

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 28, 2018

HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE HAVING AUTHORITY

God does not lord divine authority over us, even though God is Lord of heaven and earth. God wants what is best for all of humanity and for all of creation. God desires that we live for God and for others. Jesus teaches as “one having authority and not as the scribes,” because Jesus is the source of whatever authority the scribes had, whether they carried out their authority well or not. Those who heard Jesus speak were in the presence of the very truth of God’s love. There is no greater authority than this. There is more, however. We are given free will, and may choose to live as God desires, or to walk away from the path of holiness. The Israelites to whom Moses spoke had failed to live God’s law of love in the past, and recognized their need for someone to speak the words of the Lord to them. In the simplest of terms, they understood that God is God, and that they were not God.

WE ARE NOT GOD

We are not God. In our hearts, we know this. And yet, how often do we act as though we think we are? We might go to God in moments of weakness, difficulty, or trial and ask God for help, yet much of the time we go our own way. We hold onto a false sense of control, rather than finding freedom in reliance on God. Salvation history, as recorded in sacred scripture, shows us that there has been this tendency in humanity throughout the ages to try to be God, rather than to be *like* God. Such thinking does not work out well in the end. We are not God! Jesus came to express the depths of God’s love. The authority with which he spoke and taught, healed and expressed forgiveness, is the authority of one who understands that love in the answer. Christ shows us the real transformation that is possible when we give God the authority. “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

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
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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 29, 2018

8:00 am **Marie Boire**
r/o Joanne Stevens
Rosemary Martens
r/o William Martens

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

8:00 am **Lillian Zamichieli**
r/o Barbara Larose

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

8:00 am **Ronald Whitney Ciambella**
r/o His Mother

Thursday, February 1, 2018

8:00 am **Thomas & Lucy Sico**
r/o Donald & Joyce Sico

Friday, February 2, 2018

8:00 am **Larry Fennell**
r/o Amelia Fennell
Michael Deegan
r/o His Family

Saturday, February 3, 2018

8:00 am **Aileen M. Carr**
r/o Brian & Melanie Callahan
Sisters Fidelis & Helen Cecilia, O.P.

r/o Mary Lou
4:30 pm **George Dusheck**
r/o Jean & Sharon

Cass Ferry
r/o Jean & Sharon
Christopher Fanelli
r/o The Murphy Cousins

Sunday, February 4, 2018

7:30 am **Lillian Zamichieli**
r/o Catholic Daughters

9:00 am **Dr. Jean Costello**
r/o The Kitley's
Francis McCooley
r/o Germaine Camishion & Family

Cathy Daly
r/o Marie Russo & Family
10:30 am **Joseph Cicale**
r/o Susan Hanratty & Family

Joi Cloran
r/o Her Family
Fr. Michael Waites
r/o Kay & Chuck Mufalli
12:00 pm **Anthony F. Tursi**
r/o Debbie & Erin Kitley

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**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, 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.

Fatima First Saturday Devotion:



In response to Our Lady's request we will recite the Fatima prayers and rosary following the 8 o'clock mass on Saturday, February 3rd. All are welcome!

MEMORIALS

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

EILEEN L. MURACO

AT THE REQUEST OF

ALISE M. JORDAN & FAMILY



Mass Intentions continued

Sunday, February 4, 2018

12:00 pm **Darryl Tocco, Sr**
r/o His Family

Fran Murphy
r/o The Napoliello Family

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 29

6:00 pm — Legion of Mary
Family Center

Tuesday, January 30

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 31

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Thursday, February 1

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

7:00 pm — Dance Class
Lower Church

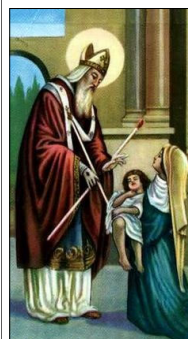
Friday, February 2

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:00 am Mass

Sunday, February 4

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

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church



St. Blaise, pray for us that we may not suffer from illnesses of the throat and pray that all who are suffering be healed by God's love. Amen

Blessing of the throats will be after the 8:00 am Mass on Saturday, February 3rd.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of January 20 & 21, 2018

\$10,510.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$12,498.00

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

BIBLE AT CORE OF CATHOLIC BELIEFS

BY MONSIGNOR J. BRIAN BRANSFIELD

People ask if everything Catholics believe is found in the Bible. The answer? Both “yes” and “no.” The Church “does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the Holy Scriptures alone” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* [CCC] no. 82 *Dei Verbum* 9). Jesus is the ultimate Source of everything Catholics believe, for he reveals God’s plan to save the world from sin as he reveals the Father’s love. Jesus does this because he is the Son of God. He is always united with his Father and thus is the fullness of both Revelation.

The mission of Jesus continues through the ministry of the Church that he founded, and he has given the Church the inspiration of the Holy Spirit for guidance in everything. The Revelation of Jesus is thus extended to the Apostles and handed on through two means: Sacred Scripture and Tradition.

Sacred Scripture is the inspired word of God, the collection of sacred books that hand on the truth of Revelation in written form.

Tradition, as understood by the Church, is more than a collection of customs or time-honored habits. It encompasses the Church’s teaching, life and worship. The living apostolic Tradition highlights the fact that the Apostles received the words and deeds of Jesus who passed on the authority to teach in his name. “Tradition transmits, in its entirety, the Word of God which has been entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit” (CCC no 81; *Dei Verbum* 9).

The Bible reveals that God fulfilled his saving plan of love to free us from sin. The culmination of the entire Bible are the words and deeds of Jesus, in particular his Passion, death and glorious Resurrection.

The beliefs of Catholics are found in the Bible in two ways: explicit and implicit. Some teachings of the Catholic Church are easily found in the Bible. For example, that Jesus is the Son of God, that he called Twelve Apostles to follow him, that he healed, forgave sins, proclaimed the Kingdom of God present in his person, and that he suffered, died and rose again for our sins, are all very explicit in the Bible. The Holy Spirit makes known the full meaning of these events in and through the Church, and makes the power of these events effective throughout history and in our lives today.

Some beliefs are more hidden. Love loves to hide secrets, so that when we find them we are enraptured even more by their beauty. The mystery of Jesus is so profound that sometimes you have to look closely to see all the parts that he has made known. The Holy Spirit has hidden some dimensions of the mission of Jesus in the Bible. The truths of faith are clarified by the Tradition through the Magisterium, the Church’s authentic teaching office. These truths never contradict the Word of God in Scripture, but serve to articulate its truth more clearly.

The Holy Spirit helps us to find and to articulate these mysteries. The teaching on the Trinity, that is, that there are three Persons in one God, is found in the Bible in the many instances where Jesus speaks about his relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The terms that the Church needed to express this mystery were given to her over several hundred years by the same Holy Spirit that inspired the Gospel writers as they wrote of the words of Jesus that revealed the mystery in the first place. The Church’s teachings about the Blessed Mother, the saints, the role of virtue and holiness are found in the Bible implicitly in varying degrees.

Monsignor J. Brian Bransfield is General Secretary of the USCCB and previously served as Executive Director of the Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis.



The King’s Kids

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 regularly coming to the 9:00 Mass and have your children partake of this wonderful ministry.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



Too often we feel as if we cannot go through the grieving process by ourselves. Sacred Heart

Bereavement Ministry represents the Church Family reaching out to those who are experiencing grief and sorrow. In doing so, we extend an invitation and opportunity to learn positive ways to cope with loss, when a loved one has passed away. We minister the Love of Christ in letting all those who are grieving realize that they are not alone. If you or someone you know is experiencing loss of a loved one, we invite you to come join others who are grieving and understand. The next Bereavement Support Group Session will begin on Thursday, February 15th, between 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Family Center, (School Building) Room 6. Each week we will focus on a different topic.

- February 15th:** Introductions/Tell your story
- February 22nd:** The Reality of Loss
- March 1st:** The Pain of Grief/ Our Feelings are Normal
- March 8th:** Adjusting to a Life Beyond Loss
- March 15th:** The Grieving Process
- March 22nd:** Our Journey Towards a New Life

You are welcome to come for any or all of the sessions. For more information please call Fran at 829-1836.

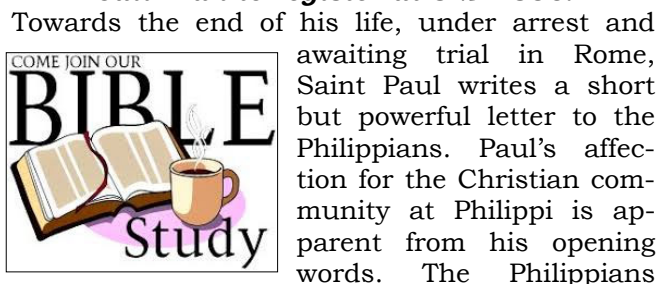
What tenderness there is in Jesus' love for man! In his infinite goodness, he established, with each of us, bond of sublime love! His love has no limits. — St. John Bosco

**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*.

LEADERS

Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them . . . one at a time. — Anonymous

Attention ALL Ministry Leaders,

The Pastoral Counsel Meeting of Sacred Heart Parish is an open forum. You are invited to our next meeting in the Family Center Meeting Room on Thursday, February 8th at 6:30 pm. Your input is valued and appreciated.



Save the Date
St. Patty's Dance
Saturday, March 17th
More information to follow.



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



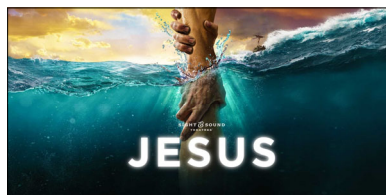
Please contact Kathy Portella @
609-230-1938 or kathyp319@yahoo.com
to reserve a room.

WEEKEND MUSIC – JANUARY 28TH

- 548 Come, Christians, Join to Sing
- 593 Your Words Are Spirit and Life
- 629 Blest Are They
- 520 Now Is the Time



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.

Sacred Heart Church Blood Drive



American Red Cross

Monday, March 26 from 2:00 to 7:00pm
Make your appointment by visiting:
www.redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code: Sacred Heart Church

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.



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/>



*We invite you to
Café Sacred Heart
for a candle lite dinner, dance,
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
Fran at
856-829-1836

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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.

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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.

Attention Men!

Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the **21st Annual Men's Conference** on Saturday, February 24, at **St. Gregory the Great in Hamilton Square**. The theme of this year's conference is "The Age of Mercy". The day runs from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by **Bishop David O'Connell**, as well as inspiring talks by **Ralph Martin**, an internationally renowned Catholic Radio & TV Host, Author and Evangelist; **Bob and Maureen Digan**, the couple whose family experienced a miraculous healing that was used as the verified miracle for St. Faustina's beatification, and **Gez Ford**, Lifeteen Minister and co-founder of Tabor House. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their walk with Jesus and dynamically live out their Catholic faith. A youth breakout session will also be offered for young men from 8th grade to college age.

Cost is \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door); \$10 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org. To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a **self-addressed stamped envelope** to:

Catholic Men for Jesus Christ
PO Box 816
Morrisville, PA 19067

