

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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 26, 2017

LEARN FROM THE WAY THE WILD FLOWERS GROW

Powerful imagery about God is presented in today's readings: A tender mother (Isaiah); a rock and stronghold (Psalm 62); a father who feeds (Matthew). These images remind us that God first promises love and loyalty to us, God's children. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to "seek first the kingdom" within God's promise. When Jesus describes the Kingdom, he invokes a term not only from scripture, but from daily life. For many in this part of the ancient world, the term "kingdom" was not used strictly as a matter of geography, as when someone crosses a border from one kingdom to another. Kingdom was a matter of primary loyalty to the person acknowledged as king (or queen). One "inhabits" a kingdom by remaining loyal to the king or queen, regardless of geographic location. The stark choice presented by Jesus in today's Gospel, between mammon and God, is a question of allegiance. Who or what receives your primary loyalty? For whose purposes will you commit your life?

ANXIETY OR HOPE

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus touches upon deep matter of the heart. In today's Gospel passage, he names the hidden fears and anxieties of his listeners. It's likely that many of his listeners lived in poverty, with extremely limited and uncertain supplies of food and clothing. Jesus did not trivialize their physical needs. With tenderness, he invited them to trust their needs of God's care. We are all aware that the future is uncertain. What seems solid today can evaporate tomorrow. Jesus knows of our anxieties, about what or who is trustworthy. We can build elaborate physical, financial, or emotional defenses to protect ourselves against future harm. Or, trusting in God and reaching out in vulnerability, we can build relationships of mutual care with others. We can choose to live in anxiety or in hope. As Jesus put it, we can choose to serve mammon or to serve God.

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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, 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, February 27, 2017

8:00 am **Matthew Pellegrino , II**
His Family
Carolyn Mattiloi
r/o Her Family
Joseph A. Pignatelli
r/o His Mom & Dad & Family

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

8:00 am **Leo Carr**
r/o Joan Schлиндwein

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017

8:00 am **Dr. Robert Wey**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family
Elise Fries
r/o Her Husband, Bill
Anna Strohle
r/o Her Family

7:00 pm **People of the Parish**

Thursday, March 2, 2017

8:00 am **Leo Carr**
r/o Chris & Janet Threston

Friday, March 3, 2017

8:00 am **Leo Carr**
r/o Pat & Ray Franecki

Saturday, March 4, 2017

8:00 am **People of the Parish**
4:30 pm **Joi Cloran**
r/o Her Family
Special Intentions for Ciara Cloran
r/o Her Family
Robert Barry
r/o Annette Haggerty
Nicholas Muraresku
r/o Donna & Rick Connor

Sunday, March 5, 2017

7:30 am **Isabell Rafter**
r/o Marie Russo & Family
Lillian Kiernan
r/o The Van Bernum Family
9:00 am **Salvatore & Angelina Fera**
r/o Al
Flora Kramer
r/o Regina & Kate Anderson
10:30 am **Theresa Cuzzupe**
r/o Kathy & Joe Massaro
Leo Carr
r/o Dolores Burke

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Charles Arnold, Bobby Barnett, Joanne Brady, Debra Burns, Billy Byrem, Dorothy Clinton, Tony Colkers, Jim Cox, Melissa Creagh, Tanya DiMaio, John Doherty, Diane Donnelly, Fr. Michael Doyle, Florence Ehrhardt, 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, Melissa Milewski, Dawn McGinley, William McGonigal, Mary McGovern, Kathy Moir, Eleanor Mortiz, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Kiersten Ott, 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, 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.

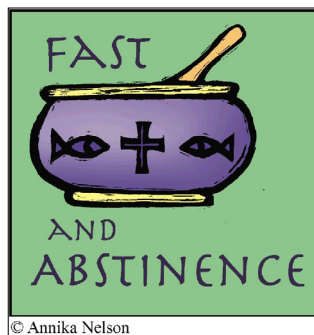
**LENTEN PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE
SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH AT 10:00 AM**

What better way to begin our Lenten journey than to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation!

All are invited, including our children celebrating their "First Communion".

Many Priests will be taking part so that everyone who wishes to begin their Lent, hearing the beautiful words of absolution in the forgiveness of their sins, may do so.

Please come on Saturday morning, March 4th at 10:00 am and join with Sacred Heart parish family for this beautiful Sacrament of Healing.



**Mass Intentions continued
Sunday, March 5, 2017**

10:30 am **Philip Comerford**
r/o Tony & Gerri Koszarek
12:00 pm **People of the Parish**

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 27

6:00 pm — Legion of Mary
Family Center

Tuesday, February 28

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following 8:00 am Mass
1:00 pm — Willing and Able
Family Center

7:00 pm — NA Meeting
Lower Church

Ash Wednesday, March 1

8:00 am — Mass with distribution of ashes
9:00 am — Bible Study ~ *Gospel of John*
Family Center Meeting Room
12:00 pm — Service with distribution of ashes
5:00 pm — Service with distribution of ashes
7:00 pm — Mass with distribution of ashes
8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Thursday, March 2

6:00 pm — Mary's Rosary Guild
Lower Church Rosary Room
7:00 pm — Bereavement Support Group
Family Center Meeting Room
7:00 pm — Dance Class
Lower Church

Friday, March 3

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:00 am Mass
7:00 pm — Stations of the Cross
Church

Saturday, March 4

10:00 am — Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service
Church

Sunday, March 5

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm — Lenten Mission
Church
8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of February 18 & 19, 2017
\$10,481.00
Same Weekend last year's collection
\$12,766.00
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***

MUSIC MINISTRY

Make a Joyful Noise
With Voices, Hands and Hearts
Sacred Heart Music Ministry

Church musicians often quote St. Augustine, "He who sings, prays twice", especially when ever encouraging congregations to sing. But St Augustine also wrote that "singing is for the one who loves". Being able to create music within our liturgies is a sign of God's love for us and our love for Him -HEARTS.

Sacred Heart Music Ministry always welcomes people to join the various music ministries, but right now there is an immediate need for cantors and instrumentalists (keyboard/organ)- VOICES and HANDS.

Cantors are the leaders of the liturgy's sung prayer. Although the ability to read music is a plus, it is not a necessity. Practices and practice recordings help the cantor to learn or review the music scheduled. A pleasant voice, capable of singing on pitch and a willingness to prepare, practice and pray through song are the main requirements.

Another accompanist/substitute (organ/keyboard) is needed for 2 Sundays each month. Although a qualified organist/ keyboardist would be the ideal, someone who plays piano only and can play the hymns and Mass parts would be a most welcome addition to our ministry.

If you are interested, please call the music office 856-786-5380 and leave a message. You can also speak to one of the cantors after Mass or Susan Barnett after the 10:30 am or 12 pm Masses (choir loft).



Lent Soup Supper
Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30 pm
Sacred Heart Gym

Looking for a way to serve during Lent!! We are in need of volunteers to help set up/clean up and serve at our yearly Lenten Soup Supper. Lots of hands make for lighter work! Please contact Mary at 829-1836 or at m.neary@shcriverton.org if you can give us an hour or two... Thank you :)

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY AT SACRED HEART

The next Bereavement Support Group will begin on Thursday, February 23rd, between 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Family Center Room 6. Each week we will focus on a different topic.

- March 2nd:** Acceptance
- March 9th:** The Pain of Grief/Our Feelings are Normal
- March 16th:** Adjusting to a Life Beyond Loss
- March 23rd:** The Grieving Process
- March 30th:** 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 786-0445.

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.

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 11th
- Time:** 7 to 11 pm
- Where:** Family Center Gym
- Cost:** \$20
- Tickets:** Donna at 786-1709

Women's Annual Retreat
Maris Stella Retreat Center
Harvey Cedars, NJ
"The Road to Emmaus"
March 24th, 25th & 26th
Cost \$50 per night
Food \$20

Every year the women of Sacred Heart Parish and surrounding parishes take time away to be refreshed and renewed in God's love and with one another. Please consider joining us this year and bring a friend, sister, sister-in-law, daughter, mother! :)



For more information and/or to reserve a spot please contact Joan Kukawski at jku-kawski@gmail.com or 856-332-7538 or Mary at m.neary@shcriverton.org or 829-1836.



March 5th, 6th & 7th in the Church

Sunday, March 5th ~ 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Gary Zimak ~ "Getting Personal with Jesus"

Monday, March 6th ~ 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Deacon Joe Seaman ~ "Encountering Jesus Through the Living Word"

Description: Early Christians identified themselves as followers of "The Way" - the Scripture show us how we can encounter Jesus in our daily lives by being on "the Way".

Tuesday, March 7th ~ 7:00 to 8:30 pm ~ "Encountering Jesus at the Lord's Table"

Description: If you knew the day were going to die, what would you do the night before?

On the night before His death, Jesus ate a meal with His followers and instituted the Eucharist so that not even His death would separate us from personally encountering Him in daily life.

Save the Date

Please be aware that our annual Holy Thursday dinner is on April 13th. In order to make our dinner a success, we need approximately 170 to 180 in attendance.

Tickets will go on sale, as usual, the 1st Sunday of Lent (March 5th).

We hope to see you at our annual dinner.

Thank you,

Holy Thursday Committee

GOOD TIMING

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.

— Anonymous

Holy Cross Academy...

Announces its Spring Musical "Shrek"

7th and 8th graders interested in acting, singing, dancing are invited to join our ensemble!

No audition necessary! Contact Director & Choreographer at Brenda.Bacon@holycrossacademy.org

7th & 8th grade cast members will join us at the end of February/beginning of March. Rehearsals will be Sundays, Mondays & Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:30pm.

Performances are April 5th at 10:00am, April 7th at 7:00pm, April 8th at 2:00pm & 7:00pm and April 9th at 2:00pm. Be a part of the Arts at Holy Cross! Contact us today!

Ash Wednesday, March 1st

Ashes, an ancient Jewish sign of penitence, are the first sign of Lent. They are placed on our foreheads in the form of a cross, "anointing" us again with the sign of our baptism, reminding us that Lent is a time of baptismal renewal. Black and gritty, they symbolize the darkness in our lives, which must be acknowledged and repented. They remind us, too, that just as something that has burned is gone, what we have and who we are on this earth are not permanent. There is urgency to the Lord's call to conversion, as expressed in the words of the priest or minister. "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

Schedule for Ash Wednesday is:

8:00 am Mass and distribution of Ashes

12:00 pm Service and distribution of Ashes

5:00 pm Service and distribution of Ashes

7:00 pm Mass and distribution of Ashes

**Altar Servers for the 7:00 pm Mass are
Thomas & Donald Haws.**

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:**

Jenelle Belton, Natalie Belton and Dominic Belton

Want to Become Better Friends with Jesus?

Beginning on Monday, February 27th, join Sacred Heart parishioner, Gary Zimak, as he discusses his book *Find A Real Friend In Jesus: 10 Amazingly Easy Steps* on EWTN TV's Women of Grace with Johnnette Benkovic. This 5-part series (STEPPING STONES TO JESUS: HOW TO WALK THE WAY) will air Monday-Friday (Feb 27-Mar 3) at 11:00am and 11pm on EWTN TV. Gary will also be speaking about this topic at Sacred Heart's Lenten Parish Mission on Sunday, March 5th at 4:00pm. All of his books will be available for sale on the day of the talk.

Gary Zimak

Catholic Speaker/Author/Radio Host

www.followingthetruth.com

Email: gary@followingthetruth.com

Save the date!

Sacred Heart Church

3rd Annual Golf

Outing

May 8th, 2017

More information to follow.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Ministry to Families, Youth and Young Adults

Every person belongs to a family. Families are the foundation of the Catholic parish. In the midst of the family and the parish community, people encounter Christ and learn to be his disciples. Family and Parish are the primary environments in which evangelization takes place. Together in Mission is a tool to support these evangelization efforts. Your gift promotes individuals and family life. Youth events and service opportunities, young adult gatherings, Marriage prep, Baptismal prep, Ministry to separated and divorced persons are just a few of the services offered.



Sacred Heart's first ever Caregivers retreat!!

Many came together to share stories, find support and be refreshed in God's love and peace! If you would like more information on Care-givers and the resources that are available please contact Mary at 829-1836 or m.neary@shcriverton.org.



WEEKEND MUSIC – FEBRUARY 26TH

311	As We Gather at Your Table
434	Seek Ye First
606	Rain Down
440	How Can I Keep From Singing?



Lenten Soup Supper

One of the treasures of our Tri-boro community is the traditional series of Lenten Soup Services hosted annually by the clergy of churches in Palmyra, Cinnaminson and Riverton. The Wednesday evening programs begin with a soup and salad supper in the church hall, then move to the church proper for a Lenten service, with one of the local clergy, from one of the other churches, as the guest preacher.

The programs offer a unique combination of fellowship, witness and inspiration, with participants from many of the other church communities in the Tri-boro area. Each week (not including Ash Wednesday and the Wednesday of Holy Week) the Soup Service program is held in a different church complex.

To defray the cost of the soup and salad, each of the churches asks diners to contribute \$3.00 in the baskets at the tables where they eat. During the service, a free-will collection is taken up which provides for the emergency fund which the pastors use to meet the needs of the homeless and hungry who come to their doors during the year seeking help. In the past year, the pastors have used this fund to respond to more than 50 individual requests for at least one night of shelter. They have responded to even more requests for food.

The first in the 2017 series of Soup Services will be at Sacred Heart on March 8. It begins with the soup supper in the gym in the Family Center at 6:30 p.m. and the service in the church at 7:30 p.m. The service will be Evening Prayer from the Church's Liturgy of the Hours, with psalms, Scripture readings hymns led by the Sacred Heart Choir. The preacher will be Rev. John Doll of Asbury United Methodist Church, Cinnaminson, who will speak on *Giving Up Control*.

The general theme for the sermons is **Giving It Up**.

The schedule for the following weeks is:

March 15, Bethany Lutheran Church, Palmyra, Rev. Joel Buckwalter of Covenant Presbyterian Church, preacher, *Giving Up Expectations*;

March 22, Asbury United Methodist Church, Cinnaminson, Rev. Tristan Shin of Bethany Lutheran Church, Palmyra, preacher, *Giving Up Superiority*;

March 29, Central Baptist, Palmyra, Deacon Joseph Donadieu of Sacred Heart Church, Riverton, preacher, *Giving Up Enemies*;

April 5, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Cinnaminson, Rev. Wes Allen of Central Baptist Church, Palmyra, preacher, *Giving Up Our Lives*.

The evening begins at 6:30 with soup and salad; the service follows at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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