

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 OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 25, 2018

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM.

Often it can seem as if our faith is being tested. We can be asked, like Abraham, how much we are willing to sacrifice in obedience to God's call. Abraham appeared willing to sacrifice his most precious gift, his son, Isaac. Abraham went so far as to take the knife with which he could have ended his son's life. But God did not ask that of him. God asked only that he be willing and that he continue to listen. In Mark, it is the disciples who are tested to understand the vision that they are given of Jesus, visibly transformed from an ordinary man like themselves to beloved Son of God. Peter, impulsive Peter, speaks and plans an action. He is rebuked and told to listen. The test is not about action. The test is to listen.

LISTEN

Both Abraham and the disciples are called to listen. Abraham's action is stopped by a message from God. Isaac is spared because Abraham listened for the ongoing word of God in the midst of the most awful moment of his life. Peter's action is halted by the voice of God telling him to listen. The disciples listen but do not understand what Jesus tells them about his resurrection. But they do listen. How difficult is it for us to listen for the word of God amid the noise of daily life, the necessary and unnecessary chatter of work and home and all the places in between. How can we hear the word of God within the cacophony of our lives? We must listen. We listen by our intentional effort to create a place of peace and quiet within our lives that we maintain despite the noise that surrounds us. We build an ark to ride out the flood. We maintain a spring to survive in the desert. We hold dear our most sacred possession, the self that Jesus died to save, while still being willing to sacrifice it for God's call.

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. Robert Bednarek
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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**

Bob Salamon, Theresa Scafidi, Margaret Downey, Frances Wallace, 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 Schindwein, Gail Truchel, Alexander Covaleski, 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 Feeny, 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, February 26, 2018

8:00 am **Richard Boucher**
r/o The Wurtenberger Family

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

8:00 am **Matthew Pellegrino, II**
r/o His Family
Angela Tursi
r/o Pam & Don Deitz

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

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

Thursday, March 1, 2018

8:00 am **Caroline Mosteller**
r/o Deacon Joe & Phyllis Donadieu
Anna Strohlein
r/o Her Family
Glenn W. Jackson
r/o His Family

Friday, March 2, 2018

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

Saturday, March 3, 2018

8:00 am **Srs. Fidelis & Helen Cecilia, O.P.**
r/o Mary Lou
4:30 pm **Darryl Tocco**
r/o Joe Slawski, Jr & Family
Tina Mackin
r/o Marianne Gasper
William Mackin, Esq
r/o Marianne Gasper

Sunday, March 4, 2018

7:30 am **Bill Martens**
r/o Dolores Burke
9:00 am **Liana Raday**
r/o John & Georgina McGarvey
Cathy Daly
r/o Ted & Linda Horswood
10:30 am **Joi Cloran**
r/o Her Family
12:00 pm **Theresa Cuzzupe**
r/o Kathy & Joe Massaro
Special Thanksgiving for God's Blessings
r/o The Ehrhardt Family



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Colleen Anninos, Bobby Barnett, Joann Beard, Joanne Brady, Mary Ann Brennan, 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, Pat FranECKi, Dot Fries, Loretta Gibson, Kelsey Goodwin, Alec Haas, Jamie Hall, Thomas Heliger Sr, 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, Marion Massara, 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, Kate Salamon, Michael Stanley Schneider, Charles Sharpe, Ed Siemietkoski, Joan Siperavage, James Sutton, Lynne Turley, Bob Venango, Barbara Wajda 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us on Friday's of Lent beginning at 7:00 pm for the beautiful Catholic tradition of Stations of the Cross. Led by the deacons of our parish with a sung refrain at the end of each Station, Stations are a prayerful meditation on the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus.

**This week our Altar Servers for
Stations of the Cross will be:**

Archie Bednarek, Casey Bednarek and
Lindsay Bednarek

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of February 17 & 18, 2018

\$9,927.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$10,481.00

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**

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, February 26

6:00 pm — Legion of Mary
Family Center

Tuesday, February 27

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following 8:00 am Mass

1:00 pm — Willing and Able
Family Center Meeting Room

7:00 pm — NA Meeting
Lower Church

Wednesday, February 28

9:00 am — Bible Study ~ Philippians
Family Center Meeting Room

6:30 pm — Lenten Soup Supper
Family Center Gym

7:30 pm — Worship
Church

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Thursday, March 1

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

7:00 pm — Bereavement Support Group
Family Center, Room 6

7:00 pm — Dance Class
Lower Church

Friday, March 2

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm — Stations of the Cross
Church

Saturday, March 3

Men's Morning of Recollection
Beginning with Mass at 8:00 am
Church

10:00 am — Project Linus
Family Center

Sunday, March 4

Third Sunday of Lent
1:15 pm — Celebration of Baptisms
Church

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

LENTEN 'SOUP SUPPER'

This Wednesday Sacred Heart Church is hosting the Lenten "Soup Supper." If you would like to donate brownies or cookies please bring them to the Rectory on Wednesday by 3:00 pm. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Understanding the Bible

By Mary Elizabeth Sperry,
Associate Director for Utilization of the New American Bible.

The Bible is all around us. People hear Scripture readings in church. We have Good Samaritan (Luke 10) laws, welcome home the Prodigal Son (Luke 15), and look for the Promised Land (Exodus 3, Hebrews 11). Some biblical passages have become popular maxims, such as "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you (Matthew 7:12)," "Thou shalt not steal (Exodus 20:15), and "love thy neighbor" (Matthew 22:39).

Today's Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the bible.

Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

1. **Bible reading is for Catholics.** The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.
2. **Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.
3. **Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition.** A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an imprimatur notice on the back of the title page. An imprimatur indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.
4. **The Bible isn't a book. It's a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.
5. **Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't.** The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.
6. **The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.
7. **The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.
8. **You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.
9. **What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?
10. **Reading isn't enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective." (Hebrews 4:12).

This is a Lenten Opportunity

Attention Men! Join together for a **Morning of Recollection** on March 3rd, beginning with Mass at 8:00 am and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by an exhortation by Speaker from Catholic Men for Jesus Christ; Gez Ford. We are fortunate to have him come to Sacred Heart. Afterward join Gez for coffee and donuts in the Family Center meeting room for an informal discussion.



Gez Ford (born in Manchester, England), is a 51-year-old Roman Catholic who has devoted himself to the new evangelization for the past 30 years. During that time he has spoken to groups of young and old all over the world, from single digits to thousands, about

the Good News of Christ's love, the call to holiness and the need for daily conversion.

Gez studied theology and philosophy at the Victorian University of Manchester, the Franciscan University of Steubenville and at St. John Neuman in New York

A husband, father and grandfather, Gez is happiest when those around him are close to God.

IMPRESSION

When we try to make an impression, that's the impression we make. — Anonymous



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

Get your tickets and reserve your table now for our annual St. Paddy's Day Dance when everyone is **IRISH AND WEARS GREEN!!**



Date: Saturday, March 17th

Time: 7 to 11 pm

Where: Family Center Gym

Cost: \$15 **(Bring your own beer & wine)**

Tickets: Donna at 856-543-4261

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.

Catholic Daughters will sponsor a **Lenten Day of Recollection** on Monday, March 19th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Lower Church. Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Conferences, Confessions, Rosary and Mass. Father Richard Gross, S.J. is moderator. Cost: \$25. For tickets please call Pat Higgins at 829-4271. All are invited.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



The Bereavement Support Group Session will be on Thursday evenings between 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Family Center, Room 6.

Each week we will focus on a different topic.

March 1st: The Pain of Grief/
Our Feelings are Normal

March 8th: Adjusting to a Life Beyond Loss

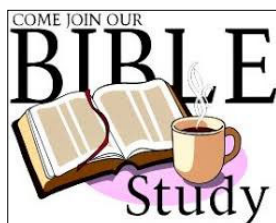
March 15th: The Grieving Process

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.

PENANCE SERVICE

Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service
Saturday, March 10th
At 10:00 am
Sacred Heart Church



Join us for Bible Study, Philippians: Life in Christ
Wednesday Mornings 9:00 AM
 We will meet on **February 28th**. All are welcome! Call Fran at 829-1836 with

questions.

Soup Supper Volunteers

It's that time again when we will be hosting the Tri-Borough Council of Churches Soup Supper. Wednesday, February 28th. Many hands make light work. We will need help with set up, clean up, servers and donation of cookies and brownies. If you are able to volunteer in any area this year please call Fran at 829-1836.



Midweek Lenten Soup Supper

Once again we will gather for a "soup supper" each Wednesday at 6:30 pm followed by an hour of worship at 7:30 pm. The theme for the sermons is **Reclaiming Sin. The schedule is as follows:**

February 28th ~ Sacred Heart Church/**Soup in the Gym** ~ Pastor Susan Reisinger ~ *"We confess that our memory is short"*

March 7th ~ Asbury United Methodist Church ~ Deacon Joseph Donadieu ~ *"We confess to profiling one another"*

March 14th ~ Bethany Lutheran Church ~ Pastor John Doll ~ *"We confess that we live as thought without hope"*

March 21st ~ Covenant Presbyterian Church ~ Pastor Wes Allen ~ *"We confess that we believe shaming lies"*

Separated and Divorced...

Are you divorced or going through a separation? The Divorced and Separated Group meets at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Maple Shade on the **3rd Thursday of each month at 7:15pm in the School Community Room. For further information please call Sr. Evelyn at 856-667-8850 ext. 213.**

Calling all Millennials! There is a website with you in mind. Check this out on the web <https://thehitchfix.com/>

WEEKEND MUSIC – FEBRUARY 25TH

- 121 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here
- 681 The Lord is My Light
- 603 I Have Loved You
- 533 O Bless the Lord, My Soul



Catholic Daughters Bus Trip...

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.

THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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American Red Cross

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

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.

“Please keep our Candidate and Elect in your prayers by name as they continue their journey of faith towards the Easter Sacraments. Michael Dalesio, Greta Gareth, Catherine Hegarty”



Join **Lucy’s Ladies Club of Project Linus** on Saturday, March 3rd (change of date)

Winter is still here and we are busy working to meet the needs of God’s Little Ones with newborn caps, baby blankets, afghans for children and cancer patients. Please join us when Lucy’s Ladies meet March 3rd at 10:00 am in the Family Center. Newcomers always welcome.

Yarn donations needed!

Thanks to your generous support, Lucy’s Ladies have donated more than 100 infant caps and 60 blankets to the area hospitals since January 1, 2018. To continue to meet the needs of babies and children in our area, we need donations of 4 ply acrylic worsted yarn. Please consider donating a skein or 2. Donations can be placed in the marked box in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Thank you for your continued generosity.

PRINCIPAL JOB DESCRIPTION

Holy Cross Preparatory Academy

Holy Cross Preparatory Academy, a Catholic co-educational high school in Delran New Jersey is accepting applications for a dynamic person for the principal position as the high school transitions from a diocesan sponsored Catholic school to a newly independent Catholic high school.



The candidate who accepts this position is to be a practicing Catholic.

Candidates should hold a minimum of a Master’s Degree in Education or a related field and have a minimum of five years teaching experience and three years administrative experience.

Preference will be given to candidates with appropriate state certification in Education Administration/Leadership.

For further information and application details, visit www.newholycross.org

Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2018 or until the position is filled.

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.

RECENT BAPTISMS AT SACRED HEART

We extend a warm welcome to our newly Baptized



**Gemma Michelle Hadley
Lilly Charron Spataro
Cole Joseph Stinsman**

May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways. — Psalm 91:11

1st Way of Burling County, 500 High Street, Burlington, 609-871-1431, a pro-life crisis pregnancy center is in need of volunteers to help poor Mothers and their babies. Our hours are Monday thru Thursday 10-2 and Wednesday 4-6. If you are able to commit to 2 hours a week to give out diapers, formula, layettes, and clothing to these unfortunate families please call Karen Peirce at 856-722-9418 or our director Maria Lonergan at 609-284-7943 for any questions.

God Bless and thank you for your pro-life support.

Karen Pierce, RN

“The ashes mean I am a sinner, but the cross means I have a Savior.”

“The cross is the price tag that the Lord was willing to pay for me.”

~ Fr. Mike Schmitz

JOURNEY WITH THE SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY THIS LENT



BY LISTENING AND WATCHING:

A Lent to Remember; A Lenten Encounter with Mercy

A Lent to Remember explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of his people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes his love, his very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, *A Lent to Remember* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent.

Go to Formed.org click on Study then Faith Formation and scroll down to A Lent to Remember A Lenten Encounter with Mercy. Then grow in the Lord!

Log onto Formed.org

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- Enter parish access code: **6G4YCH**
- Enter your email address and create a password (you'll need this to login later)
Click on Study then Faith Formation
Scroll down to A Lent to Remember, A Lenten Encounter with Mercy