

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 ~ MAY 7, 2017

I CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE

The readings describe that time when confused and frightened followers of Jesus looked to the apostles to tell them what to do after the Crucifixion and Resurrection. The answer seems simple. They must believe that Jesus, whom they crucified, is both Lord and Christ, both God and human. They must acknowledge their complicity in his death and seek forgiveness. They must be baptized. In First Peter the standard for their behavior is Jesus' behavior. Jesus, though free from sin himself, bore our sins and returned no insult or threat. Peter introduces the image of the shepherd who is the guardian of us who have gone astray. The Gospel emphasizes not the shepherd's leadership but that we are called by name.

LISTEN FOR YOUR NAME

The emphasis in John's Gospel is not on the leadership of the shepherd. The focus is specifically on the voice of the shepherd. We listen for the shepherd who calls us by name. We are not called to follow passively. We are called to recognize our name when it is spoken. We are to listen so that we can hear the voice of the One who knows who we truly are—not the external, transient realities like "I am a doctor" or "I am a mother." Our real name known to our Creator is much more than the roles we fill or the work we do. If my name is who I truly am, then I must listen for the One who calls me "forgiven" and "merciful" and "beloved." For this is my true name. This is my true nature.

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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, Maryann Coady, Jeanne Thomas, Joshua Rich, Terry Gillis, Florence Ehrhardt, 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, May 8, 2017

8:00 am **Thomas Sico, Jr**
r/o Donald & Joyce Sico

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

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

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

8:00 am **Michael Deegan**
r/o His Family
Edward Long
r/o The Holtz Family

Thursday, May 11, 2017

8:00 am **Bill & Isabell Rafter**
r/o Their Family

Friday, May 12, 2017

8:00 am **Alice Tague**
r/o Frances Smith

Saturday, May 13, 2017

8:00 am **Sr. Fidelis Beck, O.P.**
r/o Mary Lou
4:30 pm **Mary Heim**
r/o Her Daughters
Rosa DeVece & Anna McGuckin
r/o Bill & Nancy DeVece
Sis & Harry Doherty
r/o The Brett Family

Sunday, May 14, 2017

7:30 am **Elise Fries**
r/o Her Husband, Bill
Hannalore Goodwin & Veronica Bunk
r/o Sharon & Jean
Anna Wallace & Geraldine Wallace
r/o John Wallace
9:00 am **For the Deceased Mothers of Sacred Heart**
10:30 am **Bert & Theresa Cahill & Maureen Cahill Gerner**
r/o Their Family
Loretta Horgan
r/o The Neary Family
Diane Harvey
r/o Her Husband Bob & Sons
12:00 pm **Maureen Deegan**
r/o Her Family
Maureen McGlashon
r/o Her Family



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Bobby Barnett, Joann Beard, Joanne Brady, Debra Burns, Billy Byrem, Dorothy Clinton, Tony Colkers, Melissa Creagh, Tanya DiMaio, John Doherty, Diane Donnelly, Fr. Michael Doyle, Marianne Ford, Mary Lou Francis, Debbie Frank, Dot Fries, Jane Gasper, Loretta Gibson, Kelsey Goodwin, Elsa Guest, Jamie Hall, Thomas Heliger Sr, Walter Huber, Becky Jones, Joachim Jung, Maura Kendall, Don Kline, David Kloss, Edward Knicley, Jeffrey Kuhn, Matthew Laverty, Howard & Joy Lawmaster, Amanda Layton, Joyce Macke, Molly Maerten, Robin Graff Marinelli, William Martens, Dawn McGinley, William McGonigal, Mary McGovern, Melissa Milewski, Kathy Moir, Eleanor Mortiz, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Alexa Pagano, Guido Pasquale, Anthony Pignatelli, Anthony Portella, George Reinas, Bob & Kate Salamon, Theresa Scafidi, Michael Stanley Schneider, Charles Sharpe, Ed Siemietkoski, 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.

National Collection for the Trinity Dome

Next week our parish will participate in a national collection for the Trinity Dome to complete the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, before its 100th anniversary. Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine has been a century in the making, built by and for the faithful of our great nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States. Become a part of Mary's Shrine and help to bring to completion our church! For more information, please visit: www.trinitydome.org.

We will be having a second collection next weekend for the Trinity Dome. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Our Lady of Fatima
100th Anniversary
Pray for Peace
Rosary Rally
Friday, May 12th
at 7:00 pm
Sacred Heart Parish
(parking lot)

May Crowning
Sunday, May 14, 2017
Following 12:00 pm Mass

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, May 8

No Legion of Mary

Tuesday, May 9

Miraculous Medal Novena

Following 8:00 am Mass

Willing and Able will return in September

7:00 pm — NA Meeting

Lower Church

Wednesday, May 10

8:00 pm — AA Meeting

Lower Church

Thursday, May 11

6:00 pm — Mary's Rosary Guild

Lower Church Rosary Room

7:00 pm — Baptism Workshop

Family Center

7:00 pm — Dance Class

Lower Church

Friday, May 12

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Following 8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm — Rosary Rally

Parking Lot (Mary's Garden)

Sunday, May 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am Mass — Blessing of the

Expectant Mothers

Church

1:00 pm — May Procession after Noon Mass

Mary's Garden

8:00 pm — AA Meeting

Lower Church

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 14th for a special blessing.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 29 & 30 2017

\$9,788.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$11,238.00

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

Listen to the voice of the Lord, Pope Francis says

Not listening to God's voice can distance Christians from him and lead them instead to seek solace in worldly idols that offer only doubt and confusion, Pope Francis said.

When Catholics are "deaf to the word of God," their hearts are hardened, and "they lose the meaning of faithfulness," the pope said March 23 in his homily during morning Mass at Domus Sanctae Marthae.

The pope began his homily by reflecting on the day's first reading from the prophet Jeremiah in which God laments the unfaithfulness of his people who "walked in the hardness of their evil hearts and turned their backs, not their faces, to me."

"Not listening to and turning our backs — which hardens our heart — takes us on that path of unfaithfulness," the pope said.

In the reading, "the Lord says: 'Faithfulness has disappeared,' and we become unfaithful Catholics, pagan Catholics and, even worse, atheist Catholics" without the necessary reference to the love of the living God, the pope said.

Instead of being full of clarity, he continued, Christians on this path of unfaithfulness are filled with confusion, not knowing where God is and confusing "God with the devil."

Those who said Jesus expelled demons "by the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons" in the day's Gospel reading from St. Luke, the pope added, are an example of the last step along this path.

"This is blasphemy. Blasphemy is the final word of this path that begins with not listening, which hardens the heart" and "brings confusion; it makes you forget faithfulness and in the end, you blaspheme."

Pope Francis said Christians must ask themselves whether they listen to the word of God or have "lost faithfulness to the Lord and live with the idols that offer me the worldliness of every day."

"Today is a day for listening. 'Listen today to the voice of the Lord' we prayed." the pope said. "Do not harden your heart.' Let us ask for this grace: the grace to listen so that our heart does not harden."

By Junno Arocho Esteves / Catholic News Service

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, May 7th. There will also be First Communions at the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, May 6th.

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.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

Please pick up a Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet to remember a family member (living or deceased) for Mother's Day. Please put the outside envelope in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office before Mother's Day. The envelopes will be placed on the Altar for Mother's Day.

Save the date

The Women's 24th Annual Communion Breakfast

Date: Sunday, June 25th
Time: 9:00 am Mass followed by breakfast
Place: Riverton Country Club
If interested please call Donna for tickets at 786-1709. More information to follow.

Save the date

Mom's Retreat

Thursday, July 20th

More information to follow.

Honoring Our Blessed Mother

Please join us on Sunday, May 14th, following the 12 Noon Mass, for our annual May Procession. This time-honored event combines prayers, song and festivity to honor Mary, the mother of Jesus and our mother. We'll process to Mary's Garden, following the First Communion children carrying our historic banners.

Nancy Myers, who is humbled and honored by her task will crown Mary with a beautiful flower wreath, lovingly made by Terry D'Auria. Nancy is the daughter of Ruth Carlis who crowned Mary at our "first" May Procession twenty six years ago. Please come and enjoy this beautiful tradition.

Save the Date

13th Annual Block Party
Saturday, September 30th
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

If you are interested in helping out in any way please join us for **our first Block Party meeting on Monday, May 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Family Center.**

If you are not able to attend the event maybe you can help in the early planning stages! Hope to see you on May 22nd.



HEAVEN

The goal of religion is not to get us into heaven—but to get heaven into us. — Anonymous

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS

As of June 1st we will be implementing new guidelines and procedures for the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass; when to approach the sanctuary and how you will depart.

All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to sign up for one of the following trainings listed below and return Mary before May 20th. If for some reason you are unable to attend either date, please contact Mary at 829-1836.

Because of these changes all EM must receive proper training before the June schedule in order to know how to proceed during Mass. Thank you for your time, service and love to Sacred Heart!

Training dates/times

Location—Sacred Heart Church

I will attend Saturday, May 20th, 9:30 to 11:00 am

Name _____

I will attend Tuesday evening, May 23rd, 6:30 to 8:00pm

Name _____

Please put in the collection basket or mail to the rectory.



2017
STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR
SACRED HEART FAMILY ...

May 12th ~ 7:00 pm ~ Rosary Rally ~ 100th Anniversary of Fatima ~ Church Parking Lot (Mary's Garden)

May 14th ~ May Crowning following 12 Noon Mass

May 19th ~ 6:30 pm ~ God's Followers ~ Family Center

May 20th ~ 9:30 am ~ Eucharistic Minister Training ~ Family Center or

May 23rd ~ 6:30 pm ~ Eucharistic Minister Training ~ Family Center

****Please note for 2017-2018 Little Flowers/ Blue Knights will be meeting on the same night as God's Followers ~ 3rd Friday of the Month**

June 3rd & 4th ~ Religious Ed. Registration 2017-2018 ~ Family Center

June 5th ~ 7:00 pm ~ Mom's Gathering ~ Deacons Room

June 23rd ~ 7:00 am Adoration, 8:00 am Mass ~ refreshments following Mass

June 25th ~ Women's Communion Breakfast ~ after 9:00 am Mass ~ Riverton Country Club

June 26th to 30th ~ 9:00 am ~ Vacation Bible Camp ~ Registration forms on parish web site: www.shcriverton.org ~ 5 years old and up

July 20th ~ 5:00 pm ~ Mom's Retreat ~ Lower Church

September 30th ~ 11:00 am ~ Block Party



Mary's message to the world

†Pray the Rosary

†Make amends for sins

†Become devoted to her Immaculate Heart

Little Flowers and Blue Knights

Little Flowers Girls' Club and Blue Knights Boys' Club are seeking volunteers to help out once a month from September through May. The clubs meet on the third Friday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Little Flowers and Blue Knights' clubs is a Catholic program for boys and girls age K-3rd grade. If you have a child in this age group this would be a great opportunity to do something fun together. For more information please contact Erin at 856-229-3285.



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.

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.

Save the Date

DiMaio Family Fundraiser (June 4th)

Community members have organized a fundraising Dinner, Basket Raffle and Silent Auction to help a Riverton family that faces financial crisis. The Benefit for the DiMaio Family will run from 4:30 to 8:00pm on Sunday, June 4th at Sacred Heart Gym. This all-family event will include a comedic magician, kids' activities and buffet dinner. Mom, Tanya DiMaio has a rare movement disorder that causes muscle weakness, tremors and seizures. Admission is \$25 per person, with a maximum of \$50 for a family with children 8th grade or younger; \$10 for students older than grade 8. To sponsor, to donate, to attend: DiMaioBenefit@gmail.com.

WEEKEND MUSIC – MAY 7TH

- 466 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- 653 Come to the River (Sprinkling Rite)
- 606 Rain Down
- 324 Gift of Finest Wheat
- 165 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise



COUNTING SHEEP

Every person can tell how many goats or sheep one possesses, but not how many friends. — Cicero



See what all the buzz is about at VBS!

Save the Date – VBS

June 26th to 30th
9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Family Center Gym
Children 5 years old and up
\$20 a child, family cap,
3 or more children \$50.

For information please contact Mary at m.neary@shcriverton.org or 829-1836

Many hands are needed to make Vacation Bible School a success. We need your help. Volunteers needed. Service Hours given. If you would like to help out please contact Mary at 829-1836.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help defer the cost of VBS please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church attention VBS.

Thank you for your generosity!!