

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 29, 2020



PRIESTS

Rev. Charles M. Schwartz
Pastor, ext. 11
Rev. Roberto Ignacio, Assistant, ext. 21

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Rev. Mr. Joseph Donadieu
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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

Mitchell Rabil, Evangeline Maher, Eleanor Moore, Patricia Stanley, Michelle Cirillo, Frederick Boheim, Joseph Garant, Elaine McPartland, Joseph DeFrank, Anna Catanzariti, Charles Gilbert, Lewis Byzewski, Angie Stellwag, Patricia Clarkson, Thomas Heliger Sr, Carl McDermott, Christopher Fornasier, Marie DeJoesph, Sr. John Raymond, Geraldine Fleck, John Doherty, Rose Countryman, Virginia Kustra, Joanne Higgins, Anthony Portella, Frank Simonelli, Kathleen Thompson, Herbert Hannemann, Cathleen Robinson, Walter Maguire, Mimi Cairns, Pat Frannecki, Anna Marie Brennan, Kathleen Yansick, Dot Fries, Paul Daly, Joan Kukawski, Margaret Rieger, Billy Byrem, Owen Conway, Judith McMullen, Anna Boheim, Rose Miller, Michael Baratta, Gladys Sauls, Joseph DeStasio, Kim Dorety, Frances Miersch, Patricia Weick, Albert Romer, Stephanie Grady, John Schwartz, Joanne Brady, Joseph & Kathleen Creighton, Bess Cascio, Terre Walsh, Dillan Hardt, Bishop John M. Smith, Maryann Tillger, Daniel DeFrank, Regina Huber, Mary Monsulick, Alfred Shinn, Peg McGhee, Tom Cimino, James DePietro, Robert Piech, Loretta Gibson, Joseph Brennan, Steve Lucasi, Richard Heeter, James Mulvihill, Lisa O'Malley, Stanley Ozalis, Betty Jane Tees, Elaine Cox, Bernice Cipoletti, Frank Salvino, Edward Knicley, Eugene Lorincz, Joachim Jung and Alonzo Bonsal



Monday, March 30, 2020

8:00 am **John Nowicki**
r/o His Wife, Barbara & Family

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

8:00 am **Rita Jenkins**
r/o Her Family

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

8:00 am **Marge Downey**
r/o Her Family

Thursday, April 2, 2020

8:00 am **Joshua Rich**
r/o His Nan

Friday, April 3, 2020

8:00 am **Angie Stellwag**
r/o Her Aunt, Donna

Saturday, April 4, 2020

8:00 am **Sisters Fidelis & Helen
Cecilia, O.P.**

r/o Mary Lou

4:30 pm **Bill Jackson**
r/o Barbara & Chester
Wajda

**Matthew & Katherine
Schlindwein**

r/o Their Children

Norm Rubright

r/o His Wife, Kathy

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

7:30 am **Marie Basara**
r/o Her Children

9:00 am **John & Helen Mulhern**
r/o Their Family

Don Schofield

r/o His Wife, MaryLou

11:30 am **Clare B. Dugan**
r/o Jim & Kathy
Fitzpatrick

Margaret LoPresto McAdams
r/o The Wickersham
Family



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Bobby Barnett, Julia Bizon, Doug Budroe, Debra Burns, Tom Cairns III, Dorothy Clinton, Cami Colella, Diana Comerford, Sharon Connor, Ed DeLussey, Esther DiLeonardo, Tanya DiMaio, Rosemary DiTaranto, Deacon Joe Donadieu, Ruth Donadieu, Diane Donnelly, Fr. Michael Doyle, Fr. George Dudak, Mark Edwards, Elizabeth Falkiewicz, Marianne Ford, Marlie & Megan Guicheteau, Jamie Hall, Dave Hartman, Maddie Harris, Eric & Sasha Hayes, Catherine Healy, Gerald Higgins, Carol Hosey, Madison Jones, John Jordan, Phyllis Jung, Florence Klein, Matthew Laverty, Willow Laverty, Joanne Lavin, Gerald & Mary Jane Leach, Joe Leahy, Joyce Macke, Molly Maerten, Lisa Mara, Travis Martin, Bill & Jeanne Max, Jerri McCole, Dolores McKee, William McGonigal, Ashley McKeon, Mary Meeks, Amanda Milewski, Melissa Milewski, Mary Moynahan, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Anthony Pignatelli, Betty Pollis, Shannon Robinson, Veronica Robinson, Kate Salamon, Steve Sausman, Michael Stanley Schneider, Dorothy Serfilippi, Charles & Susan Sharpe, Ed Siemietkoski, Joe Sileo, Joan Siperavage, Gwen Smith, Terry Smith, Joanne Soden, Nicole Stavely, James Sutton, Judy Tamagno, Eleanor Tilmont, Amy Tuccillo, Mary Vandy, Rick Van Glahn, Bob Venango, Patrick White, Barbara Wilson, and Bill Wilson.

If you or a family member would like prayers during Mass from our parishioners please call the parish office.

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.

The church will be left open for private recitation. Father Chuck told the deacons if they want to come and lead whoever shows up, that's fine. I do expect everyone to keep their distance at least 6 feet from one another.

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 30

NO Legion of Mary
NO Coping with Hope

Tuesday, March 31

NO Willing and Able

Wednesday, April 1

NO Walk and Talk

Thursday, April 2

NO Mary's Rosary Guild
NO Bereavement Support Group
NO Choir Practice

Friday, April 3

7:00 pm — Stations of the Cross will go on (please sit rows apart, thank you)

Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



51 donors presented- 2 deferrals= 49 productive donations. That went on to help 147 hospital patients in need!

The Red Cross and Sacred Heart Church thanks you for stepping up during this challenging time.



Thank you Renee and all who gave blood.

From the Desk of Father Chuck

Good Sunday to you!

Well, our second Sunday on 'hiatus' is here. I want to thank everyone who has dropped off or mailed in their offerings. I also want to thank those who give online or automatically. The next few weeks are going to be lean ones. The Finance Committee and I are going to have to make some serious decisions in the next week as far as budgeting and staffing. Our office clerk has already very generously offered to go on furlough. I will let you know what we decide. I encourage everyone to go to our website and enroll in automatic giving. The Church will remain open for prayer and meditation from morning through 4pm Monday through Thursday and until 9pm on Friday for those who want to pray the Stations of the Cross. I have told the deacons if they want come in and lead them, as long as not more than 10 people are gathered, and they keep the 6' distance they may do so. I have placed basket out and you may drop your offerings in them as well. Confessions will be heard as usual in the Church, screen only – no drive by confessions here!

We have heard from the Bishop about Holy Week. No public or pre-recorded Masses or Services are to be celebrated; only live-streamed Masses may be broadcast. I encourage you all to participate virtually on television or online, whether from a local parish, EWTN, the Archdiocese, or Rome. The suspension now includes funerals and weddings. Only Christian burials may be celebrated with the Funeral Mass to be celebrated after the situation eases. Fortunately, we have not had any requests so far. Father Tito and I will continue to celebrate private Masses for the intentions already requested. I have also printed this week's homily in the bulletin.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and since the palm was already ordered, it has come in. We will bless the Palm as usual and have it available for pick up, probably in the lobby of the Church. I may schedule a time for people to drive up and get the palm at the usual Sunday Mass times. Check our Facebook page for details.

Please continue to keep up your prayer life and remember we survived the Spanish flu in 1918, and the Great Depression. We will survive this if we are cautious (NOT hysterical or paranoid) careful and aware.

May God bless you and keep you safe. . . Father Chuck

A CALL TO PRAYER

An Act of Spiritual Communion is proposed for the faithful who are temporarily unable to receive the Eucharist:

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.”

For a list of streamed or recorded Masses available online, or television stations airing the Sunday Mass, go to dioceseoftrenton.org/coronavirus

Welcome Breathe of God!



On an everyday basis, we very much take for granted the daily inhale and exhale of our breathing patterns. In the recent weeks we may be a little more aware of the breath of God dwelling within us. The very breath of God that has breathed life into us from our birth. The breath of God that gives us life itself.

Jesus shares with us who He is in this story of Lazarus. He proclaims to us in the Gospel that He is the Resurrection and Life! It is His spirit, the spirit of God within each of us that allows us to live forever. Yes, this mortal body will die but our spirit filled with the Spirit of God will live forever.

This story of Lazarus is power packed with proclamations of faith and the Spirit of God. Martha and Mary both profess that if the Lord had been there that their brother would not have died. Jesus expresses to the apostles that it was good that He was not there so that they may believe. Thomas responds to Jesus and seems willing to die with Lazarus so that the glory of God would be revealed.

Our scriptures all speak of the Spirit of God, the life within us. God promises in Ezekiel that He will put His Spirit within us that we may live. St. Paul speaks of the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead will give life to our mortal bodies. To fulfill all these promises of life, Jesus uses all his breath, crying out to call forth Lazarus from the grave.

With all the fears and anxiety that our society is experiencing these days, this is a good time to take time to ponder this Holy Spirit dwelling within you. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, Wow! Think about it. Ponder it.

Get in touch with the Spirit of God within you today. Allow the Lord to reassure you of His love and take off any of your wrappings that have you bound and are stifling the Life that God has for you.

Fran Stinsman

WEEKLY READINGS ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11/Ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54



A Prayer, For Those in the Military

Almighty God we stand before you in supplication, asking Your Divine mercy and protection, to envelop with Your invincible armor, our loved ones in all branches of the service.



Give them courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey, back to their homes and families. If it be Your Holy Will that they be gathered to Your bosom, With the eternal vanguard of the saints, let their journey to Your everlasting arms be swift and painless, where they may stand in honor and glory, praising You for all eternity. Amen.

Father Chuck's Homily for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 29th

A few years ago you may remember there was a news report of a man who, at an Eagles' game, ran out onto the field, holding a plastic bag, seeming to throw dust around. It turns out he was spreading his mother's ashes – she was a big Eagle's fan. When he was done he made the sign of the Cross, and laid flat waiting to be arrested.

It did not go over well. Not with the players or the management or courts or the Church. It was against the rules, it was against the law and it was against Church practice. We don't permit ashes to be scattered. Period. Buried? Yes. Placed in an urn in a lovely niche? Yes. Buried at sea? Yup. Scattered on a ball field? Lake? Beach? Back yard? Nope.

Why? Well as we read in Ezekiel "O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them"; in the Gospel "The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth." When Jesus dies on the Cross, "The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many." Saint Paul: "and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Throughout the Bible, Old Testament and New, Resurrection and the body are linked. At the end of time, when Jesus returns the bodies of those who have died will rise from their graves and be reunited with their souls – but as a glorified body. Now some may say that for someone buried in 1214 there can't be a whole lot left or the argument that those who have died in battle and were never buried – that maybe true, but there is something, and it's all in the same place. That is not the case if you climb a mountain and throw the ashes to the winds.

In my own irreverent way, I explain it this way: If you bury me, at the end of time I rise with my glorified body. If you scatter me, my left arm comes up in Trenton and Right arm comes up in Cape May and my nose in Poughkeepsie. Do you really want that? That IS oversimplified of course, but people get the point. Jesus died was buried and rose intact. Lazarus died and was buried and rose intact. Ezekiel promises us that those who have died and were buried would rise intact. It happened to the widow's son in the Old Testament, it happened Lazarus, it happened on Easter. It WILL happen to us, if we are among those who aren't alive when He returns. So, body or ashes (preferably body), as long as our remains are kept together, we're ok. Can God reassemble us if we are scattered? Of course – he IS God after all. But why take the chance?