

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 22, 2018

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In the Old Testament, God is described many times as the shepherd of the people of Israel. So when Jesus claims this image of God to describe himself, it is startling even to his disciples. In today's Gospel, he takes the image one step beyond the Old Testament: as the Good Shepherd, he is a "lay down his life." This phrase is stated, with slight variation, five times in today's short passage. Jesus is describing the meaning of his life and of his death. With firm roots in the story of Israel and their God, Jesus is now starting a new chapter. He is helping his disciples make sense of his death on the cross, and to describe how to follow this particular shepherd. When Jesus lays down his life, he is revealing the infinite love that he and the Father have for the flock. To follow Jesus, to be a part of Jesus' flock, means participating in that same sacrificial love.

ONE FLOCK

Jesus adds another feature to the shepherd imagery, which was also disturbing to his disciples. He refers to "other sheep which do not belong to this fold," who will become part of the same flock. This likely refers to the Gentiles, to all peoples beyond Israel. The Shepherd extends his flock, but emphasizes that there is still only one flock. Jesus spoke forcefully and frequently, especially in the Gospel of John, of the importance of unity among those who follow him. We who follow Jesus are expected to embrace the "other sheep," to respect and celebrate differences among Christians. We are expected to learn from one another. All those things that seem to divide Jesus's followers in culture, ethnicity, or history of conflict fade in comparison with the deeper unity of the one flock under one Shepherd. Living in unity is essential for us to be faithful and credible witnesses of Christ to the world.

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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**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, William McMullen III, Loretta Sommer, Lynne Turley, 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 Schlindwein, 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 Feeney, 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 23, 2018

8:00 am **Ervin Shaner**
r/o His Wife, Doris & Family

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

8:00 am **James Ferrara**
r/o Judy
Brian T. Gillon
r/o John & Christine Flynn

Thursday, April 26, 2018

8:00 am **Kathy Hartman**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family

Friday, April 27, 2018

8:00 am **Kathryn Frazier**
r/o Annette Bark

Saturday, April 28, 2018

8:00 am **Deceased Members of the Novak Family**
r/o The Novak Family
4:30 pm **Margaret Borkowski**
r/o The Doherty Family
Anthony & Virginia Mottola
r/o Sacred Heart Dance Class
Sarah Svane
r/o Donna & Rick Connor

Sunday, April 29, 2018

7:30 am **Maria Olkowski**
r/o Phil & Debbie Tirjan
Marissa Offenbacher
r/o John & Maureen Reilly
9:00 am **Richard Boucher**
r/o The Wurtenberger Family
Madeleine 'Missy' Koszyk
r/o Kevin & Mary Neary
10:30 am **Anthony Cuzzupe**
r/o Kathy & Joe Massaro
Justin J. Long
r/o Felice, Mark, Sean & Charles Tietz
Ed Rhoads
r/o Rob & Lori Rodolico
12:00 pm **Violet Romero**
r/o Maria Fox & Family
Anna Netzko
r/o Barbara Van Santen

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**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, Bob Venango and Fr. Nick Wasline OFSF

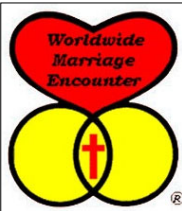
If you or a family member would like to be prayed for at Mass and listed in the bulletin, please call 856-829-0090.

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.



Second Bann

Gina DiMaio and David Perrong
Ashley Feigenbutz and Richard Sacks



Let us welcome Joe & Thea Hegarty to Sacred Heart. They will be speaking after all the Masses this weekend regarding Marriage Encounter weekends. A ministry encouraging fullness in the Sacrament of Marriage.

**Mass Intentions continued
Sunday, April 29, 2018**

12:00 pm **Albert Bucchi, Sr**
r/o Amanda & Andy
**All of the deceased members of
the Ehrhardt, Ragelis, Lyons,
Cooney, Obeda and Joyce
Families**
r/o Their 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 23

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

Tuesday, April 24

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 25

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Thursday, April 26

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

7:00 pm — Dance Class
Lower Church

Friday, April 27

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:00 am Mass

6:00 pm — Confirmation
Church

Sunday, April 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Communion at the 12 Noon Mass

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

We Celebrate Confirmation

This Friday, April 27th at 6:00 pm, Very Rev. Phillip C. Pflieger, Bishop O'Connell's delegate will seal 105 members of Sacred Heart with the Gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Let us keep these young people in prayer as they embark on their life-long journey as fully-initiated Catholic Christians.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 14 & 15, 2018

\$8,773.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$12,973.00

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

Continued from ...

The Holy Father mentions a total of 40 saints in "Gaudete et Exsultate."

Aleteia.org / April 9, 2018.

Blessed Charles de Foucauld

If we realize that God exists, we cannot help but worship him, at times in quiet wonder, and praise him in festive song. We thus share in the experience of Blessed Charles de Foucauld, who said: "As soon as I believed that there was a God, I understood that I could do nothing other than to live for him". In the life of God's pilgrim people, there can be many simple gestures of pure adoration, as when "the gaze of a pilgrim rests on an image that symbolizes God's affection and closeness. Love pauses, contemplates the mystery, and enjoys it in silence."

St. Ignatius of Loyola

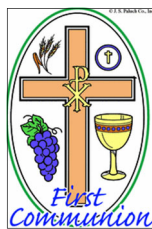
The memory of God's works is central to the experience of the covenant between God and his people. God wished to enter history, and so our prayer is interwoven with memories. We think back not only on his revealed Word, but also on our own lives, the lives of others, and all that the Lord has done in his Church. This is the grateful memory that Saint Ignatius of Loyola refers to in his Contemplation for Attaining Love, when he asks us to be mindful of all the blessings we have received from the Lord. Think of your own history when you pray, and there you will find much mercy. This will also increase your awareness that the Lord is ever mindful of you; he never forgets you. So it makes sense to ask him to shed light on the smallest details of your life, for he sees them all.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Let us be spurred on by the signs of holiness that the Lord shows us through the humblest members of that people which "shares also in Christ's prophetic office, spreading abroad a living witness to him, especially by means of a life of faith and charity." We should consider the fact that, as Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross suggests, real history is made by so many of them. As she writes: "The greatest figures of prophecy and sanctity step forth out of the darkest night. But for the most part, the formative stream of the mystical life remains invisible. Certainly the most decisive turning points in world history are substantially co-determined by souls whom no history book ever mentions. And we will only find out about those souls to whom we owe the decisive turning points in our personal lives on the day when all that is hidden is revealed."

A CAUSE FOR REJOICING!

Sacred Heart is very blessed that over the next few weeks, sixty seven of our members will be celebrating their First Holy Communion during this holy Easter Season. There will be First Communions at the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday, April 29th and May 6th. There will also be First Communions at the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, May 5th.



We do rejoice with all these children and their families and welcome them to the Table of the Lord. May Jesus, our Risen Lord, bless and keep all these dear children close to his Sacred Heart.

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!

No Meeting on Sunday, April 22nd

Sunday, May 8th ~ Meeting ~ 6:30-8:00pm ~ Family Center. We have a great night planned. All teens in grades 7-12 are welcome. See you there!

Sunday, May 21st is the NJ Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure. If anyone would like to donate to sponsor for our youth group members to attend, we would be eternally grateful.

Thank you for your support.

For any questions, please email us at: sacredheartgroup@yahoo.com



33 Days
to
Morning
Glory

Come join with us for the Morning Glory Retreat throughout the month of May, in preparation and leading up to the Celebration of the Feast of the Sacred

Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We begin with the Immaculate Heart because Mary leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The end result is that, by learning to entrust ourselves to the Mother of Our Lord, we can discover a transforming trust in Jesus himself.

Come and seek the heart of Mary. The Retreat will include watching a DVD and sharing every week and preparing with a brief reading each day. We will meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in the Family Center Meeting Room, beginning on May 2nd and conclude June 6th. The celebrations for the Feast Days will be June 8th and 9th. Please call Fran at 829-1836 to register and order books (\$15). If you are interested but cannot make it on Wednesday mornings but you would like to come Wednesday or Thursday evenings, please call Fran as soon as possible to register.

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.

The **Holy Cross Alumni Association** invites you to



join us for our kick off to summer event with the Jersey shore band **Secret Service** on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 7pm to 12am at Holy Cross in Delran. Tickets are \$50 and include buffet, beer, wine, & soft drinks. Tickets may be purchased online at www.newholycross.org or by contacting Karen Krankowski at 609-284-2209 or fkeet@comcast.net. All proceeds benefit the Holy Cross "Lancer Fund."

RECENT BAPTISMS AT SACRED HEART

We extend a warm welcome to our newly Baptized



**Ella Rose Berardis
Emma Grace Casparro
Madeline Maureen Hughes
Teagan Stephanie McDermott**

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

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.



WEEKEND MUSIC – APRIL 22ND

- 178 Jesus is Risen
- 468 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- 324 Gift of Finest Wheat
- 442 How Can I Keep from Singing



**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.

The Friends of the Riverton Free Library will be hosting an "Enchanted Forest" Cocktail Party to raise funds for the library on Saturday, **April 28th from 8-11pm in the Sacred Heart Gym**. Please join us for a fun evening of music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, open bar & desserts. A silent auction of themed baskets will also be held. Tickets are available at the Riverton Library. Admission is \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door. To make a donation for the silent auction, purchase tickets or for more information, you may contact Joyce Sico at 856-314-8066 or jmsico@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting our local library!

SILENCE

Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God. —St. Vincent Pallotti

**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

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.

CONFIRMATION ~ April 27, 2018 ~ We Rejoice!

*Brooke Acker
 Catherine Azelby
 Alison Bailey
 Nelson Bangs
 Dominic Belton
 Natalie Belton
 Paul Benish
 Samantha Benson
 Robert Blinebury
 James Borgmann
 Aidan Bove
 Rachael Brown
 Emily Budzyn
 Aubre Campbell
 Veronica Campbell
 Dylan Cioci
 Cara Colbert
 Grace Coller
 Stephen Connor
 Jason Corcoran
 Shane Coslove
 Sydney Crawbuck
 Ava Crean
 Connor Daly
 Mackenzie Davis
 Julianna DeCesare
 Gianluca DeCristofaro
 Luke Desiderio
 Lauren DiGiacomo
 Dayna DiMeo
 John Dugan
 Nicholas Dulaca
 Karli Everman
 Connor Falicki
 Alyssa Fenton*

*Claire Flynn
 Maggie Flynn
 Sophia Flynn
 Tara Freeland
 Emma Fuegel
 Megan Furphy
 Anthony Galvich
 Haley Gardner
 Brooke Gopalan
 Matteo Gravano
 Bethany Hall
 Colin Hatcher
 Abigail Heisler
 Ashley Herman
 Molly Jackson
 Thomas Johnston
 Connor Kakowski
 Benjamin Kalina
 Ryan Kennedy
 Sean Kennedy
 Zachary Kennedy
 Nicholas Kirk
 Lauren Kremus
 Justin Laste
 William Laste
 Fiona Law
 Rachel Lee
 Christian Locke
 Andrew Losinno
 Emma Maniscalco
 McKenzie Marshall
 Kaleb Martin
 Taylor Martino
 Nicholas Martz
 Nicholas Mastrangelo*

*Coady McCann
 Christopher McCarron
 John McLean
 Nathanael Moore
 Justin Morgan
 Cameron Mott
 Taylor Muraresku
 Daniel Murphy
 Michael Murrin
 Abigail Olear
 Joseph Pallotto
 Madison Paoline
 Frank Pisa
 Kayla Powell
 Jordyn Quinn
 Christian Rafanello
 Olivia Reissman
 Juliana Rex
 Cierra Rickus
 Madelyn Simpliciano
 Isabella Sloat
 Grace Smallenburg
 Aubrey Staab
 Grant Stiglich
 Kelly Teague
 Alex Theis
 Ethan Theurer
 Hugh Toner
 Frank Upshaw
 Gavin Vencius
 Julianna Wahl
 Abigail Walker
 Reid Walker
 David Ward
 Sophia Wilburn*

