

# 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 EASTER ~ APRIL 29, 2018**

#### **I AM THE VINE YOU ARE THE BRANCHES**

Our readings today offer a sharp contrast that hints at the wide variety of ways in which God works. In Acts, there is a rush of activity and profound change happens in a hurry. Paul, who was a leader in persecutions of the first Christians, has recently encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. In today's passage, Paul has suddenly become a powerful witness for Jesus, risking his life and astonishing both the Christians and their enemies. This is God working fast, and everyone is trying to keep up! In contrast, in today's Gospel from John, Jesus describes the vine and the branches bearing fruit. Vines and branches by nature act slowly and quietly. The passage itself is repetitive and meditative, inviting us to slow down and listen to what is happening under the surface. This speaks of the slow, patient work of God.

#### **DISCERNMENT AND LOVE**

The scriptures indicate that God often works on a long-term time frame. We might need our whole lives to learn some of God's lessons. The Church sometimes takes centuries to learn vital lessons about God. But within God's slow work, there are bursts of activity when the moment is ripe in God's eyes. We might perceive these bursts of God's grace, if we are able to see. This fascinating mix of fast and slow can invite us again to deepen our practice of discernment. Discernment is the art of paying attention to God. It is the capacity to detect God's activity, which leads us toward bearing fruit and away from that which is fruitless. In our messy world, and aware of our personal frailties, discernment is often difficult. It helps to remember that God's activity is revealed in love. Whether fast or slow, God always works in love. We are called to perceive God's dramatic and sudden activities as well as God's deep and patient work of love in daily life and in our 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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Patricia Hutchinson, Director  
Joanne Moore, Secretary

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856-829-1836  
Fran Stinsman

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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, William McMullen III, Loretta Sommer, Lynne Turley, Eleanor Mortiz, Mildred Dyer, 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 30, 2018**

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

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

8:00 am **John L. Jordan**

r/o Mary Lou

**Patricia Callahan**

r/o Her Family

**Wednesday, May 2, 2018**

8:00 am **Sis Doherty**

r/o Her Family

**Thursday, May 3, 2018**

8:00 am **David Cecil**

r/o Joe & Jean Threston

**Maureen McGlashon**

r/o Her Family

**Friday, May 4, 2018**

8:00 am **Carlo Centinaro**

r/o Mr. & Mrs. Guerino

Centinaro & Family

**Saturday, May 5, 2018**

8:00 am **Gail Byzewski**

r/o Her Uncle, Lewis

Byzewski

**Sisters Fidelis & Helen Cecilia,  
O.P.**

r/o Mary Lou

**Special Intentions for Allen**

**Alex's Tenth Birthday**

r/o His Family

4:30 pm **Harry Doherty**

r/o His Family

**John L. Jordan**

r/o Mom & Dad

**Rose Marie Teter**

r/o Michael Teter

**Sunday, May 6, 2018**

7:30 am **Marissa Offenbacher**

r/o John & Maureen Reilly

**Elva Bolognese**

r/o Phillip & Deb Tirjan

9:00 am **Agnes Blaney**

r/o Her Children

**Robby Bauer**

r/o Marilyn & Sam Bishop

10:30 am **Kate Cunningham**

r/o The Malloy Family

**Joi Cloran**

r/o Her Family

**Matteo & Carmella Mufalli**

r/o Kay & Chuck Mufalli

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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, Liz Jones, Jack & Phyllis Jung, Maura Kendall, David Kloss, Edward Knicley, Ryan 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, Mary Moynahan, Chuck Mufalli, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Mary Owens, Alexa Pagano, Guido Pasquale, Angela Pflugfelder, Anthony Pignatelli, Anthony Portella, Bro. Bill Riley, Thomas Rutledge, Kate Salamon, Michael Stanley Schneider, Charles Sharpe, Ed Siemietkoski, Joan Siperavage, Bob & Terry Smith, James Sutton, and Bob Venango

*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.

**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 Communion at the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. There will also be First Communion at the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, May 2nd. The secretarial staff are going to a seminar.**

**Mass Intentions continued  
Sunday, May 6, 2018**

12:00 pm **Frank Manion**  
r/o Gladys Sauls  
**Anna Netzko**  
r/o The Zimmermann 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 30**

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

**Tuesday, May 1**

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, May 2**

**Parish Office is Closed**

9:00 am—Retreat/Bible Study  
Family Center

8:00 pm — AA Meeting  
Lower Church

**Thursday, May 3**

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

6:30 pm—Pastoral Counsel Meeting  
Family Center Meeting Room

7:00 pm — Dance Class  
Lower Church

**Friday, May 4**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Following 8:00 am Mass

**Saturday, May 5**

First Communion at the 4:30pm Mass

**Sunday, May 6**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Communion at the 12 Noon Mass

8:00 pm — AA Meeting  
Lower Church

The **Pastoral Counsel Meeting** of Sacred Heart Parish is an open forum. You are invited to our next meeting in the Family Center Meeting Room on Thursday, May 3rd at 6:30 pm. Your input is valued and appreciated.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Weekend of April 21 & 22, 2018

\$10,993.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$10,380.00

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 Remaining In Him

None of us would stand by and expect the vacuum with its plug on the floor, instead of positioned into the electrical outlet, to work. You can turn it on and off as many times as you like but without the current there will be no action, no power, no accomplishment.

Somehow, this is what we expect in our everyday, spiritual lives. We go, go, go too many times forgetting to connect with the source of power for our lives. After all, we are intelligent beings, educated and capable and we can accomplish things on our own. Do we?

Get a visual of this. Have you ever seen a vine with branches that disconnect and then reconnect one day of the week? No. And when Jesus ask us to remain in Him, he does not mean for one hour on one day of the week either. He means always, every day, every hour, every moment. Seems like an impossible task.

How do we do this? Maybe a little of our Blessed Mother's example of pondering may help. Jesus, the Word of God lived in her, then with her. We too have been given the Word of God to dwell in us. When the scriptures are read at Mass, first acknowledge this is God speaking to you and to your heart. Listen carefully, with hearts wide open. Ponder, read the words over and allow them to be a part of you. Most importantly, ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes and your heart to His Holy will *in you* and *through you*. When we sit with God, great things happen. *Practice His Presence*, being aware He is with us always, every moment.

Transformation takes place deep in our hearts. Hebrews tells us that God's word is effective and sharper than a two edge sword, dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. He places all things in order. I have called this "*laser surgery*", the Lord has performed in me. In an instant, He removed from me my fears, sorrows, and insecurities. He also took those ugly things; sin that no one likes to speak about. Continue to ask for the Father's will in your life and He will remove from your heart those things that are not of Him and fill your heart with the fruits of His Presence and much Joy!

Fran Stinsman



33 Days  
to  
Morning  
Glory

AND WEEKLY  
BIBLE STUDY

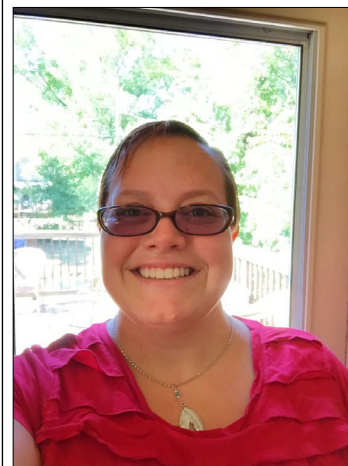
Come join with us for the Morning Glory Retreat throughout the month of May, in preparation and leading up to the Celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We begin with the Immaculate Heart because Mary leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The end result is that, 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.

Thank you, Bridget

Fr. Bob and Sacred Heart Parish would like to



thank Bridget Horgan for her faithful and dedicated service to the Youth of the parish through SHYGR, Sacred Heart Youth Group Riverton. She has worked very hard with the youth and has been an encourager in our Catholic Faith. Bridget has taken a position that leads her across the country. She will surely be missed.

May God's abundant blessings carry her as she continues to minister for the Lord and the proclamation of His Kingdom.



### **Third Bann**

Gina DiMaio and David Perrong  
Ashley Feigenbutz and Richard Sacks

### **First Bann**

Jennifer Cahill and Ryan Ogozaly

**BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

The Sacred Heart Baptism Team would like to invite all expectant mothers in our Parish community to the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> for a special blessing.

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 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>.

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



**SMALL TASKS**

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe. — St. Thérèse of Lisieux

**Riverton Fire Ladies Auxiliary  
Hunterdon Hills Playhouse  
Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

*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 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information please call Barbara Jordan at 856-786-1105

**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 & May events!**

**No Meeting on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** ~ 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 20<sup>th</sup>** 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: [sacredheartyouthgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:sacredheartyouthgroup@yahoo.com)

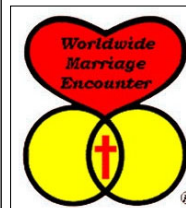
**WEEKEND MUSIC – APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>**

- 165 At the Lamb's High Feast
- 498 We Have Been Told
- 360 One Love Released
- 167 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Married 1 year? Married 40 Years? Fall in love all over again! Experience a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend dates at May 4-6, October 19-21 and December 7-9. Weekends are at Icona Hotel in Avalon, NJ. Call 609-741-8012 for information or email: [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).



**Greetings Jail & Prison Ministry Friends,  
Please Join Us!**

If you are interested in learning more about Jail & Prison Ministry volunteer opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese of Trenton, please attend this event!

**Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 - 8:30pm**

**Chancery & Pastoral Center**

**701 Lawrenceville Rd**

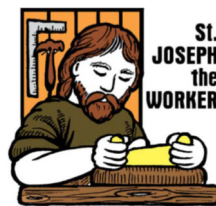
**Lawrence, NJ 08648**

*What's Happening?*

Meet & greet with the Diocesan Coordinator of Jail & Prison Ministry, Deacon Bill Gallagher. Have the chance to meet current volunteers and learn about Jail & Prison ministry.

**Dinner will be served!**

Please RSVP by May 3<sup>rd</sup> to Dorian at 609-403-7175 or email: [dthoma@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:dthoma@dioceseoftrenton.org) or to Deacon Bill Gallagher at 609-403-7198 or email: [bgalla@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:bgalla@dioceseoftrenton.org).



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**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.

**“THE FILM MASTERFULLY SHARES THE TENDERNESS, HUMANITY, AND REVOLUTIONARY THINKING OF POPE FRANCIS, AND SHOWS THAT HE IS A MAN WHO PRACTICES WHAT HE PREACHES.”  
THE VATICAN**

FROM AWARD WINNING DIRECTOR  
WIM WENDERS

POPE FRANCIS  
**A MAN OF HIS WORD**

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Co-Producers STEFANO D'AGOSTINI MASSIMILIANO DI LIBERTO UWE KIEFER STEFANO BUGLIOSI LELIO FORNABAIO Music by LAURENT PETITGAND  
Director of Photography LISA RINZLER Editor MAXINE GOEDICKE Sound RÉGIS MULLER ANSGAR FRERICH  
Written and Produced by WIM WENDERS and DAVID ROSIER **FOCUS**  
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**IN THEATERS MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

HOPE IS A UNIVERSAL MESSAGE.

Wim Wenders' new documentary, "POPE FRANCIS - A MAN OF HIS WORD," is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis as he sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions. From his deep concern for the poor to his involvement in environmental issues and social justice. Pope Francis engages the audience face-to-face in a way never seen before. Running time 92 minutes

