

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 19, 2017

A WOMAN OF SAMARIA CAME TO DRAW WATER

What does it take to convince us of the truth? Some of us need simply to hear from a trusted authority. Others need time to think an argument through for themselves, step by step. Many of us tend to learn the hard way, experiencing life's lessons in dramatic and personal ways. Various kinds of evidence work differently on each of us. For the parched and wandering Israelites, a miraculous source of water persuades them to return to belief in God. For the Samaritan women, Jesus' prophetic knowledge of the intimate details of her life suffices. What will it be for us? What can convince us, forever, that God made us, saved us from death, and treasures us as beloved children? Saint Paul urges us to stop asking for proof; we need look no further than the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He reminds us how unusual it is for good people to sacrifice themselves for other good people; it is utterly preposterous for a good person to give his life for "the ungodly," for sinners. Yet that is precisely what Jesus does for us.

LIVE IT

Our insatiable need for proof is nothing to be ashamed of. Hunger for evidence points to an active intellect. Even after we learn an important truth, we need to nurture that knowledge throughout our whole lives. Most of us first heard about Jesus when we were children. We must continue to deepen our understanding as we mature. In a similar way, the Samaritans first believe their fellow townsman simply because of her testimony about Jesus. Then, after encountering him themselves, they are convinced Jesus is the savior of the world: "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world." Personal experience confirms and deepens their faith. "Harden not your hearts," the Psalmist tells us. Let's keep learning from God's signs all around us.

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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, 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 20, 2017

8:00 am **Sr. Helen Cecilia Lowen, OP**

r/o Mary Lou

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

8:00 am **Anne McCarthy**

r/o Donald & Joyce Sico

David Campbell

r/o Bill Kollar

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

8:00 am **Josephine & Marvin Wismer**

r/o Cecilia Angst

William Deal

r/o Bill Kollar

Thursday, March 23, 2017

8:00 am **Pat Byzewski**

r/o Lewis

Friday, March 24, 2017

8:00 am **Larry Fennell**

r/o Amelia Fennell

Joseph Fassano

r/o His Family

Saturday, March 25, 2017

8:00 am **Sr. Fidelis Beck, OP**

r/o Mary Lou

4:30 pm **Dorothy McKee**

r/o Donna & Rick Connor

Leo Carr

r/o The Flannery Family

Jim Burns

r/o His Daughter, Debbie

Sunday, March 26, 2017

7:30 am **Ruth & William Smith**

r/o Doris Pellecchia

Jason Wark

r/o Mary Vandy & Family

9:00 am **Robert Charles Barry, Sr**

r/o Fran & Judy Leusner

Jason Wark

r/o The Anninos Family

10:30 am **Frances Canning**

r/o Her Nephew, Joseph Harvey & Family

Edna & Thomas Sico, Sr

r/o Donald & Joyce Sico

12:00 pm **Kiersten Ott**

r/o the Papenberg Family

Jack Konrad

r/o Edward & Patricia Siemietkoski

Glen Wilbur Jackson

r/o Donna, Sharon Ronnie

Marypat Chrupcala

r/o Her 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, 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

THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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 20

6:00 pm — Legion of Mary
Family Center

Tuesday, March 21

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 22

9:00 am — Bible Study ~ *Gospel of John*
Family Center Meeting Room
8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Thursday, March 23

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 24

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

7:00 pm — Family Movie Night ~ TBA
Family Center Gym

Sunday, March 26

Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:00 pm — TNT Meeting (Youth Group)
Family Center
8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

SPRING

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.
— Henry Van Dyke

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of March 11 & 12, 2017

\$11,023.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$15,296.00

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

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 14)
 'God's Living Water satisfies deepest desires' – Pope Francis (excerpts from 2013 Homily)



"The living water that is the Holy Spirit quenches our lives because it tells us that we are loved by God as His children, that we can love God as his children, and that by his grace we can live as children of God..."

"Man is like a traveler who, crossing the deserts of life, has a thirst for living water, gushing and fresh, capable of quenching his deep desire for light, love, beauty and peace.

"We all feel this desire!" Pope Francis exclaimed.

"And Jesus gives us this living water: it is the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and who Jesus pours into our hearts," he said

The Pope recalled the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, whom he told that he would give "eternally abundant 'living water'" to all those who recognize him as the Son sent by the Father to save us."

The living water, who is the Holy Spirit, makes it so that "our life may be guided by God, may be animated by God, may be nourished by God.

"When we say that a Christian is a spiritual man, this is what we mean: a Christian is a person who thinks and acts according to God, according to the Holy Spirit," the Pope explained.

"The 'living water,' the Holy Spirit, the Gift of the Risen One who comes to dwell in us, cleanses us, enlightens us, renews us, transforms us by rendering us partakers of the very life of God who is Love," he responded.

The Holy Father taught that the "precious gift that the Holy Spirit brings into our hearts" is "the very life of God, the life of true children, a relationship of familiarity, freedom and trust in the love and mercy of God."

This new life within believers has the effect of giving them a "new vision of others, near and far, seen always as brothers and sisters in Jesus to be respected and loved," he said.

"That's why the living water that is the Holy Spirit quenches our lives because it tells us that we are loved by God as his children, that we can love God as his children, and that by his grace we can live as children of God, as did Jesus."

"And us? Do we listen to the Holy Spirit who tells us: God loves you? Do we really love God and others as Jesus did?"

he concluded.

(Full article can be found @
www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/gods-living-water-satisfies-deepest-desires-pope-reflects/)

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 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.

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!

EASTER FLOWERS



We are accepting monetary donations to assist with the cost of decorating the Church for Easter. If you would like to make a donation please place it in an envelope marked "Flower Offering" found in the four corners of the Church. Please drop the envelopes in the collection basket.

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:

Aiden Hartman, Veronica Campbell and
 Alexandra Sulock

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!

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

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GIRLS — CYO CHAMPS!!!



Join Our Golf Outing



Save the date!
Sacred Heart Church
3rd Annual Golf
Outing
May 8th, 2017
More information to follow.

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.

Come to Delran Chick-fil-A

Tuesday, March 21st

Support: Benefit for the DiMaio Family

Hope to see you there!!!

Chick-fil-A

Rte 130N & Fairview Ave

Delran

Will be sponsoring a

Spirit Night Fundraiser

Tuesday, March 21st from 5 to 8pm

Mention the DiMaio Family fundraiser and up to 20% of entire purchase,

Will go directly to:

Benefit for the DiMaio Family

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



Stella Rae Carucci
Ayden Matthew Gillis
Sophia Avery Orapello
Colin Patrick Shannon

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

Annual Catholic Appeal

Evangelization

Each parish is unique and offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of over 50,000 students in the local community. Some program structures are very traditional; others are innovative. Over 300 adults are brought to full initiation with the Church in our diocese each year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in events and activities in parishes throughout the diocese, such as Bible study, parish missions, lecture series, and online learning. These ministries help with adult faith enrichment by providing support for parish leaders and access to resources. Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith. Together in Mission is a tool within our Diocese that has been created to help pastors, parish clergy and staff, parish ministry leaders and families become more intentional about evangelizing at every phrase of life. Your gift supports this innovative tool which impacts the real lives of Catholic growing in faith.



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!

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 19TH

- 461 I Heard the Voice of Jesus
- 125 Beyond the Days
- 351 The Supper of the Lord
- 686 Healing River of the Spirit



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).

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.