instructs them to be joyful, to “eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks...for today is holy to our Lord” (Nehemiah 8:10). Rejoicing is the proper response to the rediscovery of God’s law.

EVERYONE GETS TO ATTEND!

Ezra also tells the people to “allot portions to those who had nothing prepared,” to make sure that everyone is included, whether or not they had anything to share. When Jesus reads a much shorter passage to a much smaller assembly in the synagogue, he announces his intentions to ensure that no one is excluded. The Spirit of the Lord is leading him to heal the afflictions of those who are almost routinely “exiled” from mainstream society, people who are poor, people who have been in prison, people with physical or mental disabilities. Unlike Jesus, we cannot work miracles to heal them or mitigate their conditions; but like Jesus, we can work to bring these “exiles” to a “homeland” where God’s law ensures that everyone can rejoice, because everyone is included.

PRIESTS

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

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Rev. Mr. Michael Stinsman
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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**

Bob Salamon, Theresa Scafidi, Margaret Downey, Frances Wallace, Millie Corr, Marion Massara, Edward Lynn, Anna Netzko, Thomas Colella, Thomas Reinhart, Madeleine Koszyk, Robert Bauer, Robert Clauss, Francis O'Brien, David Stahl, William McMullen III, Loretta Sommer, Lynne Turley, Eleanor Mortiz, Mildred Dyer, Mia Mobertz, Shirley Siemien, Martin 'Chuck' Mufalli, Ann Marie McCarty, Esther Lane, John Paul Berkley, Kevin White, Robert Thomson, Virginia Evers, John Wallace, Judy Keesler, Robert Smith, Sarah Collazo, Eleanor Conway, Kenneth E. Smith, John Williams Sr, Mary Jane Angeli, Thomas Laverty, Michael O'Connor, Margaret Strenski, John Wisotzkey, Anthony Colkers, William McMahan, Francis Zeisweiss, Nicolette Russo, Charlyne McGill, Mary Owens, Russ Lucas, Gladys Sauls, Joseph DeStasio, Kim Dorety, Frances Miersch, Patricia Weick, Albert Romer, Stephanie Grady, John Schwartz, Joanne Brady, Joseph & Kathleen Creighton, Bess Cascio, Terre Walsh, Dillan Hardt, Bishop John M. Smith, Maryann Tillger, 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, Adele Bendig, Angela Tursi, Ann Harmon, William Martens, Liana Raday & Joseph Lattore



Monday, January 28, 2019

8:00 am **Josephine & Marvin Wismer**
r/o Cecilia

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

8:00 am **Bill & Rosemary Martens**
r/o Kathy & John Schultz
Marie Boier
r/o Joanne Stevens

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

8:00 am **James Yeck**
r/o Mary Holtz

Thursday, January 31, 2019

8:00 am **Terre Walsh**
r/o The Casey Family
Ronald Whitney Ciambella
r/o His Mom, Pauline

Friday, February 1, 2019

8:00 am **Thomas & Lucy Sico**
r/o Donald & Joyce Sico
Special Intentions for Brian Rafter
r/o Ruth Yearly

Saturday, February 2, 2019

8:00 am **Larry Fennell**
r/o Amelia Fennell
4:30 pm **Charles Connor**
r/o Melanie Klesh
Special Intentions for John Jordan
r/o Ruth Yearly

Sunday, February 3, 2019

7:30 am **Andrew Zorn, Jr**
r/o Jerry & Carolyn Furrer
9:00 am **Michael Deegan**
r/o His Family
Bess Cascio
r/o Sam & Marilyn Bishop
Albert Bucchi, Sr
Karen & Dan
10:30 am **Aileen M. Carr**
r/o Brian & Melanie Callahan
Dillan Hardt
r/o The Zimmermann's
Special Intentions for Alexys Cloran
r/o Her Family
12:00 pm **Terre Walsh**
r/o Janice Papenberg



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Colleen Anninos, Bobby Barnett, David Beers, Desmond Bruce, Debra Burns, Billy Byrem, Tom Cairns III, Anna Catanzariti, Sharon Christenson, Dorothy Clinton, Diana Comerford, Karyn Cook, Paul Daly, Bill DeVece, Tanya DiMaio, Rosemary DiTaranto, John Doherty, Diane Donnelly, Fr. Michael Doyle, Mark Edwards, Marianne Ford, Pat Franecki, Dot Fries, Loretta Gibson, Marlie & Megan Guicheteau, Jamie Hall, Catherine Healy, Richard Heeter, Thomas Heliger Sr, Carol Hosey, John Jordan, Jack & Phyllis Jung, Robert Kennedy, Edward Knicley, Matthew Laverty, Joe Leahy, Molly Maerten, Benjamin McClintic, Hugh McGlashon, William McGonigal, Mary Meeks, Louis Merget, Amanda Milewski, Melissa Milewski, Mary Moynahan, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Angela Pflugfelder, Anthony Pignatelli, Betty Pollis, Anthony Portella, Bro. Bill Riley, Kate Salamon, Michael Stanley Schneider, Charles & Susan Sharpe, Ed Siemietkoski, Joan Siperavage, Terry Smith, Joanne Soden, Patricia Stanley, James Sutton, Eleanor Tilmont, Amy Tuccillo, Mary Vandy, Rick Van Glahn, Bob Venango, Patrick White, Barbara Wilson, Bill Wilson and Edgar Wilson

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.

If you have borrowed the audio teaching CD's from the kiosk at the back of church please return them so that other will be able to enjoy them too.

An Invitation:

Why not start the day with Mass at 8:00 am? It's only a half hour with so many blessings. Please try it! Your Angel

Pope Francis also encouraged restoring the "Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel" to our public and private prayers:

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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 28

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

Tuesday, January 29

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following 8:00 am Mass
Willing and Able will resume in February
7:00 pm — NA Meeting
Epworth UM Church
501 Morgan Ave, Palmyra

Wednesday, January 30

9:00 am — Pivotal Players Bible Study
Family Center Meeting Room
8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Central Baptist Church
5th & Maple, Palmyra

Thursday, January 31

No Mary's Rosary Guild until further notice
7:00 pm — Choir Practice
Music Room
7:00 pm — Men's Fellowship
Family Center
No Dance Class until further notice

Friday, February 1

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:00 am Mass
7:00 pm — SGYGR Meeting
Family Center

Sunday, February 3

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1:15 pm — Celebration of Baptisms
Church
7:00 pm — AA Meeting
Central Baptist Church
5th & Maple, Palmyra

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of January 19 & 20, 2018

\$9,406.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$10,510.00

Christmas collection 2018

\$53,583.00

Last year's Christmas collection 2017

\$47,780.00

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**

Share the Glad Tidings!



It is no coincidence that the church fathers group this Sunday's readings in Corinthians concerning the church being assembled with many different gifts and the gospel of Jesus fulfilling the prophet Isaiah proclamation, "the spirit of the Lord is upon me".

I love this scripture because I had one of those illuminating moments, when the light bulb went on, and I realized that we the church, as followers of Christ are the ones that the Spirit of God has come to and in our Baptism and Confirmation He has anointed us, called us and prepared us.

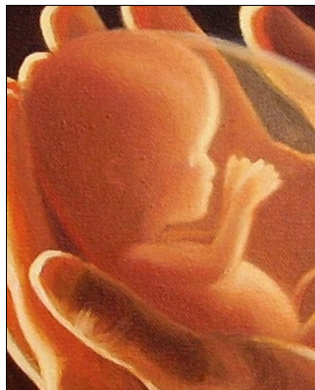
With all the gifts that are listed in Corinthians and many, many more, you and I have been equipped as followers of Christ, to do the task that God calls us to. So church, have you been holding back on us? Which of you is the prophet, teacher, preacher, healer? Where are God's mighty deeds?

Well, the Lord anointed you for the task, to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent you to proclaim liberty to the captives, to recover sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. In our everyday movements, wherever we find ourselves, look for the opportunity where God would have you bring the glad tidings, with a smile, a helping hand, a word of encouragement and prayer.

Above all, the glad tidings are that the Lord has come to seek and save all those who are lost. Share those glad tidings! There are so many people captive in their own confusion, lost and blind by it. Many are oppressed by sin that is like a cancer eating away at their joy. You carry in your being, the answer, which is Jesus Christ. Of course, remember to take that plank out of your own eye and then it is surprising how we can see and move forward to do God's work.

God's word is empowering. We are not to sit on our duffs just receiving, but we are to be a conduit of His love. That same Love of the Holy Spirit is the power of the church. It is the same power that raised Christ from the dead! Wow, try to take that in for a while! This is surely glad tidings!

Fran Stinsman



Plan to Attend

Annual Women's Retreat ~ March 22-24

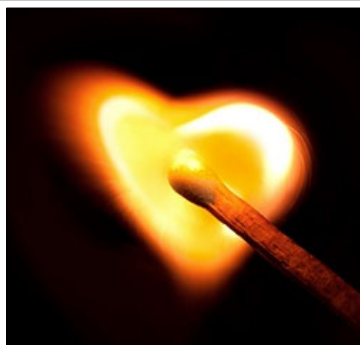
Maris Stella Retreat Center

Harvey Cedars, NJ

For more information,

contact Kathy Portella at 609-230-1938.

"You are fully known and fully loved." **Based on Psalm 139**



The **Married Couples Dinner Dance and Renewal of Vows** that has been held in February the last couple years must be cancelled this year due to the water in the Lower Church.

Keep the flame alive: visit ForYourMarriage.org

The Marriage Ministry of Sacred Heart looks forward to sharing with you again next year. Look for advertisement in 2020.

Catholic Daughter's Corner

Last week we provided another warm and delicious pancake breakfast complete with sausage, fruit and croissants to our friends at Good Counsel Homes in Riverside. While people were cooking in the kitchen another group was downstairs sorting and stocking donated items. Everything is very much appreciated and we have so much fun doing it! We always welcome volunteers. Our next visit is Tuesday, February 5th. We meet at Good Counsel about 9:00am after morning Mass.

Catholic Daughter's next meeting is Wednesday, February 13th at 6:30pm in the Family Center. Please bring your blue book. Curious about Catholic Daughter's? Stop in for coffee and say hello.

Catholic Daughters is collecting items to make up TLC gift bags for caregivers through Samaritan Hospice. Can you help us? Some things suggested are crossword/word search/activity books, MINI dry erase boards with markers, small games like dominos, fuzzy socks, scented lotions, lip balm, journals, stress balls, tea, candy, cookies (packaged) CDs of soothing instrumental music, or anything you can think of to brighten someone's day! If you are able to get any items please place them in a basket in the Miraculous Medal side altar by February 6th. Thank you in advance!

MEMORIALS

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

EILEEN L. MURACO

AT THE REQUEST OF

ALISE M. JORDAN & FAMILY



Most Rev. John M. Smith, Bishop Emeritus (2010-2019) and Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton (1997-2010), passed away Tuesday, January 22nd.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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.

Women's Fellowship

"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances; to seek Him, the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement."

— St. Augustine

Please join us for Women's Fellowship on Monday, February 4th at 7:00pm in the Deacon's Room. If you have any questions, please feel free to call/text Thereese at 609-731-2751 or Christine at 609-923-7346.

We hope to see you there!

Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep...for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength — Nehemiah 8:9-10

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center

Box 392 • Rancocas, NJ 08073

609-877-0509 (preferred) or

FHOP@verizon.net

Please check www.FHOP.org

for our other offerings!



SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT WEEKEND

February 8th to 10th ~ 7:00 pm Friday to 1:00pm Sunday

Due to the frantic pace of contemporary life, it is essential for our spiritual and physical health to take time to pray. A weekend directed retreat offers you the opportunity to experience the graced rhythm of life in which silence and rest restore your body and God revives your soul. Liturgy, spiritual direction and optional contemplative prayer periods are included. Donation: \$130/\$50 non-refundable deposit with registration.

VALENTINE'S EVENING FOR COUPLES

Thursday, February 14th ~ 5:00 to 8:00 pm

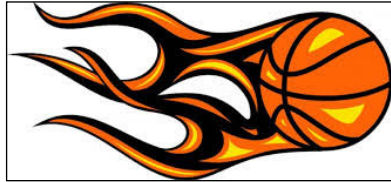
Liturgy, renewal of marriage vows and a full course dinner highlight this most enjoyable way to celebrate Valentine's Day. The evening will focus on celebrating the love between you and couples. Donation: \$50/couple with registration.

Jerry Blavat Dance Party at Holy Cross!

Join us at Holy Cross on Saturday, February 16th, for our 3rd Annual Jerry Blavat Dance Party. \$50 per person includes buffer, beer, wine, soft drinks & the Geator! Tickets can be purchased at www.hcprep.org or by calling the at 856-461-5400.

Basketball Corner

“The Varsity Small Basketball Team continues to have a great season as they recently gave the Undefeated



Squad from John Paul (Willingboro) all they could handle, losing a tough 39-36 contest. Sam Morris has been a huge contributor with his all-around great playing. TJ Azelby continues to chip in every week with his steady play and sharp shooting abilities.”

Good Counsel Homes South Jersey Annual Buffet and Baskets



An evening of dining, dancing, opportunity to win lots of prizes, and of course, help our moms and babies! The Buffet and Baskets is scheduled for Saturday February 23, 2019 at Infant Jesus Parish, (St. Margaret’s Gym) in Woodbury Heights. Doors open at 6pm. All you can eat buffet, music by MCaesars Productions, and beautiful gift baskets. All proceeds will benefit Good Counsel Homes, Riverside. Advance tickets by February 18th will be \$30.00. After February 19th and at the door- ticket prices will be \$40.00. 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 Rob 856-649-9519; or email DIETRICHRW@AOL.COM. See you there!

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.



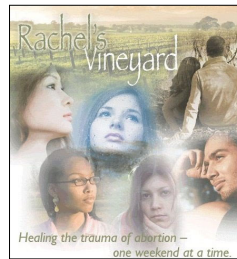
WEEKEND MUSIC – JANUARY 27TH

- 313 Gather Your People
- 413 Sing a New Church
- 597 We Are the Light of the World
- 377 The Spirit Sends Us Forth



Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel’s Vineyard’s Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.



If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

2019 Weekend Retreats
 March 1-3, 2019
 August 23-25, 2019

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you.
 — St. Thomas Aquinas

Men’s Fellowship

Men, please join us for a monthly evening of prayer and fellowship on the last Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Family Center. The dates are: **January 31st**, February 28th, March 28th, April 25th and May 30th.



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