

# 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 NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ~ JUNE 24, 2018**

#### **JOHN HERALDED JESUS' COMING BY PROCLAIMING A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE**

Teachers and coaches know how to modify their tactics to reach various learners. God does the same with us, perfectly assessing the precise intervention we need in particular situations. God sent Jesus into the world at the ripest moment in human history. Although plenty of prophets, for centuries, had foretold the coming of the Messiah, the profound honor of meeting Christ himself fell to John the Baptist. The Gospel of Matthew tells us what this blessed prophet was like: "John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey." Out of an infinite variety of people throughout all of human history, God chose John the Baptist, in his wildness, to make us ready to meet the Son of God.

#### **LEAST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**

Few, if any, of us would be likely to choose John the Baptist as the one to prepare the world to meet its savior. Most of us would feel awkward around John, given his food and clothing choices, and his constant reminders to repent of our sins. John's own father, Zechariah, doubted God's providence when he learned his wife Elizabeth would give birth to John. As a punishment, the angel Gabriel removed Zechariah's ability to speak. Luke's Gospel reading today recounts the moment when Zechariah acknowledges God's plan for his son. He supports Elizabeth—who had trusted in God's providence all along—and regains his voice. Zechariah rejoices in God's wisdom, praising God to all their neighbors. John's story reminds us how our instincts often run counter to God's wisdom. Though we avoid awkward and difficult people, God chooses a locust-eating man to show us the way to Jesus. The lesson of John the Baptist is never to underestimate the power and wisdom of God. This inspires hope! We, like John, are "fearfully, wonderfully made" (Psalm 139). God has beautiful plans for each of us.

#### **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**

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Rev. Mr. Joseph Donadieu  
Rev. Mr. Kenneth Heilig  
Rev. Mr. Michael Stinsman  
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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

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, Mia Mobertz, Shirley Siemien, Martin 'Chuck' Mufalli, Ann Marie McCarty, Esther Lane, John Paul Berkley, Kevin White, Robert Thomson, Virginia Evers, Florence Ehrhardt, Alfred Rezende, Gerard Schlindwein, 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

# Mass Schedule

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## Monday, June 25, 2018

8:00 am **Janet T. Nicklas**  
r/o Mom, Dad & Jaime  
**Genevieve Alburger**  
r/o Marianne Gasper &  
Family

## Tuesday, June 26, 2018

8:00 am **Eleanor Moritz**  
r/o Lee Hoffman  
**Chester Knauss**  
r/o Barbara & John Palko

## Wednesday, June 27, 2018

8:00 am **Mark E. Kollar**  
r/o His Parents

## Thursday, June 28, 2018

8:00 am **Edward Turner**  
r/o Sharon Mac Williams

## Friday, June 29, 2018

8:00 am **Mary Heilig**  
r/o Her Husband, Ken &  
Family  
**Richard Boucher**  
r/o The Wurtenberger  
Family  
**Norm Rubright**  
r/o His Wife, Kathie

## Saturday, June 30, 2018

8:00 am **For the Holy Souls in Purgatory**  
4:30 pm **Marcella Deveikis**  
r/o The Rubright Family  
**Bill & Rose Duff**  
r/o Bill & Nancy DeVece  
**Joan Boyle**  
r/o The Callahan Family  
**Thomas Reinhart**  
r/o Dr. & Mrs. Larry Downs

## Sunday, July 1, 2018

7:30 am **Hieronim Niemiec**  
r/o Deacon Kenneth Heilig  
**Lynne Turley**  
r/o Rose McGehrin  
**Clinton Cunningham**  
r/o The Rhea Family  
9:00 am **Marcella Deveikis**  
r/o Paul Daly & Family  
10:30 am **Joi Cloran**  
r/o Her Family  
**Chuck Mufalli**  
r/o Elizabeth Pildis & Bob  
Gegnas  
**Veronica Notte**  
r/o Joe & Lisa Threston

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Colleen Anninos, Bobby Barnett, David Beers, Joanne Brady, Desmond Bruce, Debra Burns, Billy Byrem, Tom Cairns III, Angela Canco, Anna Catanzariti, Sharon Christenson, Dorothy Clinton, Tony Colkers, Charles Connor, Paul Daly, Tanya DiMaio, Rosemary DiTaranto, 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, Liz Jones, Jack & Phyllis Jung, Maura Kendall, Edward Knicley, Ryan Konetski, Casey Lang, Matthew Laverty, Howard Lawmaster, Joe Leahy, Joyce Macke, Molly Maerten, Robin Graff Marinelli, Doris McDowell, William McGonigal, Amanda Milewski, Melissa Milewski, Kathy Moir, Mary Moynahan, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Mary Owens, Alexa Pagano, Angela Pflugfelder, Anthony Pignatelli, Anthony Portella, Bro. Bill Riley, Kate Salamon, Michael Stanley Schneider, Charles Sharpe, Ed Siemietkoski, Joan Siperavage, Bob & Terry Smith, James Sutton, Bob Venango, Patrick Weight and John Williams, Sr

*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.

**Summer Mass Schedule  
Begins July 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and  
will end the weekend of  
September 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The Mass schedule will be as follows:

<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	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.**

**Mass Intentions continued**

**Sunday, July 1, 2018**

12:00 pm **Carl Rossino, IV**  
r/o Judy McMullen

**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 25**

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

**Tuesday, June 26**

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

**Wednesday, June 27**

8:00 pm — AA Meeting  
Lower Church

**Thursday, June 28**

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

**Friday, June 29**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Following 8:00 am Mass

**Sunday, July 1**

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 pm — AA Meeting  
Lower Church



**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Weekend of June 16 & 17, 2018

\$8,225.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$9,676.00

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

### I Thought I had Toiled in Vain.

Our second reading this week is the second of the four Servant Oracles in the book of Isaiah. Of course we consider these readings to be referring to Christ but much of the wording can refer to His followers too. God's word is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, it penetrates and divides soul and spirit joints and marrow, as written in the book of Hebrews 4:12.

Therefore, at times God's word seems to come alive in our hearts more than other times. This happened to me years ago as I read Isaiah 49:4. *"Though I thought I had toiled in vain and uselessly spent my strength, yet my reward is with the Lord and my recompense is with my God."*

I was raising my children at the time and I had grown weary of repeating the same lessons, corrections, encouragements and disciplines over and over. But God in His loving mercy and compassion gave me another word to encourage me. It was Galatians 5:9 The Lord was reassuring me that everything was in His hands with St. Paul's words, *"Do not grow weary of doing good; if we do not relax our efforts, in due season we shall reap our harvest."*

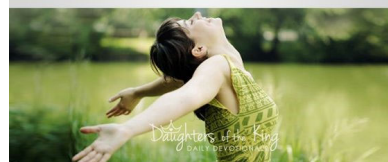
I am sure that there are many young parents who have experienced the same thing, and I hope that these scriptures, the loving words from our compassionate God will encourage you too. Maybe Zachariah thought that he had botched it up when he doubted the Lord and was struck dumb. Oh, but look what God does with our doubt. He fulfills his promises. Whether you are a parent, relative or friend, there are those in our lives whom we are concerned are not getting the message of God's Saving Grace. We need not grow weary but continue to be follow the example of St. John the Baptist, heralding the Good News. As he prepared the way for the Lord, let us too, with prayer, loving kindness and truth prepare the way, first in our own hearts then in our world.

Blessings,  
Fran Stinsman

## SACRED HEART PRESENTS A NIGHT OUT FOR MOMS

**When:** Thursday, July 19th  
**Time:** 6:00 to 10:00pm  
**Where:** Lower Church  
**Theme:** The *Tug of War* of Parenting  
**Cost:** \$20 per person  
**Registration:** 6:00pm dinner to follow at 6:30pm

My steps are ordered by the Lord  
 and no matter what I face, I know  
 the Lord is with me and He is working  
 everything out for my good.  
 I AM ENCOURAGED!



Please make checks out to Sacred Heart Church; mail or drop off payment at the Rectory: Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 12:00pm, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, in the memo write Mom's Retreat. Email Mary at [gardenlife127@comcast.net](mailto:gardenlife127@comcast.net) with questions and/or to reserve your spot. Bring a friend!

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!

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## Block Party Needs YOU!



Sacred Heart Annual Block Party has been a big hit in past years. But we are in need of a leader to keep it going. The 2018 Block Party will not take shape without a chair person who is willing to step forward and gather the volunteers needed. Many hands make for light work. If you would like to see this event continue but are at a loss for what it entails, please call Fran at 829-1836. There are notes from past block parties and I will be happy to share them with you.



### JOHN THE BAPTIST

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the “precursor” of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John’s basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John’s legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: “You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory” (Isaiah 49:3). John’s humility—“I am not he”—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.

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You called John the Baptist from his mother’s womb to prepare the way of your Son; help us to follow in that path which the Baptist opened before the Lord Jesus.

— Intercessions, Liturgy of the Hours

### Save the Date

#### The Women’s 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Communion Breakfast

**Date:** Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 9:00am Mass followed by breakfast  
**Where:** Riverton County Club

**More information to follow.**

## God’s Blessing on the Class of 2018

- Brooke Acker  
Delran Middle School
- Sabrina Axelrod  
College of New Jersey
- Melissa Barth  
Delaware Valley University
- Lindsay Bednarek  
Riverton Middle School
- Maggie Bednarek  
Camden Catholic
- Veronica Campbell  
Cinnaminson Middle School
- Jacob DeFeo  
Timber Creek High School
- Jordan Friedrich  
University of Scranton
- Kiersten Gappa  
Delran High School
- Molly Lynn Gross  
Cinnaminson High School
- Catherine Zoog Jaworskyj  
Teacher’s College - Columbia University
- Colleen Keegan  
Full Sail University
- Annalise Mara  
Archmere Academy
- Donald Martocello III  
Princeton University
- Matthew McClintic  
Palisades Middle School
- Emily Nocito  
Cinnaminson High School
- Frank Pisa  
Palmyra 8th Grade
- Cierra Rickus  
Cinnaminson Middle School
- Seamus Schofield  
Delran Middle School



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### Nativity of Saint John the Baptist



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“Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.”

— Acts 13:25

**RECENT BAPTISMS AT SACRED HEART**

We extend a warm welcome to our newly Baptized



- Logan Michael Curran**
- Alexander Jules Dickinson**
- Penn Jo Kirk**
- Sienna Rose Lohan-Fauls**
- McKenzie Marie O'Neill**
- Deaglan Peter Quinn**
- Padraic Anthony Quinn**
- Anthony Joseph Scalise, Jr**
- Camryn Jack Wister**

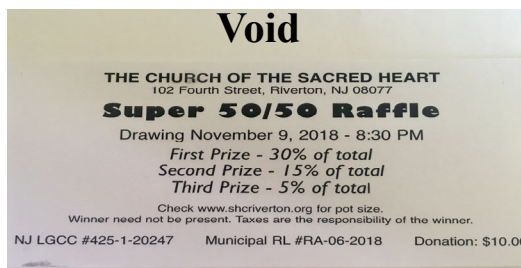
May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways. — Psalm 91:11

**WEEKEND MUSIC — JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>**

- 824 Benedictus
- 402 There is a Longing
- 339 Behold the Lamb
- 717 The Great Forerunner of the Moon



**OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER IS HERE!  
A SUPER 50/50**



We are looking for people to buy and help sell 50/50 books. Our goal is \$100,000. They come in books of 10. Each ticket is \$10. They will also be available for purchase on the second Sunday after every mass until the drawing on Friday, November 9th at the Christmas Bazaar. Please check in weekly to watch our pot grow at [www.shcriverton.org](http://www.shcriverton.org). Please contact Theresa Notte at 856-364-0255 or Nancy Knipp at [nknipp@gmail.com](mailto:nknipp@gmail.com) for booklets. Tickets are also available in the Parish Office.



**Rediscover the Love in Your marriage!**

**Is your marriage going down the right road... or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.**

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. **Our next program is coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA: August 17-19.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekend, visit our website at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquires are kept strictly confidential.

**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.**



**Senior Spirituality and So Much More Day  
2018! Wednesday, July 18th,  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Cost is \$15 (includes \*lunch \*beverages)**

Seniors, it's that time again! *The Senior Spirituality and So Much More Day!* Featuring the Catholic Grandparents Association and Msgr. Sam Sirianni, presenting "Passing on the Faith to the Next Generation" and Bishop O'Connell will celebrate Mass with us! We will hear the Doo-Wops and the Bop-Shoo-Bops of the early days of Rock 'n Roll, from the "Rock 'n Rhythm!" And we'll enjoy a bountiful Lunch by Dolce and Clemente! Location: St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton Square! "Don't be Square, Be there!" [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoral-care](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoral-care) to register, or to download the mail-in flyer!

**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.