

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 EASTER ~ APRIL 15, 2018

PEACE BE WITH YOU

After the crucifixion of Jesus, his disciples were in despair. Not only had they seen their master's horrible death, their own lives were now at risk, for the crucifixion suggested to them that Jesus was not the awaited Messiah after all. The Messiah had been envisioned as somehow coming in power, liberating Israel from foreign domination and signaling God's long-awaited return to dwell again with Israel. The Crucifixion suggested to them the possibility of God's rejection of Jesus, or Jesus' failure to achieve God's purposes. This is partly why the disciples were amazed when Jesus appeared. God had vindicated Jesus by raising him. The Resurrection revealed that God's promises were actually fulfilled, precisely through this death. Through the cross, God had indeed liberated the people from sin and death. God had truly returned, in Jesus and then later in the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit. The dominion of sin and death had been broken. The Resurrection was the first display of the new kingdom of God, in Jesus.

NOT FOR HEAVEN ONLY

In the Gospel passage, Jesus specifically emphasizes his bodily presence. He invites the disciples to touch him, and he eats some fish in front of them. He makes it clear that he is not a ghost and did not shed his physicality or his humanity when he was raised. The disciples began to understand Jesus in a new way. Christians later articulated this as Jesus' bodily resurrection. The resurrected Jesus, both human and divine, reigns both in heaven and on earth. So when Jesus sent his disciples, and today sends all of us, to proclaim God's kingdom, he never means "for heaven only." God aims to renew, not reject, human bodies, human culture, and the created universe. God's project for us is here and now, within all the limitations and messiness of daily life. We are called to care for each other, for the earth, and for all God's beloved creation.

PRIESTS

Very Rev. Robert W. Holtz, V.F.,
Pastor, ext. 11
Rev. Roberto Ignacio, Assistant, ext. 21
Rev. Richard Gross, S.J., Weekend
Assistant

DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Robert Bednarek
Rev. Mr. Joseph Donadieu
Rev. Mr. Kenneth Heilig
Rev. Mr. Michael Stinsman
All Deacons — ext. 10

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Donna Casey



**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**

Bob Salamon, Theresa Scafidi, Margaret Downey, Frances Wallace, Millie Corr, Marion Massara, Edward Lynn, Anna Netzko, Thomas Colella, Thomas Reinhart, Madeleine Koszyk, Robert Bauer, Robert Clauss, Francis O'Brien, David Stahl, Richard Boucher, Domenico Lombardi, Timothy Piazza, Flora Kramer, Jason Wark, Kiersten Ott, Connie Giampaolo, Glen Jackson, John Bruno, Stephen McCarty, Patricia Poletti, Maryann Coady, Jeanne Thomas, Joshua Rich, Terry Gillis, Florence Ehrhardt, Alfred Rezende, Gerard Schindwein, Gail Truchel, Alexander Covaleski, Amanda Layton, Charlotte Weldon, Mark Irons, Suzanne Cucinotta, Genevieve Alburger, Claire Giovanetti, Toby Walz, Joy Lawmaster, Sandra George, Joan Kane, Dolores Mufalli, Janice Carr, Kathleen Brothers, Walter Brickley, Mary Cakir, Lila McKeon, Bernard Orfe Jr, Judith McCauley, Jeff Scouler, Jeanne Muzik, Joseph Allen, Fr. Michael Waites, Mary Rosica, Theresa Gladney, Kathy Frunzi, Cathy Daly, Kelly McGann Glenkowski, Anthony Tursi, Alice Durham, Edward Lewis Sr, Nick Orio, Edward Lewis III, Kate Cunningham, Regina Feeny, Jean Costello, Lillian Zamichieli, Michael Kaelin, Kenneth Carn, Alice Clauss, Dorothy Augustsyn, Darryl Tocco, Fran Murphy, Francis McCooley, Maria Lopez, Joanne Powell, Adele Bendig, Angela Tursi, Ann Harmon, William Martens, Liana Raday & Joseph Lattore



Monday, April 16, 2018

8:00 am **David MacArthur**
r/o Scott & Colleen Perry

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

8:00 am **People of the Parish**

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

8:00 am **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**

Thursday, April 19, 2018

8:00 am **Glenn W. Jackson**
r/o His Family

Friday, April 20, 2018

8:00 am **For the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

Saturday, April 21, 2018

8:00 am **Veronica Notte**
r/o The Novak Family

4:30 pm **Barbara (Rein) Flynn**
r/o Luann (Young) Marozzi

Justin J. Long
r/o Nadia & Robert Berkley

Fran Murphy
r/o Dolores Burke

Sunday, April 22, 2018

7:30 am **Elise Fries**
r/o Her Husband, Bill **Marion Massara**
r/o Phil & Debbie Tirjan

9:00 am **Anna Netzko**
r/o Pat & Bob Irons **Liana Raday**
r/o Mary & Tom Slaven **Madeleine Koszyk**
r/o Regina & Kate Anderson

10:30 am **Carol McNally**
r/o Bill Van Zandt **Dean Rossi**
r/o Dana, Dave & judi

Anthony Edwards
r/o Harry McCurdy 12:00 pm **Dane Tourscher**
r/o Peter & Karen Jacobs **Florence Ehrhardt**
r/o Her Family



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Colleen Anninos, Bobby Barnett, Joann Beard, David Beers, Joanne Brady, Mary Ann Brennan, Desmond Bruce, Debra Burns, Billy Byrem, Tom Cairns III, Angela Canco, Anna Catanzariti, Sharon Christenson, Dorothy Clinton, Tony Colkers, Paul Daly, Tanya DiMaio, John Doherty, Ruth Dolbow, Jon Donachi, Diane Donnelly, Fr. Michael Doyle, Marianne Ford, Dot Fries, Marianne Gasper, Loretta Gibson, Kelsey Goodwin, Alec Haas, Jamie Hall, Thomas Heliger Sr, Carol Hosey, Walter Huber, James Huff, Becky Jones, Liz Jones, Joachim & Phyllis Jung, Maura Kendall, David Kloss, Edward Knicley, Ryan & Sandra Konetski, Casey Lang, Matthew Laverty, Howard Lawmaster, Joe Leahy, Erin Lively, Joyce Macke, Molly Maerten, Robin Graff Marinelli, William McGonigal, Mary McGovern, Amanda Milewski, Melissa Milewski, Kathy Moir, Eleanor Mortiz, Mary Moynahan, Chuck Mufalli, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Alexa Pagano, Guido Pasquale, Angela Pflugfelder, Anthony Pignatelli, Anthony Portella, George Reinas, Bro. Bill Riley, Thomas Rutledge, Kate Salamon, Michael Stanley Schneider, Charles Sharpe, Ed Siemietkoski, Joan Siperavage, Bob & Terry Smith, James Sutton, Lynne Turley, Bob Venango and Fr. Nick Wasline OFSF

If you or a family member would like to be prayed for at Mass and listed in the bulletin, please call 856-829-0090.

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.



First Bann

Gina DiMaio and David Perrong
Ashley Feigenbutz and Richard Sacks

Little Flowers and Blue Knights will be meeting on Friday, April 20th, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Family Center. All girls and boys from Kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to join us to learn more about our faith and have lots of fun doing it. All are welcome!!

God Followers also meets at the same time. All girls and boys from 3rd to 6th grade are invited. All are welcome!!

Sign up for Sacred Heart Church's New Online Newsletter. Simply click on the link on our website: shcriverton.org to have our Newsletter delivered directly to your inbox.

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 16

6:00 pm — Legion of Mary
Family Center Room 6

Tuesday, April 17

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

Wednesday, April 18

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

Thursday, April 19

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

Friday, April 20

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:00 am Mass
6:30 pm — God's Followers
6:30 pm — Little Flowers & Blue Knights
Family Center

Sunday, April 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

COFFEE & DONUTS

We will be serving coffee & donuts this Sunday, April 15th, following the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses in the lower church. Our coffee & donuts volunteers will be taking a break until October. Thank you for all you did to make coffee & donuts delicious.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 7 & 8, 2018

\$8,736.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$9,992.00

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***

The Holy Father mentions a total of 40 saints in “Gaudete et Exsultate.” Aleteia.org/April 9, 2018

Today Pope Francis released his third apostolic exhortation titled “Gaudete et Exsultate: On the Call to Holiness in Today’s World.” The purpose of this lengthy document is spelled out clearly in the second paragraph.

What follows is not meant to be a treatise on holiness, containing definitions and distinctions helpful for understanding this important subject, or a discussion of the various means of sanctification. My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. For the Lord has chosen each one of us “to be holy and blameless before him in love” (Eph 1:4).

The Holy Father says he hopes that this document will aid the Christian faithful in their personal journey of holiness and that they will use its practical suggestions to form their way of life.

One of the ways Pope Francis encourages others to respond to the call to holiness is by highlighting various men and women who have already attained that crown in heaven and urge us on to the finish line. He mentions a total of 40 saints in *Gaudete et Exsultate*, pointing out holy examples that are particularly relevant for the 21st century.

Here is a brief list of 7 of these saints, along with what Pope Francis mentioned about their example of holiness.

Blessed Maria Gabriella Sagheddu

The processes of beatification and canonization recognize the signs of heroic virtue, the sacrifice of one’s life in martyrdom, and certain cases where a life is constantly offered for others, even until death. This shows an exemplary imitation of Christ, one worthy of the admiration of the faithful. We can think, for example, of Blessed Maria Gabriella Sagheddu, who offered her life for the unity of Christians.

St. Joséphine Bakhita

Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognize our great dignity. We see this in Saint Josephine Bakhita: “Abducted and sold into slavery at the tender age of seven, she suffered much at the hands of cruel masters. But she came to understand the profound truth that God, and not man, is the true Master of every human being, of every human life. This experience became a source of great wisdom for this humble daughter of Africa.”

St. John of the Cross

It is not good when we look down on others like heartless judges, lording it over them and always trying to teach them lessons. That is itself a subtle form of violence. Saint John of the Cross proposed a different path: “Always prefer to be taught by all, rather than to desire teaching even the least of all”. And he added advice on how to keep the devil at bay: “Rejoice in the good of others as if it were your own, and desire that they be given precedence over you in all things; this you should do wholeheartedly. You will thereby overcome evil with good, banish the devil, and possess a happy heart. Try to practise this all the more with those who least attract you. Realize that if you do not train yourself in this way, you will not attain real charity or make any progress in it.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

Christ says: “Learn from me; for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls” (Mt 11:29). If we are constantly upset and impatient with others, we will end up drained and weary. But if we regard the faults and limitations of others with tenderness and meekness, without an air of superiority, we can actually help them and stop wasting our energy on useless complaining. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux tells us that “perfect charity consists in putting up with others’ mistakes, and not being scandalized by their faults.”

Continued next week with three more saints referred to by Pope Francis

Blessed Charles de Foucauld

St. Ignatius of Loyola

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP RIVERTON (SHYGR)

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

Sunday, April 15th ~ Gym Night ~ 6:30pm ~ Family Center Gym

Sunday, April 29th ~ Meeting ~ 6:30-8:00pm ~ Family Center

Thank you for your support.
For any questions, please email us at: sacredheartyouthgroup@yahoo.com

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOAGIE SALE
Saturday, April 21st**

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, April 21st, 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.

**Riverton Fire Ladies Auxiliary
Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
Tuesday, June 12th**

The House is Rockin' by the Mahoney Brothers. Bus leaves 9:30am due back 5:30pm. Matinee Show and full course luncheon. \$73 per person. \$15 deposit and balance due by Saturday, May 4th. For more information please call Barbara Jordan at 856-786-1105

HELP!

Calling Catechist, Creative types, Enthusiast, Musicians and those *who Love the Lord and want to share Him with little precious souls.* Your consideration of the important ministry

of VBS is greatly appreciated. For the purpose of planning and organization we need a list of the faithful volunteers for the Summer Vacation Bible School, to be held the week of June 25th to 29th.

Yes, this means YOU! Please give Fran a call at 829-1836.

WEEKEND MUSIC – APRIL 15TH

- 174 Christ the Lord is Risen Today
- 648 Baptized in Water
- 354 The Supper of the Lord
- 166 Alleluia! Alleluia!



Sacred Heart Rosary Guild

The Sacred Heart Rosary Guild was established in the year 2000 in order to promote learning how to pray the Rosary and encourage devotion to the Blessed Mother Mary.

Since its beginning the Guild had provided thousands of rosaries for our own church, diocese, and institutions and missions throughout the United States.

The Guild meets every Thursday evening at 6:00pm in the Rosary Room located in the Lower Church. If you would like to learn how to make rosaries and learn more about our mission, stop in and see us. Or call us at 856-829-8942, leave your name and number and we will return your call.

**Baby Shower!
You're Invited!**

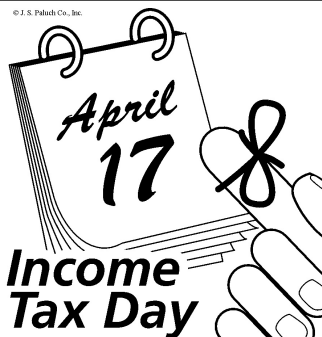
**Sunday, April 22nd
1:00 to 3:00pm**

OLPH Parish-Nolan Hall

Admission: New baby layette set in a gift bag (sleepers, undershirts, bibs, diapers, wipes Sizes NB to 12 months)

Hosted by: OLPH Parish Volunteers
Benefiting: New mothers and infants of Good Counsel Homes.

To RSVP: Text Kim Gamelli at 856-316-616 or email gamelli5@gmail.com.



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.

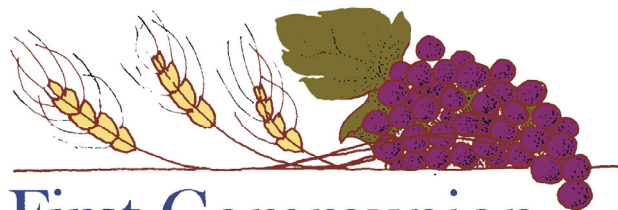
Celebration of First Communion

***Sacred Heart Parish rejoices with these children
who are coming to the Table of the Lord for the
first time during this Holy Easter Season***

*Elijah Acholes
Theresa Azelby
James Balchak
Eleanor Bednarek
Angelia Berg
Kayla Bohley
Albert Bucchi
Addison Buckley
Katherine Carlino
Raeghan Carr
Mikaela Celhar
James Coller
Casey Condodina
Vivien Dabu
Samantha DeBarberie
Gemma DeJoseph
Justin Dellisanti
Liam Digney
Liam Donovan
Joseph Doyle
Grace Ehrhardt
Evangeline Fiorini
Henrietta Floyd
Alexis Foley
Keira Foley
Samantha Gagliardi*

*Claire Grahl
Abbigail Hagan
Daulton Hager
Taylor Hanna
Nathan Hatcher
Cailey Henson
Colin Holloway
Claire Horn
Brielle Horochiowsky
Kendall Horochiowsky
Jude Huber
Lila Jaussi
Logan Jordan
Benjamin Lippincott
Sienna Lohan-Falls
Jayden Lubitsky
Breckin Mackiewicz
Gavin Mahoney
Samuel Major
Joseph Marino
Mace Mazzoni
Katherine McGuckin
Ryan McKenna
Michael Merunka
Steven Milewski
Antonio Mongon*

*Andrew Nolan
Ryan Nucera
Nathan Obuchowski
John O'Neill
Mikaylah O'Neill
Sean O'Neill
Christopher Pignatelli
Gianna Powell
Mateo Prkic
Mary Quinn
Thomas Quinn
Olivia Richardson
Troy Simpliciano
Dominic Smallenburg
Lily Smith
Alexis Socha
Vincent Spezzano
Braeden Steinheiser
Aidan Stewart
Vivianna Tuscano
Imogene Urbano
Caroline Waitman
Wes Weicker
Samuel Willard
Liliana Willhouse
Gemma Wolf
Makayla Zell*



First Communion