

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 ~ MAY 14, 2017

I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

The readings today describe a faith community struggling with the realities of preaching, teaching, praying, and spreading the word of God while others are concerned about putting food on the table and a roof over their heads. In Acts decisions are made about a division of labor. Some will preach and others will ensure that the community is fed. In First Peter there is talk of spiritual houses, builders, and cornerstones, of faith and stumbling blocks. In John, Jesus begins to prepare the apostles for his departure. Jesus talks about his Father's house but the apostles want concrete answers to their questions. They want to see the Father. They don't know the way. Jesus' response is both spiritual and concrete. His answer is both faith and works.

FINDING FAITH IN THE REAL WORLD

The tensions within the readings are tensions we feel every day between our faith and the world in which we live. We stumble over stones that litter the way, over lies that hide the truth, even over the reality of death. We want our faith to be solid, so we can test its permanence and reality. But faith is not concrete. Faith is a living thing, a leap into the unknown. Works are concrete. The works of the apostles are what sustained them even as they struggled with their own faith. We must feed the hungry and shelter the homeless even as we speak to ourselves and others of faith beyond brick and mortar. While we live in a world of harsh realities, we must remember there are realities beyond those we see but not beyond our belief. We know that the faith born of love for others and lived out in caring for the sick and sorrowful, the hungry and homeless, the poor and imprisoned is real.

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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 15, 2017

8:00 am **Terry Gillis**
r/o Frances McArdle
Janisa Romero
r/o Her Family

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

8:00 am **Frank Medeiros**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family
Edward Long
r/o Mary Holtz

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

8:00 am **Anthony M. Russo**
r/o His Wife, Marie

Thursday, May 18, 2017

8:00 am **Frank Taconelli**
r/o Frances McArdle

Friday, May 19, 2017

8:00 am **James Callahan**
r/o Joan Callahan

Saturday, May 20, 2017

8:00 am **People of the Parish**
4:30 pm **Peggy & Frank Mann**
r/o Dotty
Betty Mara
r/o Dotty
Raymond Zelasko
r/o His Family

Sunday, May 21, 2017

7:30 am **Roman Byzewski**
r/o Lewis
William McGehrin
r/o His Wife, Rose & Family
9:00 am **Jeanne Thomas**
r/o The Mulhern & Litke Family
Carlo Nardello
r/o Al
Joshua Rich
r/o The Agnew Family
10:30 am **Kathleen Feaster**
r/o Al & Kathy Yansick
Connie Giampaolo
r/o The Daly Family
Pat Poletti
r/o The Daly Family
12:00 pm **Helen Lemberger & Marie Gallagher**
r/o Their Family
Regina Criqui
r/o The Haws 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, Gloria Hornberger, Walter Huber, James Huff, 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

This weekend 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 this weekend for the Trinity Dome. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Behold Your Mother: Mothers Day and the Gift of Mary, the Mother of the Lord

Jesus gave us His mother

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. (John 19:26-27). This tender scene speaks to us of the Love which inspires, informs and transforms all human love. Jesus gives us His Mother.

Happy Mother's Day

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 15

6:00 pm — Legion of Mary
Family Center

Tuesday, May 16

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following 8:00 am Mass
Willing and Able will return in September
7:00 pm — NA Meeting
Lower Church

Wednesday, May 17

10:00 am — Moms & Tots
Lower Church
5:00 pm — Catholic Daughters High Tea
Lower Church
8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Thursday, May 18

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

Friday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 20

9:30 am — Eucharistic Ministers Training
(mandatory)
Church
10:00 am — Project Linus
Family Center

Sunday, May 21

Sixth Sunday of Easter
1:15 pm — Celebration of Baptisms
Church
6:30 pm — Little Flowers & Blue Knights
Family Center
8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of May 6 & 7, 2017

\$14,062.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$13,784.00

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

The meaning of Fatima: 100 years later 2017 marks the centennial of Our Lady's apparitions to three shepherd children in Portugal Dr. Robert Fastiggi

The year 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, where the Blessed Mother appeared once each month from May 13 until Oct. 13, 1917.



The message of Fatima highlights many central truths and devotions of the Catholic faith: the Trinity, the Eucharist, penance, the Rosary and sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. There is special emphasis on the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is a refuge of maternal love for us all and a sure path that leads us to God. In the end, Mary's Immaculate Heart will triumph because Mary is full of God's grace and is all pure. She has the heart of a mother who cares for her children and wishes them to be saved by her divine Son, Jesus.

Although 2017 marks the centenary year, the Fatima apparitions began with the three apparitions of the Angel of Peace (also called the Angel of Portugal) in 1916 and extended beyond 1917 with subsequent apparitions given to Sister Lucia dos Santos in Pontevedra, Spain (1925-1927) and Tuy, Spain (1929).

Fatima is one of the most significant of all Marian apparitions. Along with Guadalupe (Dec. 12) and Lourdes (Feb. 11), it is one of three Marian apparitions honored with a feast day. In 2002, Pope St. John Paul II added the May 13 feast of Our Lady of Fatima to the general Roman calendar. May 13 was the day of the first Fatima apparition of 1917, and May 13, 1981, was the day when St. John Paul II survived an attempt on his life in St. Peter's Square.

John Paul II credited his survival to the intervention of Our Lady of Fatima. The assassin's bullet that narrowly missed killing the pope now is inserted in a crown of Our Lady housed at the Fatima shrine. Fatima is also linked with the collapse of Russian communism more than 25 years ago.

It is estimated that some 4-5 million people visit Fatima each year, and more are expected for the centennial year, including a visit by Pope Francis, who plans to travel to Portugal to celebrate the 100-year anniversary.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, PRAY FOR US!

8 BEATITUDES FOR MOTHERS

- Blessed are mothers** ~ who did without for us, they will be rewarded.
- Blessed are mothers** ~ who lost sleep when we were sick, they will find rest.
- Blessed are mothers** ~ who taught us how to pray, they will share in God's kingdom.
- Blessed are mothers** ~ who comforted us, they shall be comforted.
- Blessed are mothers** ~ who taught us right from wrong, they will know justice.
- Blessed are mothers** ~ who showed us the Christian life by example, they shall be strengthened.
- Blessed are mothers** ~ who shared with us the meaning of peace, they shall know peace.
- Blessed are mothers** ~ who taught us the importance of loving God and each other, they shall see God.

Happy Mother's Day

RECENT BAPTISMS AT SACRED HEART

We extend a warm welcome to our newly Baptized

**Alaina Evelyn Jaussi
Josiah Emmanuel Martinez**

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

MOTHERHOOD

All mothers are working mothers.
— Anonymous

LONGING

The hand will not reach out for what the heart does not long for. — German proverb

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.

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.



Join Lucy's Ladies Club of Project Linus on Saturday, May 20th

Spring is here and we are busy working to meet the needs of God's Little Ones with newborn caps, baby blankets, afghans for children and cancer patients. Please join us when Lucy's Ladies meet on Saturday, May 20th at 10:00 am in the Family Center. Newcomers always welcome. Donations of 4 ply machine washable worsted yarn acrylic gratefully accepted.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council of Palmyra/Riverton will sponsor a Membership Drive in the Sacred Heart lobby before and after all Masses on Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to Catholic men 18 years of age and older. Parishioners are encouraged to stop by and learn more about this great important Fraternal Catholic Order.

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.



2017

**STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR
 SACRED HEART FAMILY ...**

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

May 21st ~ 6:30 pm ~ Little Flowers & Blue Knights ~ Family Center

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." — John 14:1

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOAGIE SALE Saturday, May 20th

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, May 20th, 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.

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.

Holy Cross Academy Girls' Basketball Coach, Fred Philipps, will hold Free basketball clinics at the school on Tuesday, May 16th & Thursday, May 18th. The clinics will be from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and are open to all girls from any school that are currently in grades 3-8. Please bring your own basketball. There are no forms to fill out or fees to pay, just show up and play! Coach Philipps and his staff will take players through a series of workouts that will include dribbling, shooting, defense, and team concepts. Players of all skill levels are invited to join. Our goal is to have FUN while developing skill through hard work and competition. If you have any questions regarding the clinic or are simply interested in Holy Cross basketball, please email Coach Philipps at fredthepro@msn.com

WEEKEND MUSIC – MAY 14TH

- 543 Sing a New Song
- 653 Come to the River (Sprinkling Rite)
- 495 Jesus, Lord
- 591 Your Words are Spirit and Life
- 173 Be Joyful, Mary



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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!!