

# 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.***

### **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 28, 2017**

#### **THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO PRAYER**

All of the readings recognize the sadness and fear that the apostles and we experience when we suffer the loss of Jesus again. Jesus dies and we suffer. He is risen and we rejoice. Now we are going to lose him again, not through death, but through his ascension. In Acts and in John's Gospel, the apostles and Jesus pray as a way to prepare for and adjust to his departure. The psalm is a prayer to sustain us when we are afraid by anticipating the time when we will be together again. First Peter urges us, during this time of separation, to join our sufferings with those of Jesus and respond as he responded. All these readings are reminders that it is through prayer that we are united despite time, space, distance, life, or death.

#### **THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE**

It is easy to remember the distress we feel when someone we love goes away. Death is the most profound loss, but we feel some of this same pain when someone moves away to take a new job or goes off to school or gets married. People we love leave us all too often. The days immediately after they leave are the hardest as we adjust to their absence. The days become easier as we experience the ways they remain with us by remembering the times spent together and anticipating the time when we will be together again. Jesus' prayer teaches us that by remembering and anticipating we experience the eternal life of love, a life and love that do not end with distance or death. Eternal life is rooted in the love of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit that remains with us. If our life, loves, and suffering are joined with Jesus, then we know eternal life and love even as we live in a world of loss.

#### **PRIESTS**

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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, Alfred Rezende, Gerard Schlinwein, Gail Truchel, 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 29, 2017**

8:00 am **Richard Boucher**  
r/o The Wurtenberger Family

**Tuesday, May 30, 2017**

8:00 am **Terry Gillis**  
r/o Eleanor Skuder

**Wednesday, May 31, 2017**

8:00 am **Katie Byzewski**  
r/o Lewis  
**Rita Kozach**  
r/o Her Family

**Thursday, June 1, 2017**

8:00 am **Walt Litke**  
r/o His Wife, Marge

**Friday, June 2, 2017**

8:00 am **Elise Fries**  
r/o Her Husband, Bill  
**Ronald Whitney Ciambella**  
r/o His Family

**Saturday, June 3, 2017**

8:00 am **Jean Avila**  
r/o Jeanne Gallagher  
4:30 pm **Michael McNeill, Jr**  
r/o His Dad, Michael  
**Joshua Rich**  
r/o The Shanahan Family  
**Dr. Thomas Cherbini**  
r/o Rosemary & Geneva DiTaranto

**Sunday, June 4, 2017**

7:30 am **William McGehrin**  
r/o His Wife, Rose & Family  
**Thomas Johnston**  
r/o Bill & Jennifer Herald  
**Terry Gillis**  
r/o Rose McGehrin  
9:00 am **Rita Kozach**  
r/o Her Family  
**Eddie Janiszewski**  
r/o Joan  
10:30 am **2nd Anniversary for Richard Millilo**  
r/o His Wife, Pat & Children  
**Elaine DeCesare**  
r/o Her Family  
**Steve McCarty**  
r/o Regina & Kate Anderson  
12:00 pm **Jeanne Thomas**  
r/o Ken Heilig & Family  
**Joi Cloran**  
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, Alec Haas, 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.*

**Prayer for Memorial Day**

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



**Men's Fellowship**

Please join us on Wednesday, May 31st at 7:00 pm in the Family Center.

*"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13*

**PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING RED!**

The Feast of Pentecost will be celebrated at all weekend Masses, June 3rd and 4th. Please wear something red to celebrate this great feast when Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to the Apostles to give them the strength they needed to proclaim the Gospel to the world.



**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 29**

**Parish offices closed**

No Legion of Mary

**Tuesday, May 30**

Miraculous Medal Novena

Following 8:00 am Mass

Willing and Able will return in September

7:00 pm — NA Meeting

Lower Church

**Wednesday, May 31**

6:30 pm — Meeting for Vacation Bible School

Family Center Meeting Room

7:00 pm — Men's Fellowship

Family Center

8:00 pm — AA Meeting

Lower Church

**Thursday, June 1**

6:00 pm — Mary's Rosary Guild

Lower Church Rosary Room

7:00 pm — Dance Class

Lower Church

**Friday, June 2**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Following 8:00 am Mass

**Sunday, June 4**

Pentecost Sunday of Easter

1:15 pm — Celebration of Baptisms  
Church

8:00 pm — AA Meeting

Lower Church

**MEMORIALS**

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

FRANK CLEMENTI

AT THE REQUEST OF

HIS WIFE, ANNE CLEMENTI



**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Weekend of May 20 & 21, 2017

\$10,198.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$11,444.00

Average needed for weekly expenses

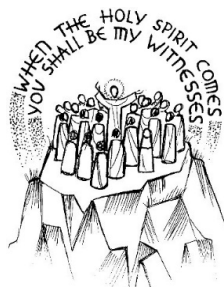
\$14,950.00

***Thank you very much for your generosity.***

***Please remember Sacred Heart  
in your Last Will and Testament***

### Understanding Our Catholic Faith

Pope Francis speaks on the Ascension of Jesus  
( excerpts 2013)



“Jesus led his disciples 'as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven'. .. This is the first important point: Jesus is the only and eternal Priest who, by his passion, has traversed death and the grave and is risen and ascended into Heaven. He is with God the Father, where he always intercedes in our favour. As St. John affirms in his First Letter: He is our Advocate.”

He then added: “How wonderful it is to hear this! When someone is called in front of a judge or goes to court, the first he does is look for a lawyer to defend him. We've got one who always defends us, who defends us from the devil's snares, defends us from ourselves, from our sins! Dear brothers and sisters, we have this Advocate. Let us not be afraid to go to him and ask forgiveness, to ask for blessing, to ask for mercy. He always forgives us. He is our Advocate. He defends us always. Never forget this!”

“Jesus' Ascension into Heaven thus allows us to know this reality that is so consoling on our journey: in Christ, true God and true man, our humanity has been brought to God. He has opened the way. He is like the leader of a mountain climbing party that is roped together. He has reached the summit and pulls us to himself, leading us to God. If we entrust our lives to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain of being in safe hands.”

The Gospel of St. Luke mentions that the Apostles, after seeing Jesus ascend into Heaven, return to Jerusalem 'with great joy'. This seems a little strange to us,” the Pope said. “Usually, when we are separated from our family members, from our friends, definitively, and especially when caused by death, we are naturally sad because ... we can no longer enjoy ... their presence. Instead, the Evangelist emphasizes the Apostles' profound joy. Why? Precisely because, with the gaze of faith, they understand that, even if they gone from view, Jesus remains always with them. He does not abandon them and, in the Father's glory, He sustains them, guides them, and intercedes for them.”

He continued, "The Evangelist also tells of the Ascension at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles “to underline that this event is like the link that connects and unites Jesus' earthly life to that of the Church.”

It is an invitation to step forth from the contemplation of Jesus' Lordship and to receive from him the strength to carry forth and witness to the Gospel in their everyday lives: to contemplate and to act, 'ora et labora', St. Benedict teaches, are both necessary in our Christian life.”

### Registration Time is Here!

You may register your child for Religious Education classes for 2017/2018

**Saturday, June 3rd  
and**

**Sunday, June 4th**

Please come to the Family Center after the 4:30; 9:00; 10:30; 12:00 Masses (not after 7:30)

**Remember, children are re-registered each year, as they move through the Program.**

Tuition is as follows:

- One child.....\$125
- Second child.....85
- Third child.....65
- Tuition capped at ...\$275
- Kindergarten Program ~ \$65

Please be aware that we offer **We Can Program** at no charge. (**We Enrich Children of All Needs**)

**Of course, tuition may be paid over a period of time. Please make us aware of any extenuating circumstances regarding payment of tuition.**

Children who will be five years of age by October 1, 2017 are eligible to be registered in our Kindergarten We Can Programs.

*If it is impossible for you to come in June 3/4, please call us or email us to register for the upcoming year. Children **must be re-registered** each year, as they move through the program.*

**Sacred Heart Parish Religious Education Program ~ 856-829-1848** 102 Fourth Street, Riverton ~ email: p.hutchinson@shcriverton.org.

We do offer online registration through Sacred Heart's website: shcriverton.org.

### 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
- Cost:** \$20
- Speaker:** Joanne Walls

If interested please call Donna for tickets at 786-1709. More information to follow.



**Vacation Bible Camp Update:**

There will be a meeting for all volunteers on Wednesday, May 31st at 6:30 pm in the Family Center. We are still in need of volunteers PLEASE consider coming out and helping us during this wonderful week. This is a wonderful opportunity for High School students who need service hours! Please contact Mary at 829-1836 or [m.neary@shcriverton.org](mailto:m.neary@shcriverton.org) for more information. Hope to see you all on May 31st at 6:30 pm.



You're Invited!

Painting with a twist. 127 Ark Road, #18  
Mount Laurel, NJ

Thursday, June 8th

"Build a Culture of Life and Family"

7:00 to 9:00 pm

Reserve your seat. \$45 per seat

To pay online go to: [www.paintingwithatwist.com/mt-laurel/calendar](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/mt-laurel/calendar) (scroll down to June 8th on the calendar). To pay via phone call the studio at 609-724-4918.

Have fun as you Benefit Mothers and Families in Need! Helpers of God's precious infants NJ.  
[www.helpersnj.org](http://www.helpersnj.org)

**MEMORIAL DAY**

They fell, but o'er their glorious grave floats free  
the banner of the cause they died to save.

— Francis Marion Crawford

**WILL YOU WALK FOR ME?**

Please join us at Good Counsel's Walk-a-Thon!

Saturday, June 3rd ~ 9:00 am to 12 noon

Registration: 8:30 to 10:00 am

Memorial Park, Cinnaminson

Supporting homeless pregnant women and children with a safe, loving home, food, medical care, education, job skills, social skills, counseling, spiritual guidance, parenting, nutrition, computer classes and so much more!!

For more information, to obtain forms or to sponsor a walker go to: [www.goodcounselhome.org](http://www.goodcounselhome.org) or contact: Mary Ann Lorimer at 215-989-0021 or [lorimerma@aol.com](mailto:lorimerma@aol.com), JoAnn Dinoia at 609-387-2982 or [joann\\_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org](mailto:joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org).



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

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

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

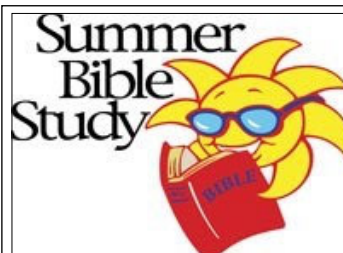
**June 23rd** ~ 7:00 am Adoration, 8:00 am Mass ~ refreshments following Mass

**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](http://www.shcriverton.org) ~ 5 years old and up

**July 20th** ~ 5:30 pm ~ Mom's Retreat ~ Lower Church

**September 30th** ~ 11:00 am ~ Block Party



Are you seeking new direction for your life, family work, a sense of purpose, desire to deepen your faith, find solutions to problems and courage to meet challenges? Then you might want to consider joining our summer Bible Study. Day/time TBA. If you are interested please contact Mary at [m.neary@shcriverton.org](mailto:m.neary@shcriverton.org).

**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](mailto:DiMaioBenefit@gmail.com).

**Mom's Annual Retreat  
Thursday, July 20th  
5:30 to 10:00 pm  
Lower Church**

*Nurturing the faith of our children*



**A parent's survival kit**

Come join us as we discuss and share 'best practices' for raising children in the 21st Century based on Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Dinner 5:30 pm

Retreat begins at 6:30 pm

Cost is \$20

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Please fill out registration below and put in the collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell or phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

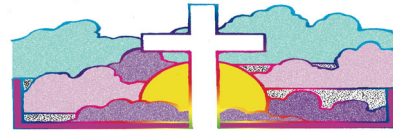
**NEED A MIRACLE?**



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.**

**WEEKEND MUSIC – MAY 28TH**

- 728 Crown Him With Many Crowns
- 653 Come to the River (Sprinkling Rite)
- 608 I Have Loved You
- 355 One Love Released
- 624 Eternal Father, Strong to Save



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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 more information please go the parish website:

[www.shcriverton.org](http://www.shcriverton.org) to download registration form, please include size of tee shirt for your child/children

**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.**

We are in need of SMALL bottled waters for VBS. If you can donate a case please drop case in side altar marked VBS supplies (left side of church). Thank you. 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!!**