

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.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST ~ JUNE 18, 2017

Today's Gospel verses, John 6:51-58 are a "Eucharistic version" of the previous verses, 6:35-50, in which Jesus asserts, "Whoever believes has eternal life" (6:47). Now Jesus replaces "believes" with "Whoever *eats my flesh and drinks my blood* has eternal life" (6:54). This parallelism is mirrored in the complementarity of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the intimate relationship between ambo (lectern) and altar, "the table of God's Word and the table of Christ's body." But today's Gospel presents a further parallel, the complementarity of flesh and blood. By using "flesh," a word he sometimes uses to denote the whole of human nature rather than "body," John seems to suggest that, in receiving Christ's Body in the Eucharist, we disciples are to assimilate the whole of Jesus's humanity, his own radically self-sacrificing-unto-death lifestyle as our distinctive manner of being human. Moreover, the very reason the law forbade partaking of sacrificial blood is precisely why Jesus says we must drink his blood, "for the blood is life" (Deuteronomy 12:23). By partaking of Christ's Blood in the Eucharist, we "have eternal life" here and now; that is to say, we live by Christ's victory over death in this life, a victory that will be made permanent when Jesus raised us up on the last day (6:54).

WE ARE ONE

As we partake of this gift, we become one with Christ in reality. But there is more. We also become one with each other. As we all partake of the mystery, we are united in flesh and spirit—in the Holy Spirit—with each other as well. As Paul says, "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17). Today we celebrate this wonderful gift. Even though we do not fully understand it, we believe and accept it with joy. We are one with Christ and one with each other. We too become the Body of Christ in the world.

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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 Schlindwein, Gail Truchel, Alexander Covalleski, Amanda Layton, Charlotte Weldon, 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, June 19, 2017

8:00 am **Joseph LaCerra**
r/o His Wife, Margaret
Tom Downey
r/o His Family
Bill Klein
r/o His Family

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

8:00 am **Terry Gillis**
r/o Bill & Elain Kollar

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

8:00 am **Bill & Isabell Rafter**
r/o Their Family
Bill Byrem
r/o The Byrem & Berg
Families
Catherine Ferry
r/o Her Family

Thursday, June 22, 2017

8:00 am **Eddi Mae Williams**
r/o Rich Rickus & Family
Florence Ehrhardt
r/o Her Family

Friday, June 23, 2017

8:00 am **Frank Medeiros**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family
Sr. Helen Cecilia Lowen, OP
r/o Mary Lou
Richard Millilo
r/o His Wife, Pat &
Children
Raymond Buenzle
r/o Carol Buenzle

Saturday, June 24, 2017

8:00 am **Florann Knecht**
r/o Her Family
4:30 pm **Joshua Rich**
r/o Lisa Friedrich
Charles Bakley
r/o Michael McNeill
Alfred Rezende
r/o Joe & Pat Horan
Catherine Ferry
r/o Her Family

Sunday, June 25, 2017

7:30 am **John Bruno**
r/o Harry, Bonnie &
Christopher DeLuca
Bob Ptaszenski
r/o Leo & Celia Zink

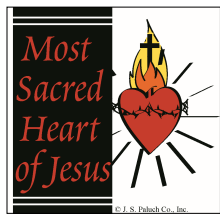
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Bobby Barnett, Joann Beard, Joanne Brady, Debra Burns, Billy Byrem, Allyson Christenson, Sharon Christenson, 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, Mark Irons, Becky Jones, Joachim Jung, Maura Kendall, Don Kline, David Kloss, Edward Knicley, Ryan Konetski, Jeffrey Kuhn, Matthew Laverty, Howard & Joy Lawmaster, Amanda Layton, Joe Leahy, 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.

Please join us as we celebrate our Feast Day on Friday, June 23rd



- * Adoration will be held from 7:00 am to 8:00 am
- * Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am
- * Immediately following Mass there will be a continental breakfast in the Family Center Gym. All are welcome!!

**Mass Intentions continued
Sunday, June 25, 2017**

9:00 am **Janet T. Nickels**
 r/o Mom, Dad & Jaime
Gerard Schlindwein
 r/o Mary Jo Callahan
Terry Gillis
 r/o Pat & Ray Franecki
Dorothy Muraresku
 r/o Her Daughter, Donna
 10:30 am **Salvatore Mufalli**
 r/o Nancy & Hap Ehringer
David Canto
 r/o Lee Hoffman & Family
 12:00 pm **William Santen**
 r/o the Cunneen Family
Ronald Longo
 r/o The Flanagan Family
Anna Foran
 r/o Maureen & Tom Peters

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, June 19

6:00 pm — Legion of Mary
 Family Center

6:30 pm — Vacation Bible Camp Meeting
 Family Center

Tuesday, June 20

Miraculous Medal Novena
 Following 8:00 am Mass

Willing and Able will return in September
 7:00 pm — NA Meeting
 Lower Church

Wednesday, June 21

10:00 am — Moms & Tots
 Lower Church

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
 Lower Church

Thursday, June 22

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

7:00 pm — Dance Class
 Lower Church

Friday, June 23

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament @ 7:00 am
 Mass at 8:00 am for the Feast of Sacred Heart
 Followed by refreshments in the Family Center

Sunday, June 25

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1:15 pm — Celebration of Baptisms
 Church

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
 Lower Church



Second Bann

Meghan Doherty and Ryan Kelly

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of June 10 & 11, 2017

\$10,094.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$11,067.00

Easter Collection

\$49,493.00

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: Let yourself be transformed by the Eucharist

*Excerpts from Pope Francis' Homily 2015,
by Elise Harris*

On Sunday Pope Francis said that the Eucharist is no mere symbol, but is in fact the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, which has the ability to transform our hearts and minds to be more like him. "The Eucharist is Jesus who gives himself entirely to us. To nourish ourselves with him and abide in him through Holy Communion, if we do it with faith, transforms our life into a gift to God and to our brothers," the Pope.

To let ourselves be nourished by the "Bread of Life," he said, "means to be in tune with the heart of Christ, to assimilate his choices, thoughts, behaviors." It also means that we enter into "a dynamism of sacrificial love and become persons of peace, forgiveness, reconciliation and sharing in solidarity," he added.

In his speech the Pope turned to the day's Gospel reading from John Chapter 6, which recounted the last part of the "Bread of Life" discourse, and in which Jesus tells his disciples that "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."

Francis noted the shock and astonishment of the crowd when they heard Jesus say this, and explained that such a reaction is understandable given the provocative nature of the Lord's statement. With a style mirroring that used by many of the prophets, Jesus gives the people a strong image in order to stir up questions, and ultimately a decision, within them and us, he said.

Above all arise the questions "what does to 'eat the flesh and drink the blood' of Jesus mean? Is it only an image, a symbol, or does he mean something real?" the Pope said. In order to respond, Francis continued, we have to look at what happened in Jesus' own heart when he broke the loaves to feed the five thousand.

"Knowing that he will die on the cross for us, Jesus identifies himself with that bread, broken and shared, and it becomes for him the sign of the sacrifice that awaits him." This process culminates in the Last Supper, when the bread and wine actually become Jesus' Body and Blood, the Pope said, explaining that when he gives us the Eucharist, Jesus does it with a purpose: "that we may become one with him."

Communion, he said, "is assimilation: eating him, we become like him. But this requires our 'yes,' our adhesion of faith."

Summer Mass Schedule

Begins July 1st & 2nd and will end August 26th & 27th

The Mass schedule will be as follows:

Saturday:	4:30 pm
Sunday:	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am

If you have Masses scheduled during that time at either the 10:30 am or 12:00 pm, they will be combined at the 11:00 am Mass.

An important meeting will be held on Monday, June 19th, 6:30 pm for all those volunteering for Vacation Bible Camp. Please make every effort to attend if you are helping out this year. If you are interested in helping please come to the meeting to find out more on how you can use your gifts to make this week a huge success!!



We are still in need of the following items for our Vacation Bible Camp:

Small bottles of water (5 cases) ~ 2 large containers of Goldfish ~ 3 boxes of Chex cereal ~ 2 large bags of animal crackers ~ 2 large bags of small pretzel sticks ~ 5 bags of mini marshmallows ~ 5 boxes of graham crackers ~ 3 large cans of whipped topping ~ chocolate chips

Donations can be dropped off at the Rectory.

Thank you!!

On behalf of Community Services Burlington County, a Catholic Charities ministry the many families and individuals in need whom we serve, expresses deep gratitude to your many parishioners who have contributed so much in the way of food and other gifts toured food pantry and other services.

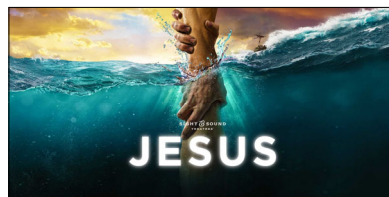
To all who have and will help, a very simple thanks.

Sincerely,

Jackie Edwards, MHS

Service Area Director

Catholic Daughters is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound Theatre on Friday, March 16, 2018 to see the production of "JESUS".



The cost is \$130 per person which includes transportation, show ticket - premium seats, home style lunch at Good and Plenty, all tips including bus driver and gratuities and snacks. For more information please call Marie Russo at 856-829-1999.

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
Theme: *Living a Eucharistic Life*
Speaker: Dr. Joanne Walls

Joanne has been a parishioners here at Sacred Heart for over 40 years. Married to her husband, Jim, for 45 years, 2 children and 8 grandchildren. She is currently the principal at St. Hubert's High School in Philadelphia. Joanne's faith journey is filled with many wonderful stories and people she has had the great fortune of meeting along the way; such people as Pope Saint John Paul II and Saint Theresa of Calcutta! Come join us and bring a friend!

If interested please call Donna for tickets at 786-1709.

Catholic Charities in Delanco is in desperate need of food. The shelves are almost bare. **They have plenty of peanut butter.** They are in need of anything else, cereal, spaghetti sauce, etc. Please put the items in the St. Pius the 10th Chapel near the handicapped ramp.

Thank you for your generosity.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Sacred Heart Parish wishes to honor those who are graduating. We extend a special invitation to all graduates who attend the weekend Masses on either Saturday, June 24th or Sunday, June 25th. Our parish family will gather to pray for our graduates and bestow a special blessing on them at all the Masses that weekend. We would like to publish the names and schools of all the graduates, grades 8 and above, in the bulletin that day. Please call the Parish Office at 829-0090 or email the names to sacredheartriverton@comcast.net with their name and school no later than Tuesday, June 20th to guarantee publication in the bulletin. Names received after this date will be published in subsequent bulletins.



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

June 23rd ~ Feast of the Sacred Heart ~7:00 am Adoration, 8:00 am Mass ~ refreshments following Mass in the Family Center

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 11th ~ Summer Bible Study ~ 7:00 pm ~ Family Center

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

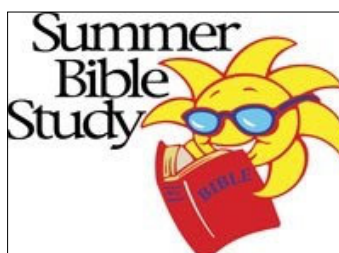
September 30th ~ 11:00 am ~ Block Party

In anticipation of its **50th anniversary**, Bishop George Ahr/St. Thomas High School in Edison NJ, wants to reconnect with all of its alumni. We have a new article on the website: www.bgahs.org asking alumni to update their most recent contact information. You may reach us at dchippendale@bgahs.org the alumni office, so we can keep you informed of the events planned for our upcoming milestone celebration.

Summer Bible Study

Come join us

Conversion ~ Following the Call of Christ



What do you have in common with Matthew, Jonah, the woman at the well or the man born blind. How is your journey similar to the journey of the Magi?? Come journey with us this summer and

discover how much you have in common with these people who lived over 2000 years ago? Bishop Robert Barron presents 6 Biblical stories of true conversion. They were people just like you who were called by Christ to become better!

Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30pm in the Family Center. Beginning July 11th, 18th, 25th and August 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Bibles and material will be provided. Please RSVP to Mary at 829-1836 or m.neary@shcriverton.org.

**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 – JUNE 18TH

- 311 As We Gather at Your Table
- 355 One Love Released
- 336 Eat This Bread
- 585 For the Beauty of the Earth



FATHERHOOD

Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father! — Lydia M. Child
Happy Father's Day



**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 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!!