

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.

Sunday of Divine Mercy~ April 19, 2020



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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, Joseph DiMedio, Theresa Teicher, 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 Knickey, Eugene Lorincz, Joachim Jung and Alonzo Bonsal



Monday, April 20, 2020

8:00 am **For those who have died from the Coronavirus**

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

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

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

8:00 am **Florence Ehrhardt**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family

Thursday, April 23, 2020

8:00 am **Mitchell J. Rabil**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family
Ervin Shaner
r/o His Wife, Doris

Friday, April 24, 2020

8:00 am **Sister Fidelis, O.P.**
r/o Mary Lou

Saturday, April 25, 2020

8:00 am **James Ferrara**
r/o Judy
4:30 pm **The Habina & Garbett Families**
r/o Therese Garbett
Paul Daly
r/o The Rubright Family

Sunday, April 26, 2020

7:30 am **Barney Whealen**
r/o Chris & Sandy Bowker
9:00 am **For the Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**
11:30 am **For the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin.



**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.



“I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy...The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it.”

— Jesus speaking to St. Faustina, Diary, 1273

Catholic Charities — Emergency Services

Are in need of jelly, CEREAL, tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, tuna fish, jello, pudding, canned fruits, canned vegetables. There will be a basket in front of the Rectory door, please drop off your items there. Thank you for your generous donations.

Stay safe and healthy.

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 20

NO Legion of Mary
NO Coping with Hope

Tuesday, April 21

NO Willing and Able

Wednesday, April 22

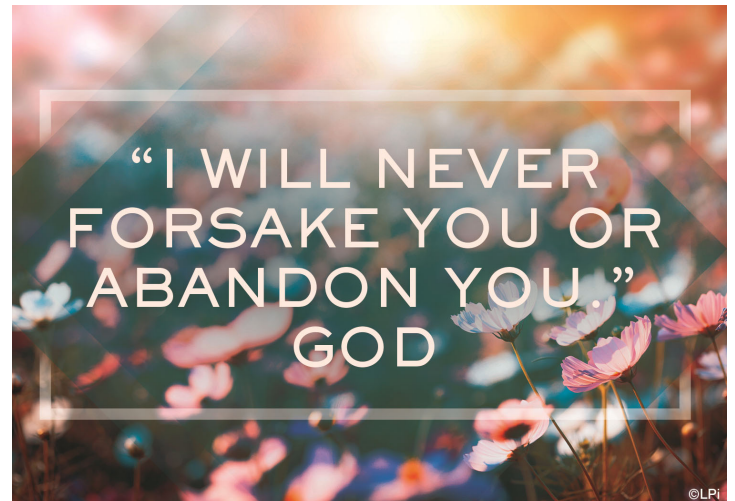
NO Walk and Talk

Thursday, April 23

NO Mary’s Rosary Guild
NO Choir Practice

Easter Sunday, April 26

Third Sunday of Easter



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Week of April 5 to April 11, 2020

\$6,265.00

April 12 to 14, 2020

\$5,616.00

Electronic Giving for March

\$10,092.00

Easter Collection as of April 15th

\$16,590.00

Thank you very much to all of you who have been kind enough to drop off or mail in your weekly offerings.

Please remember Sacred Heart in your Last Will and Testament

From the Desk of Father Chuck

Good Sunday to you!

Another week, another weekend without public Mass. More and more rules we have to follow, less and less activities we can perform. The positive side is that all of the actions we are taking has caused the officials to revise their predictions of infections and deaths downwards. The downside is that people are still becoming ill and dying. Please continue to pray for those affected by the virus and for the medical personnel, caregivers, and even clergy, who are risking their own health to minister to them.

Everyone in the Church in their own way has experienced “withdrawal symptoms” as weeks have passed without access to most of the sacraments. Lay or ordained we have all made adjustments and sacrifices for the good of all. It is a strange feeling, even now, to have to say a Mass to an empty church and hear the words echo back. I have begun saying my private Masses at the side altars in the Church to have a more intimate feeling as I say Mass. But as I suggested before, rather than see this time as a burden see it as an opportunity to accept this cross and offer it up for some poor souls with no one to pray for them, for the poor souls in Purgatory. It will all end, hopefully sooner than later. And when it does, I promise we will have one great party!

I know many have expressed concern about First Communion and Confirmation. I have spoken to Pat Hutchinson (who is recovering nicely from her recent health issues) and discussed what to do. My current idea is to have one big First Communion Mass about a month after things open up again. We will use the month as a ‘refresher course’ for the children. If a family prefers to have their child receive at a Sunday Mass, I am open to that possibility. Shortly after that we will schedule the Confirmation. Bishop has said that in the event the assigned celebrant cannot fit it into his schedule pastors can be delegated to confirm in his place. We will wait and see how that works out. Again, we will use the interim as a refresher course for the confirmandi.

On the upside, as well, we have been able to move forward a few in-house projects. It has been on our list to restripe the parking lot and we’ve begun that project. We are using the time to do some cleaning projects around the Church and rectory. And for once I have been able, more often than not, to recite the Breviary at the hours the prayers are intended and not play catch-up. There’s an upside to everything!

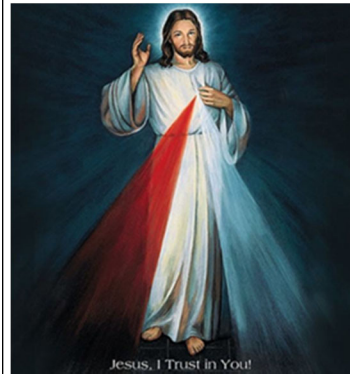
Speaking of upsides – the bells have begun. Currently only the Angelus at 12 and 6 and the Stabat Mater at 3. We’re still tweaking the system, so let us know if you think it’s too loud, or too soft, or if you’d like to hear a particular hymn (there are over 800 programmed into the system). Let me know.

Have a safe healthy and blessed week . . .Father Chuck

The Catholic Faith On Demand

During this unusual time, and also this magnificent time of the Easter Season, be sure to take advantage of all the wonderful offerings that are free to you on formed.org.

There are many movies, documentaries, books, audio books, audio teachings, apologetics and even traveling to the Holy Land and Shrines of the East Coast.



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Learn more about Divine Mercy Sunday, St. John Paul II, and St. Faustina in the documentary titled “The Face of Mercy”, and “Divine Mercy 101”, “Oceans of Mercy” and devotion on formed.org

For parents who have children preparing for Sacraments this year or next there is wonderful assistance on Formed to help you prepare your child to be best open to receive the Lord in Eucharist or Confirmation.

If for some reason you have not signed up for free movies, documentaries, books, bible studies, catechist help, and animation for the kids; this is how to access this great web program.

It’s easy and Free.

- Visit Formed.org from your web browser
- Click on Register (lower right of page)
- Enter the Parish Access Code 6G4YCH
- Enter your email and create a password (you will need this to login later)

Be sure to browse through all the interesting offerings. Enjoy and share with others.

Father Chuck's Homily for Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 19th

Today, of course, is the Sunday of the Divine Mercy – the day when we concentrate on God's forgiveness, His kindness and His mercy. You know so often there is This concept of God as an angry, vengeful God, a carryover from some of the Old Testament stories. There's This idea that everything we've done wrong is kept in a book up in heaven and then when we get to the pearly gates St. Peter opens the book it goes hmmm hmmm hmmm. And then looks at the says sorry and pulls the lever. There are those of us who think that that's the wrong way to think of it. Does God know everything we've done wrong. Of course He does. Does God also know everything we've done right. Of course, He does. Which you think will be more important at the end of our lives? In the scales good on one side bad on the other side which you think will weigh more in His estimation? The few times we tripped up and did wrong? Or the hundreds, thousands, millions of more ways where we did our best to do right to follow His commands to do as He wants us to do to be the people, He wants us to be? If you believe in a merciful God, and we do, then you should believe that He will judge us on how we lived our Christian lives, how we attempted to live out His commands to the best of our ability. That He will forgive us of our sins, especially for those of us who go to confession on a regular basis and go to him with as few sins left on our souls as possible. The worst we might have to worry about is a little time in Purgatory.

Our God is a forgiving God – but He is not blind and is not stupid. In His mercy He will give us whatever just punishment we need in purgatory for those sins we have not yet repented of properly, but then He will allow us into heaven. The only exception would be for those people who knew him and willingly purposefully and deliberately rejected Him. I can think of very few people in History where that would be the case. You could probably name the same people as I can. Hitler, Stalin, Jim Jones. The point is that God wants us to be with Him in heaven, He sent His son to die for us so that we might have the chance of eternal life. We give thanks today that He is a merciful God, that He will forgive us in sacramental confession certainly, by the sacrifices we make, certainly, and He will give us the chance at the end of our lives to repent of the few sins we may have left that we have not confessed. Very few of us to walk out the door after going to confession and immediately die. So, give thanks today for God's divine mercy avail yourself of His divine mercy through prayer through good works and most of all by the sacrament of confession. As the Psalm says, "give thanks to the Lord for He is good His mercy endures forever".

A Sunday quiz

Many year ago I was helping out at the Seminary Library and sorting through years of donated books helping decide what to keep and what to donate or sell. Among the book was a very old copy of A Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, No. 2 aka the Baltimore Catechism. Just for fun, let's see who remembers the answers to these questions:

1. Who made the world?
2. Who is God?
3. What is man? (meaning people)
4. Had God a beginning?
5. Where is God?
6. If God is everywhere, why do we not see Him?
7. How many persons are there in God?
8. What is a sacrament?
9. How many sacraments are there?
10. Is there any other means of obtaining God's grace than the Sacraments?

Answers in next week's bulletin. Father Chuck

Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever!

He is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!



So here we are after Easter and still in limbo with questions, the coronavirus, and quarantine. I imagine after the death and resurrection of Jesus, the first followers were feeling very much in limbo too, asking themselves, “now what”?

They thought things were going to be different. Not just Thomas but all the apostles were probably struggling with what they did and did not believe. John tells us in his Gospel that they were in fear of the Jews. What they had just experienced they surely did not want to happen to them.

But what happens next? How does Jesus address their fear? First, He did not knock anxiously on the door, but instead just appeared. This is a lesson for all of us. Jesus is present anytime and anyplace. He does not come making a big ruckus but instead, He shows us His wounds to help us identify Him.

His first words after the Resurrection in the many appearances to different individuals or groups are “Peace be to you”.

The Lord comes to us in quiet and brings peace. Our picture of many of the apostles in the scriptures may be impulsive, argumentative, maybe even a little dense. But then there is Thomas, who gets stereotyped as the doubter. Was He just being careful not to jump on the latest thoughts? Were his fellow disciples to be trusted? He needed to know for himself.

This is much like all of us. We need to know for ourselves. The other apostles had an experience with the Risen Lord. That made all the difference. We like Thomas need to have the desire and spend time with the Risen Lord. Other witnesses can tell us story after story of God’s work in their lives but until we delve into prayer and sit with Jesus, the Word made flesh, our faith will be found wanting.

Jesus came back for Thomas because he was sincere in desiring to believe. He will do the same for us. Jesus shows Thomas His wounds to reassure him that it is the Lord. It is when we enter into the wounds of Jesus with our own hands and heart that we recognize the Lord and our own faith is strengthened.

There are many wounds in the body of Christ. He has breathed on us His Spirit through our Baptism. We have only to be willing to touch the wounds of others and be one with His body.

John ends this Gospel with the exhortation that through our belief in the Jesus Christ, the Son of God, you may have life in His Name. (in His Presence).

Amen! Alleluia!

Fran Stinsman