

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 ~ APRIL 2, 2017

LAZARUS, COME OUT!

“Lazarus, come out!” Jesus shouts his command, and a beloved friend rises from the dead. Those of us who have lost loved ones might wish Jesus would call our dearly departed back from the grave too, keeping them on earth a little while longer for companionship. Consider, however, that Martha and Mary had to grieve their brother not once, but twice. The miracle of Lazarus’ resuscitation did not prevent Lazarus from dying again. Difficult as death is to bear, Jesus has a merciful plan for us: not endless resuscitations, but genuine resurrection. Unlike Lazarus, we will die just once, and that is a small price to pay for the majestic reward Jesus has planned for each of us. Jesus is “the resurrection and the life.” If we believe in him, we can live forever in glorious, resurrected bodies free from pain and disability. The prophet Ezekiel describes the promise of God, to put God’s own spirit within us so we may live. “I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord.” Jesus Christ fulfills that promise. If we belong to Jesus, then, we possess all the riches of God’s kingdom. Today, as we stand at the Profession of Faith and recite the Creed with our sisters and brothers in Christ, we can marvel at what the Lord has done for us.

YES, LORD

For the third week in a row, our Sunday Gospel reading narrates a bold profession of faith in Jesus Christ. First we had the Samaritan woman at the well, then the man cured of his blindness, and now Martha, the grieving sister of Lazarus. The eclectic mix of believers reminds us that God desires all people to have faith. After professing our own faith during the liturgy today, we are sent to make disciples of all. Strengthened by word and sacrament, let us live bold Christian lives. May our loving words and deeds draw others to life in Christ.

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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, John Bruno, Stephen McCarty, Patricia Poletti, 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, April 3, 2017

8:00 am **Dr. Robert Wey**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

8:00 am **Floryan Byzewski**
r/o Lewis
Special Intentions for Cletus Cunningham
r/o His Brother

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

8:00 am **Peter & Mary Cardone**
r/o Donald & Joyce Sico

Thursday, April 6, 2017

8:00 am **Stephen McCarty**
r/o Marie Ellis
Joseph Byrd
r/o His Family

Friday, April 7, 2017

8:00 am **James Owens**
r/o Chris Scharley
Maureen Deegan
r/o Her Family

Saturday, April 8, 2017

8:00 am **Private Charlie Zappile, Dr. Joseph Zappile, Andrew Rota & Bruce Baker**
r/o Their Family

4:30 pm **Matthew & Katherine Schindwein**
r/o Their Children
Betty Horan & Elizabeth Corner
r/o Their Family
Angeline Lukasevich
r/o Her Daughter, Anne Clementi

Mario & Matilda Fumo
r/o The Fumo Family

Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017

7:30 am **Marie Basara**
r/o Her Children
Suzanne & Bob DuRocher
r/o The Drumm Family
Anthony Palombi
r/o Dori & Ray

9:00 am **Joan Fera**
r/o Al
Norman & Anna Rubright
r/o Their Family

Jason Wark
r/o Bill & Marilyn Bishop
10:30 am **Freda Ambrose**
r/o The Rodolico Family

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

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, 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, Jeanne Thomas, Marcia Thomas, Lynne Turley, Bob Venango, Fr. Michael Waites, Dori Walsh, 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.



Third Bann

Alexandra Rodolico and Timothy Wasco

First Bann

Christina Eastwick and Justin Salvatore

OPEN OUR GRAVES

Open our graves, Lord,
remove us from the prison of death.
Place your Spirit in us
so that we may live
in a world of freedom.

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**Mass Intentions continued
Sunday, April 9, 2017**

10:30 am **Kiersten Ott**
r/o Kay & Chuck Mufalli
Connie Giampaolo
r/o Regina & Kate Anderson
12:00 pm **Marypat Chrupcala**
r/o Her 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, April 3

No Legion of Mary
7:00 pm — Mom's Gathering
Deacon's Room

Tuesday, April 4

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following 8:00 am Mass
1:00 pm — Willing and Able
Family Center
7:00 pm — NA Meeting
Lower Church

Wednesday, April 5

10:00 am — Moms & Tots
Lower Church
8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Thursday, April 6

6:00 pm — Mary's Rosary Guild
Lower Church Rosary Room
7:00 pm — Baptism Workshop
7:00 pm — Dance Class
Lower Church

Friday, April 7

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

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:00 pm — TNT Youth Group
Family Center
8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church



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

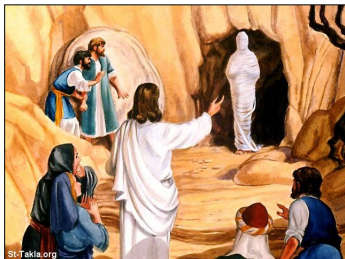
FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of March 25 & 26, 2017
\$9,992.00
Same Weekend last year's collection
\$12,586.00
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

He cried out in a loud voice,
"Lazarus, come out!"
 The dead man came out, tied hand and foot
 with burial bands,
 and his face was wrapped in a cloth.
 So Jesus said to them,
"Untie him and let him go."



When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,
"Lazarus, come out!"

These are the great words of the gospel today. They are the words which could be on the lips of every one of us today. Wherever we want Resurrection, we should be able to proclaim: "Lazarus, come out! Be resurrected. Rise again!"

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

"Unbind him, and let him go! "I like these words more than I like "Lazarus, come out." Indeed, these words may be more powerful than words "Come out!"

Because now, the community needs to assist in the resurrection. "Unbind him, and let him go." There are some people here are yearning to live resurrection lives. There are some folks here who have been born again; they have risen from the dead!

But, they are still tangled up in burial clothes. They still have the sheets and coverings of death all over them. They are still bound up in something, bound up in old bondages, old arguments, and old sin.

You know what that's like. You know you are living a new life, but you seem somehow to still be in bondage to the old life.

Here is where we need community. We need others. Jesus has called forth new life: Lazarus come out!" But he still has burial clothes on.

"Unbind him, and let him go. "Those should be the words which are our orders every day, every new day. Unbind somebody. Where you find someone in bondage: your friend, your wife, your husband, your companion, even the stranger. Where you find someone struggling to be free, unbind them and let them go.

When we refuse to let someone go, when we refuse to forgive, when we refuse to see new life, it is we who are keeping them dead.

Jesus, therefore, proclaims to us, "Unbind him, and let him go." Those are really the powerful words of today's gospel.

Don't hold on to the past. Do not hold on to sin. Do not hold on to death!

Let someone go today. Release someone!



Holy Thursday, April 13

8:00 am — Morning Prayer

6:00 pm — Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday Dinner after Mass in the Gym

After Mass to Midnight — Adoration at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday, April 14

8:00 am — Morning Prayer

3:00 pm — Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

7:00 pm — Living Stations of the Cross by the Sacred Heart Youth Ministry

Holy Saturday, April 15

8:00 am — Morning Prayer

12:00 pm — Blessing of the Easter Food

NO CONFESSIONS

NO 4:30 PM MASS

8:00 pm — Solemn Vigil of Our Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday, April 16

7:30 am, 9:00am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon Mass

Let us not forget that the Lord always watches over us with mercy; he always watches over us with mercy. Let us not be afraid of approaching him! He has a merciful heart! If we show him our inner wounds, our inner sins, he will always forgive us. It is pure mercy. Let us go to Jesus!
 — Pope Francis

Save the Date

Vacation Bible Camp

June 26th to 30th from 9:00am to 12:00 pm

Early registration welcome!

Contact: m.neary@shcriverton.org



OLPH Parish invites you to a... Lenten Mission

Featuring John Angotti

Sunday, April 2nd & Monday, April 3rd

Starts at 6:30pm

Love * Mercy * Forgiveness

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Maple Shade

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!



Catholic Daughters busy at work making baskets for Catholic Charities. These beautiful baskets will be distributed to families in need at Easter. Job well done :)

Catholic Daughters are collecting **new** bras and hygiene supplies (unopened packages of tampons & pads) for the Dignity Project. These items are often overlooked needs. Please place items in the pink box in the St. Elizabeth Seton side chapel. Thank you for your kindness and caring. www.distributingdignity.org.

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.

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:

Ivy Rose Agnew, Emily Young
And Hugh Toner

LOOK

Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up. — Anonymous

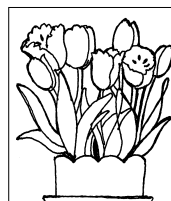
NEED A MIRACLE?

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.

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.

**Join Our
Golf Outing**



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

SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY ~ TNT

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

Sunday, April 2nd ~ Meeting ~ 7:00 pm ~ Family Center

Sunday, April 9th ~ Pretzel Sale

Sunday, April 9th ~ Meeting ~ 7:00 pm ~ Family Center

Friday, April 14th ~ Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00pm ~ Church

Sunday, April 23rd ~ Meeting ~ 7:00pm ~ Family Center

Sunday, April 30th ~ Meeting ~ 7:00pm ~ Family Center

Operation Christmas Child will be collecting the following for April: **Stuffed Animals**, 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

Save the Date



Rosary Rally
100th Anniversary
Our Lady of Fatima
Friday, May 12th
at 7:00 pm
Sacred Heart Parish
Riverton, NJ



Thank you to all that helped make this year's St. Patty's Day Dance such a wonderful success and fun time! Especially, Donna & rich Connor and the Thursday night dance class!

WEEKEND MUSIC – APRIL 2ND

- 125 Beyond the Days
- 455 You Are Mine
- 127 In These Days of Lenten Journey
- 710 Take Up Your Cross



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.