

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 ~ MARCH 12, 2017

LORD IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE

The Old Testament reading and the Gospel provide two examples of God speaking in plain words that God's listeners can understand. In Genesis, Abram hears God tell him to leave his family's land. God makes majestic declarations about Abram's future and promises to lead him to a new home. Without comment, Abram picks up and goes "as the LORD directed him." God speaks; Abram listens and obeys. In the Gospel, God's voice booms from a shining cloud: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Peter, James, and John hear God's words loud and clear, and the experience overwhelms them. But how often do we hear God's voice so distinctly? While we admire the religious experience of Abram and of Jesus' disciples, we might be tempted to think that they have it easy. We imagine that we too would obey God's direct orders, if only we could hear them as unmistakably as Abram did. We suspect it would be irresistible to live as modern disciples if glowing clouds hovered above our heads and revealed divine truths. Saint Paul's Letter to Timothy proses another way.

THIS IS HOW I LOVE YOU

Saint Paul reminds us that God has "saved us and called us to a holy life." God never forgets about us, but knew before the creation of the world exactly when, where, and how we would live out our faith. God's wondrous plan includes visions and voices for some. For the rest of us, we rely on the Word of God and its witnesses who testify that Jesus truly lived on earth among us and sacrificed his life for our salvation. Jesus and his Church are all the revelation we need. We draw close to him in word and sacrament, in prayer, in service to others, and in countless acts of sacrifice each day this Lent. We ask the Lord to help us trust, with all our hearts, that God will always provide exactly what we need. If we are faithful to our prayer this Lent, God will speak to us—even if not through a cloud.

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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, 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, March 13, 2017

8:00 am **Kathy Ladany**
r/o The Perry Family
Dave Campbell
r/o Dolores Burke

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

8:00 am **Bill & Isabell Rafter**
r/o Their Family
David Campbell
r/o Barbara & John Palko

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

8:00 am **Joseph & Judy Calderone**
r/o Rosemary Eveland
David Campbell
r/o Mary Neary

Thursday, March 16, 2017

8:00 am **John Jordan**
r/o Mom & Dad
Marianne Vanni
r/o Marylou Francis & Ray
Robert Budniak
r/o Marylou & Ray Francis

Friday, March 17, 2017

8:00 am **Lorraine Earley**
r/o Doris
Elizabeth Williams
r/o Donald & Joyce Sico

Saturday, March 18, 2017

8:00 am **Leonard Byzewski**
r/o Lewis
Louis Sico
r/o Donald & Joyce Sico
4:30 pm **Joe & Theresa Zeisweiss**
r/o Dotty
Robert Barry
r/o Lucy's Ladies

Sunday, March 19, 2017

7:30 am **Johnnie Lee Bobbitt**
r/o Mr. & Mrs. Vincent
Nejman, Jr
Lillian Kiernan
r/o Joey & Patrick
Van Bernum
Elizabeth Hausle
r/o Doris Pellecchia
9:00 am **Barbara Fera**
r/o Al
Rebecca Henderson
r/o Joan Callahan
10:30 am **Matilda Fumo**
r/o The Fumo Family

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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, Joan Deangelis, 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, Joachim Jung, Maura Kendall, Don Kline, David Kloss, 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 Scaffidi, 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.

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of March 4 & 5, 2017

\$13,522.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$11,178.00

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***

Mass Intentions continued

Sunday, March 19, 2017

10:30 am **Leo Carr**
r/o Cathy & Paul Daly
Mr. & Mrs. James Johnson & Family
r/o Eleanor Tilmont
12:00 pm **Kiersten Ott**
r/o Mr. & Mrs. Robert Venano
Robert Berry
r/o The Rickus 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, March 13

6:00 pm — Legion of Mary
Family Center

7:00 pm — Mom's Gathering
Deacon's Room

Tuesday, March 14

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following 8:00 am Mass

1:00 pm — Willing and Able
Family Center

7:00 pm — NA Meeting
Lower Church

Wednesday, March 15

9:00 am — Bible Study ~ *Gospel of John*
Family Center Meeting Room

10:00 am — Moms & Tots
Lower Church

6:00 pm — Catholic Daughters Meeting
Family Center

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Thursday, March 16

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 17

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:00 am Mass

6:30 pm — God's Followers
Family Center

7:00 pm — Stations of the Cross
Church

Sunday, March 19

Third Sunday of Lent

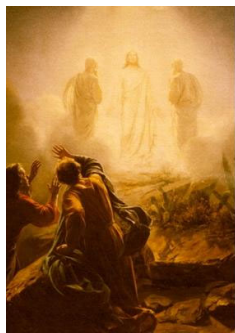
1:15 pm — Celebration of Baptisms
Church

6:30 pm — Little Flowers & Blue Knights
Family Center

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church



Understanding Our Catholic Faith



The Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus Christ: On that Mountain, Jesus revealed before mortal eyes the Transcendent Truth of who He is - and who Peter, James and John - and each one of us - will become in Him. They were invited to exercise their freedom and embrace the path that He had prepared.

“The Feast we celebrate today seems to have lost the power to inspire some contemporary Christians; at least in the way in which it inspired Christians in the early Church. That is partly because we may not yet grasp the full implications of salvation - and what it means for each one of us as we continue to cooperate with grace and experience the ongoing conversion which the Lord intends for us. Let's consider the meaning of the Transfiguration together.

The Feast we celebrate this day is very ancient one. Its celebration began in the earliest Christian centuries, even though it was formally added to the Roman Liturgical calendar in the second millennium. Its meaning is profoundly important for each one of us. The early Christians viewed its' implications in their own lives much differently than we contemporary Christians often do. The Christians of the Eastern Church - Catholic and Orthodox - not only celebrate the importance of this Feast liturgically, but they have held on to the ancient Christian understanding of its significance in their own lives.

This is an extraordinary Feast of hope which can help us to live differently, right now. We are invited, by reflecting on this significant event in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, to focus us on the end of the Christian life. End in the philosophical and theological sense means purpose or goal. The Transfiguration helps to explain the very meaning and purpose of life!

We will all be transfigured, as the Lord Himself was transfigured, when our redemption is complete in the Resurrection of the Body. Then, we will live in the new heaven and new earth, in a transformed cosmos! This reality is meant to affect the way we live our lives beginning right now. However, many Christians have never even considered it. Many do not even know it is the teaching of the Gospel and the teaching of the Church. (“By Deacon Keith Fournier, www.catholic.org)

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 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.

THANK YOU

THANKS to all who helped set-up, serve, clean-up and donated “goodies” for our Lenten Soup Supper. Giving of your time and talent was truly an ‘intentional Act of kindness’!! May you be richly blessed for giving so freely of your time to make this event a wonderful success and spiritual experience! Thank you to the Sacred Heart Choir for providing the music. Thank you everyone again for all that you do at Sacred Heart.

HEART TO HEART MINISTRY SOCK DRIVE

We all know that our feet are in contact with the cold ground, therefore it is important to protect and cover them from the cold! Help us keep the ‘feet’ of our brothers and sisters warm this winter!

We will be collecting all types and sizes of socks (new) for men, women and children (including sport types).

All socks will be donated to Sacred Heart Parish/School in Camden for distribution. Please drop off socks in Church at St. Elizabeth Anne Seton’s side altar.

Thank you for your generosity!

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:

Julia Dellisanti, Lindsay Bednarek and Casey Bednarek

SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY ~ TNT

Sacred Heart Youth Ministry continues to be a gathering filled with friendship faith, and fun! Here are our March events!

Sunday, March 12th ~ TNT Meeting ~ 7:00 pm ~ Family Center

Friday, March 24th ~ Family Movie Night ~ 7:00 pm ~ Gym

Sunday, March 26th ~ Meeting ~ 7:00 pm ~ Family Center

Operation Christmas Child will be collecting the following for March: **Quality gifts**, which can be placed in the Blue Collection box in the Family Center.

Thank you for your support

For any questions, please email us at: sacredheartyouthgroup@yahoo.com

Our SH youth group attended the Diocesan Youth Conference and came home on fire for God and filled with HIS LOVE! Please pray for our youth that their faith in Jesus Christ will grow ever stronger each day and they will have courage to stand up for their beliefs and to share the good the good news with their peers!

**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 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*.

Come to Delran Chick-fil-A

Tuesday, March 14th

Support: Benefit for the DiMaio Family

Keep one flyer for yourself and give the other to a friend.

Hope to see you there!!!

Chick-fil-A

Rte 130N & Fairview Ave

Delran

Will be sponsoring a

Spirit Night Fundraiser

Tuesday, March 14th from 5 to 8pm

Up to 20% of entire purchase,

Accompanied by this flyer, (pick up flyer in back of church)

Will go directly to:

Benefit for the DiMaio Family

Annual Catholic Appeal

Clergy and Religious Administration

The Ministry of Clergy Personnel assists the Bishop every day in the assignment of priests and deacons in the diocese, handles all personnel matters pertaining to active and retired priests, and works with priests from outside the diocese who seek to minister in the diocese. Ministry of Clergy Personnel keeps priests and deacons informed of events in the diocese specifically for its clergy, assists in the continuing education of clergy, the annual convocation of priests and deacons in serving all parishioners in the Diocese of Trenton.



The **Burlington County Respect Life Diocesan Committee** is sponsoring a Diaper Drive to benefit First Way of Burlington County and Good Counsel Homes, Riverside. There will be a portable crib located in the back of the church on the weekends of March 18/19 and March 25/26. Parishioners are invited to bring the following items to benefit mothers and babies in need:

Diapers any size, unscented and alcohol free baby wipes, bassinet and/or crib sheets.

Thanks you for your generosity!

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.

WEEKEND MUSIC – MARCH 12TH

- 121 “Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here
125 Beyond the Days
129 Save Your People
637 God of Day and God of Darkness



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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOAGIE SALE Saturday, March 18th

American or Tuna hoagies are available on a 12” hoagie roll. Orders can be placed at 829-9859 or email kofchoagies@gmail.com for pick up on Saturday, March 18th, between 10:00 am & 12:00 noon. Cost is \$5.00 per hoagie. Please leave your name, phone number, number of hoagies you wish to order and the time when you will pick them up. Pick up is at our Council Home at Broad and Elm Streets in Palmyra.

Thank you for your support... Your Knights.