

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 5, 2017

YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD, YOUR GOD, TO THE TEST

No matter how many Lenten seasons we've experienced, we can embark on this year's journey as if it is the only Lent we will ever have. We can pray, fast, and offer sacrifices in specific, generous ways. Jesus is our model. Jesus spared nothing of himself when he went into the desert for forty days and forty nights. He didn't bring along computer games to divert himself or a stockpile of snacks for emergencies. No, Jesus was all in. The Gospel tells us that the devil waited till after the forty days of sacrifice to ambush Jesus. Just when our Lord was at his weakest, frail with hunger, the devil came to tempt him. Relying on the Word of God, Jesus resisted all temptations. Then, and only then, did angels come to minister to Jesus. If we imitate Jesus and go all in this Lent, we can expect to suffer. We can also depend upon God to send help just exactly when we need it.

WE'RE WORTH IT

When we commit ourselves to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent, we will encounter obstacles. The devil hates to see us grow closer to God. Even if our Lenten progress is microscopic, the devil wants to thwart us. We are God's beloved children, so we are valuable. We are worth the devil's time. Expect difficulty. Expect obstacles. Expect temptation. Above all, expect God's unfailing help. Staying close to God's Word will strengthen us, as it strengthened Jesus in the desert. Today's Gospel shows us that Jesus desires to accompany us, especially in our weakest and most difficult moments. Whatever temptations we face, Jesus understands. Whatever temptations we face, Jesus understands. Whatever sacrifices we make, Jesus offers them with us. Whatever goodness we show to encourage others, our Lord rejoices with all the angels and saints. Let us approach this Lent as if it is the only Lent we will ever have. God wants to do great things for us in this holy season.

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SACRED HEART CHURCH PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE

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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, 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

Mass Schedule

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Monday, March 6, 2017

8:00 am **Regina Criqui**
r/o Joan Schindwein
David Campbell
r/o Rosemary Eveland

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

8:00 am **Noreen McCann**
r/o Eileen McCann
Lucy Mary Sico
r/o Donald & Joyce Sico

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

8:00 am **Norm Rubright**
r/o His Family

Thursday, March 9, 2017

8:00 am **Joseph Intrieri**
r/o Frances Smith

Friday, March 10, 2017

8:00 am **Frank Medeiros**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family
Helen Czapla
r/o Her Daughter, JoAnn

Saturday, March 11, 2017

8:00 am **People of the Parish**
4:30 pm **Matthew & Katherine Schindwein**
r/o Their Children
Helen T. McElroy
r/o The Horan Family

Sunday, March 12, 2017

7:30 am **Suzanne & Bob DuRocher**
r/o The Drumm Family
9:00 am **Robert Barry**
r/o Jim & Mary Ann Burns
Nora Mercier
r/o Robert & Marybeth Hopson
10:30 am **Bernard C. Dugan**
r/o Regina & Kate Anderson
Leo Carr
r/o Ken Heilig & Family
Philip Comerford
r/o Mike & Mari Veneziano
Tom Zarrilli
r/o Lori Kaluhiokalani
12:00 pm **Trish Mori**
r/o The Lindh Family
MaryPat Chrupcala
r/o Her Family
Flora Kramer
r/o The Rickus Family



**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, Amanda Layton, 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, Bob Venango, Fr. Michael Waites, 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 ‘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.

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:

Dane Sabarese, Andrew Bishop and Kaitlyn Stewart

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of February 25 & 26, 2017
\$10,381.00
Same Weekend last year’s collection
\$12,238.00
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, March 6

No Legion of Mary
7:00 pm — Lenten Mission Church

Tuesday, March 7

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following 8:00 am Mass
1:00 pm — Willing and Able Family Center
7:00 pm — Lenten Mission Church

7:00 pm — NA Meeting Lower Church

Wednesday, March 8

9:00 am — Bible Study ~ *Gospel of John*
Family Center Meeting Room
6:30 pm — Lenten Soup Supper

Family Center Gym

7:30 pm — Service Church

8:00 pm — AA Meeting Lower Church

Thursday, March 9

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

Friday, March 10

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

Saturday, March 11

10:00 am — Project Linus Family Center
6:00 pm — St. Patrick’s Day Dance Family Center Gym

Sunday, March 12

Second Sunday of Lent
After the 9:00 am Mass — Coffee & Donuts
After the 10:30 am Mass — Coffee & Donuts Lower Church
8:00 pm — AA Meeting Lower Church

LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn’t want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them. —St. Teresa of Ávila

Understanding Our Catholic Faith

Lent – *Prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving*
 “What will you give up”?

Today, we celebrate the first Sunday in Lent. It seems like only yesterday (*and for me it was*) that we stored away the last of the Christmas decorations. Now today, we begin to consider and contemplate what we will be ‘giving up’! For many, it is the same each year sweets, alcohol, TV, attending Mass more regularly or helping out more around the house. Whatever the choice, self-denial is difficult and many good intentions will die the same death as our New Year’s resolutions!

One way we can be successful in keeping our fast is to understand the purpose and goal of our behavior. When we make sacrifices we are seeking to achieve and/or gain something. One example that comes to mind is a parent working two jobs so that they can send their children to private schools. Another, is someone who spends time each day at the gym in order to maintain good health and the perfect weight. Whatever the sacrifice it will hurt and demand something from us if we are to reap any rewards.

Now, let’s us consider the purpose and goal of Lent and what we are seeking to accomplish in the next 40 days. First, we need to ‘remember’ that Jesus took our place on Calvary and gave His life so that we might live. Second, we are asked ‘to return’ to God recognizing our need for mercy and forgiveness for the times we have not loved Him, others and ourselves well. Thirdly, we are called to change’ the indifference that dwells in our hearts so that we can see and respond to the needs of others with the gifts and resources we have been given. Lastly, we need ‘to prepare’ ourselves in order to celebrate the greatest Feast of all; *Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!*

When we remember, return, change and prepare we will reap a joy the world has never known and will experience a peace that surpasses all understanding. The joy of the Lord will become our strength in times of weakness and His peace will give us the courage to remain faithful despite our circumstances. We will receive the gift of everlasting life and one day see God face to face and be re-untied with those who have gone before us.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9

Therefore I ask you to consider; *what are you giving up for Lent?*

Blessings,
 Mary

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 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

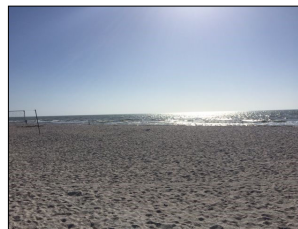
Get your tickets and reserve your table now for our annual St. Paddy’s Day Dance when everyone is **IRISH AND WEARS GREEN!!**



- 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! :)

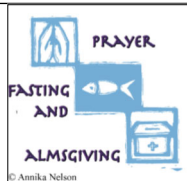


For more information and/or to reserve a spot please contact Joan Kukawski at jkukawski@gmail.com or 856-332-7538 or Mary at m.neary@shcriverton.org or 829-1836.



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 b 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.

**Pictures from Family Movie Night.
 The kids had a great time!!**



42ND ANNUAL HOLY THURSDAY DINNER

Our parish is planning our annual Holy Thursday Dinner on April 13th. (the following text is from the 1st & 2nd Holy Thursday Dinner) We would urge those attending the dinner to also attend the Celebration of the Last Super at 6:00pm. We see the dinner as a continuation of the Eucharistic Meal and an opportunity for sharing life as well as sacraments.
 Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish (casserole, vegetable or salad) to serve 12. The main course of ham is provided as well as beverages, rolls and desserts.
 For tickets please call Marianne Gasper at 829-8769.

Lenten Soup Supper

The first of the annual Lenten Soup Services, sponsored by the Tri-boro Clergy Association, will be hosted by Sacred Heart Parish Wednesday, March 8. The program begins with a soup and salad supper in the Family Center then moves to the church for an Evening Prayer Service. Preacher during the service will be Rev. John Doll of Asbury United Methodist Church, Cinnaminson, who will speak on Giving Up Control.

The weekly programs during Lent offer a unique combination of fellowship, witness and inspiration, with participants from many of the other church communities in the Tri-boro area, as they move from one church community to another.

During the service, a free-will collection is taken up for the emergency fund used by the pastors to meet the needs of the homeless and hungry who come to their doors seeking help. In the past year, the pastors have used this fund to respond to more than 50 individual requests for shelter, and even more requests for food.

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. The supper begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the prayer service at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Future programs will be at:

- March 15, Bethany Lutheran; Preacher: Rev. Joel Buckwalter, Covenant Presbyterian, **Giving Up Expectations**;
- March 22, Asbury United Methodist; Preacher: Rev. Tristan Shin, Bethany Lutheran, **Giving Up Superiority**;
- March 29, Central Baptist; Preacher: Deacon Joseph Donadieu, Sacred Heart, **Giving Up Enemies**;
- April 5, Covenant Presbyterian; Preacher: Rev. Wes Allen, Central Baptist, **Giving Up Our Lives**.

COFFEE & DONUTS

We will be serving coffee & donuts next Sunday, March 12th, following the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses in the lower church. This is an excellent opportunity for current parishioners to renew old acquaintances and make new ones and for new parishioners to meet us and learn more about us.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Evangelization - Pastoral Care

Rooted in the Gospel invitation to share in the healing mission of Jesus Christ, we advance the compassionate and competent spiritual, pastoral and sacramental care of God's suffering people by resourcing the clergy, pastoral ministers, healthcare professionals and caregivers who serve them. Those who offer pastoral care communicate God's love and compassion 'person-to-person' by offering spiritual and sacramental support, including the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick offered by a priest. We connect with healthcare institutions, medical professionals, chaplains and clergy by providing extensive consultation and resources for the holistic health and well-being of Catholic patients. Your gift helps you to live and spread the Gospel.



Prayer in the Park Mom's with little ones...

This Lent draw closer to Jesus through his Mother. Join others moms as we pray the Rosary and Fellowship, while the little ones play. Every Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Community Center Park at 212 Somerset Ave in Merchantville. For more information please call Theresa at 848-525-2589.

Young Family Sacrifice Ideas for Lent

1. Pray the Rosary together every night. (little ones can do a decade a day).
2. Give up secular radio and listen to Catholic radio to forty days. (* 640 AM Relevant Radio * or Christian Music 106.9 FM Klove).
3. Turn off the TV and have family game night at least once a week.
4. If the family makes a food sacrifice... calculate how much money would have been spent and give it to the Poor Box
5. Read about the Saint of the Day at dinner every night.



Set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 11th before you go to bed. Be sure to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

WEEKEND MUSIC – MARCH 5TH

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| 122 | Led By the Spirit | |
| 125 | Beyond the Days | |
| 435 | On Eagle's Wings |  |
| 131 | Again We Keep This Solemn Fast | |



Make a Joyful Noise

With Voices, Hands and Hearts

Re-CHOIR-ments for joining any of the Sacred Heart Music Ministry Ensembles:

- 1) Hearts that love God and are willing to give some of their time and talent.
- 2) Voices that can sing a melody (or harmony). Ability to read music is helpful but not necessary.
- 3) Hands that can play melodies and harmonies. Ability to read music is necessary for instrumentalists - especially accompanists. Bell choir: music reading helpful but not necessary.

Reasons for becoming a Member of a Sacred Heart Music Ministry Ensemble:

- 1) Always have a reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.
- 2) No auditions or solos unless you wish to be a cantor.
- 3) Making music uses both sides of your brain.
- 4) People involved in music live longer and healthier.
- 5) Singing burns 50 calories an hour.
- 6) "to sing is to pray twice."
- 7) Music ensemble members show their love of God as they work together to serve the Lord through music.

If you are interested or would like more information about Sacred Heart Music Ministry Ensembles, 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 10:30am or 12:00pm Masses (choir loft).

Join the leprechauns Helping Lucy's Ladies Club of Project Linus

Winter weather is 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 Saturday, March 11th at 10:00 am in the Family Center. Newcomers always welcome. Donations of 4 ply machine washable worsted yarn acrylic gratefully accepted.