

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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 12, 2020

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil! You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them? If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try. If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

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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

2:00 pm — 3:00 pm (until further notice)

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**

Mitchell Rabil, Evangeline Maher, Eleanor Moore, Patricia Stanley, Michelle Cirillo, Frederick Boheim, Joseph Garant, Elaine McPartland, Joseph DeFrank, Anna Catanzariti, Charles Gilbert, Lewis Byzewski, Angie Stellwag, Patricia Clarkson, Thomas Heliger Sr, Carl McDermott, Christopher Fornasier, Marie DeJoesph, Sr. John Raymond, Geraldine Fleck, John Doherty, Rose Countryman, Virginia Kustra, Joanne Higgins, Anthony Portella, Frank Simonelli, Kathleen Thompson, Herbert Hannemann, Cathleen Robinson, Walter Maguire, Mimi Cairns, Pat Frannecki, Anna Marie Brennan, Kathleen Yansick, Dot Fries, Paul Daly, Joan Kukawski, Margaret Rieger, Billy Byrem, Owen Conway, Judith McMullen, Anna Boheim, Rose Miller, Michael Baratta, Joseph DiMedio, Theresa Teicher, Nicholas Catanella, Pat Irons, Ryan Mee, Joe Horan, John Izzo, Kenneth Mahoney, Mary Mulhern, Guido DeLiberati, Geraldine McCole, Joseph Buonanno, Christopher Pignatelli, Maria Simonelli, Rosalie Foglio, Clara Meget, Veronica Robinson, Mary Monsulick, Alfred Shinn, Peg McGhee, Tom Cimino, James DePietro, Robert Piech, Loretta Gibson, Joseph Brennan, Steve Lucasi, Richard Heeter, James Mulvihill, Lisa O'Malley, Stanley Ozalis, Betty Jane Tees, Elaine Cox, Bernice Cipoletti, Frank Salvino, Edward Knicley, Eugene Lorincz, Joachim Jung and Alonzo Bonsal



Monday, July 13, 2020

8:00 am **George J. Klase**
r/o His Family
Sisters Fidelis & Helen Cecilia,
O.P.
r/o Mary Lou

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

8:00 am **Angie Stellwag**
r/o Her Aunt, Donna
Bill Reiss, Sr.
r/o The Schindwein Family

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

8:00 am **Tony Garbett**
r/o His Wife, Therese

Thursday, July 16, 2020

8:00 am **Joseph Boyle**
r/o Jim & Barbara Gennello
The Deceased Members of the
Krawczyk Family
r/o Their Family

Friday, July 17, 2020

8:00 am **Larry A. Staples**
r/o Bob & Annette Bellwoar

Saturday, July 18, 2020

8:00 am **For the Holy Souls in Purgatory**
4:00 pm **Lucy Sico**
r/o Donald & Joyce Sico
Eleanor & John Wysocki
r/o John & Peggie Wysocki
Special Intentions for the Living
Members of the Krawczyk
Family
r/o Their Family

5:30 pm **Veronica Robinson**
r/o Sacred Heart

Sunday, July 19, 2020

7:30 am **Clara Meget**
r/o Sacred Heart
9:00 am **Josephine Kolacz**
r/o Bernard Kolacz
10:30 am **Angie Stellwag**
r/o Her Aunt Donna
12:00 pm **Pat Irons**
r/o Her Husband, Bob &
Children
Patricia Clarkson
r/o Patty & Liam



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Bobby Barnett, Julia Bizon, Doug Budroe, Debra Burns, Tom Cairns III, Dorothy Clinton, Cami Colella, Diana Comerford, Sharon Connor, Ed DeLussey, Esther DiLeonardo, Tanya DiMaio, Rosemary DiTaranto, Deacon Joe Donadieu, Ruth Donadieu, Diane Donnelly, Fr. Michael Doyle, Fr. George Dudak, Mark Edwards, Elizabeth Falkiewicz, Marianne Ford, Marlie & Megan Guicheteau, Jamie Hall, Dave Hartman, Maddie Harris, Eric & Sasha Hayes, Mary Hayes, Victor Hayes, Catherine Healy, Kenneth E. Heilig (Ken's son), Gerald Higgins, Carol Hosey, Madison Jones, John Jordan, Phyllis Jung, Florence Klein, Matthew Laverty, Willow Laverty, Joanne Lavin, Gerald & Mary Jane Leach, Joe Leahy, Joyce Macke, Molly Maerten, Travis Martin, Bill & Jeanne Max, William McGonigal, Ashley McKeon, Mary Meeks, Amanda Milewski, Melissa Milewski, Bridget Missenda, Mary Moynahan, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Anthony Pignatelli, Betty Pollis, Shannon Robinson, Kate Salamon, Steve Sausman, Michael Stanley Schneider, Dorothy Serfilippi, Charles & Susan Sharpe, Ed Siemietkoski, Joan Siperavage, Gwen Smith, Terry Smith, Joanne Soden, Nicole Stavely, James Sutton, Judy Tamagno, Eleanor Tilmont, Amy Tuccillo, Mary Vandy, Rick Van Glahn, Bob Venango, Patrick White, Barbara Wilson, and Bill Wilson.

If you or a family member would like prayers during Mass from our parishioners please call the parish office.



Regarding First Communion, we will be having First Communion the weekends of July 18/19, July 25/26, August 1/2, August 8/9 at the following Masses: Saturday, 4:00pm, 5:30pm, Sunday, 9:00am, 10:30am, and Noon. Pat Hutchinson will be emailing the First Communion parents to see which Mass they would like to have.



Confirmation will take place after First Communion. More information will follow.

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.



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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

July 6, 2020

\$11,202.00

Thank you very much to all of you who have been kind enough to drop off or mail in your weekly offerings.

Please remember Sacred Heart in your Last Will and Testament

God's Blessing on the Class of 2020

- Erica Jones*
Cinnaminson High School
- Ryan Massara*
Cinnaminson High School
- Drew Palait*
Cinnaminson Middle School
- Rosemary Palena*
Delran Middle School
- Marissa Wickersham*
Cinnaminson High School



MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week
In Loving Memory of
Joseph Boyle
At the Request of
Cousin, Celeste



**Father Chuck's Homily for the Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Today's Gospel is the basis of the motto for the Seminary in Philadelphia – Saint Charles Borromeo “Exiit qui seminat”. The sower goes forth.

What kind of farmer or gardener do you know who buys or saves seeds, takes those seeds and throws them by the handfuls all over the yard? How many of us plant them very carefully, so that we get the best crop possible, using our space to its best advantage? Tomatoes and zucchini and peppers and gladiolas and daisies and marigolds?

In ancient times farmer may have scattered the seeds, or planted them in rows, but they did so very carefully in a defined space to not waste the precious seed – they couldn't go to Walmart and buy more. Jesus' audience knew that, and Jesus knew that they knew that, so He caught their attention by exaggerating. I can imagine that as soon as He said that there was a buzz in the crowd, many of them saying “He can't be serious!” “What kind of messhugener** is this?” And then waited for Him to explain.

And explain He did. This is a very easy homily to preach because Jesus explains it himself, and who could do Him one better? What follows this section is: “ The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But He has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, He immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

The question today: what kind of ground are your heart and soul?”

**Yiddish for crazy person or nonsense

Good Sunday to you!

As the weeks go by and we become accustomed to our new, not so much a normal, routine I thank God for the grace he has bestowed upon us that so many of us have remained healthy and that we have all been willing to “think outside the box” to use an overused phrase, as we live out our faith in this new situation. Outdoor Masses, closed churches, masks, we faced it all with, let's say, a minimum of a complaint. And on my part thanks that the churches opened before the really hot weather hit. Although, I did have an “Plan B” that involved placing a canopy on top of the truck over the temporary altar.

You will notice that we've had quite a number of funerals lately. We often say that around holidays like Christmas and Easter funerals tend to drop off. It almost seems like people are hanging on so that they don't go at those particular times of the year. Well in addition to scheduling the memorial Masses for those who were not able to come into the church when their loved ones died, we seem to be getting quite a number of new funerals. I wonder whether that's because many of these sainted people just held on until they knew they could be buried from the church – another sign of truly strong faith. And so we continue, our Sunday numbers inching up ever so slowly. We are very far from our capacity of approximately 150 people at Mass. This is in a way a good thing – it gives us a chance to readjust week to week sometimes day to day on how we can handle the crowds. I plan on keeping the current Mass schedule at least until we finish with First Communions. We may also schedule some Confirmations at Sunday Masses as well, but Pat and I have not made that decision yet.

Our collections are naturally down however not nearly down as far as I feared they would drop. We have gotten one of those PPP “loans” so that the staff, who quite generously took a hefty pay cut, can be returned to full salary.

So, by the grace of God, the prayers of the people, strong faith, and some creative maneuvering we've been able to weather the storm so far and with continuing grace, continuing prayer, and continuing strong faith we will continue. During World War II as King George VI and Queen Elizabeth were visiting a bombed-out section of London someone called out: “Thank God for a good king!” Without missing a beat, the king called back: “Thank God for a good people.” I echo his comment. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the sacrifices you have made, the prayers you have made, and the support you continue to give to the parish.

I pray you have a safe and blessed week . . .
Father Chuck

The Word of God in You



God's Word does not fail to accomplish the work for which He sends it out to do!

Five years into our marriage, after Mike was prayed over and again so powerfully touched by God, he questioned whether he should speak to his parents about it. They were not church goers and were lost in many empty things the world offers. It would not be easy to approach them, to say the least. We had the family bible out on our coffee table and I said, "Let's just see what God wants." And with that I opened the bible.

Playing bible roulette is not the best way to become familiar with or seek discernment from God, but sometimes God has a plan and He honors the desires of our hearts. So we flipped the bible open and began reading from Ezekiel 33, The Watchman. To us it was as clear as day. If knowing the Lord, Mike did not sound the alarm and share with his parents, the love and grace of God, he would be held responsible. But after sharing if his parents did not receive him, they would be held responsible.

We went over for dinner and Mike spoke to his parents. It was a very hard thing for him to do. But humbly he shared, wanting them to have the blessing God gave him. Although we did not see the fruit of that visit immediately, and everyone was just a little uncomfortable, God brought forth fruit that we would have never imagined. Obedience to God's Word brings amazing blessings.

Many of you have heard the story over and over. But this was the beginning of Mike's parents coming to the Lord, being set free of alcoholism, and bringing several siblings to the Lord. Out of darkness into light!

Each of us has the opportunity to receive the word of God, to allow the roots to grow, to allow God to help us grow so we too can share the love and works of God with others.

Like the parable each of us have allowed the seed of His Word to fall on the path; on the rocky ground; and among the thorns at one time or another. But it is in seeking God in persistent prayer and study that softens and tills the soil of our hearts to hear and obey and see the fruit of God's work in our lives.

God reads the desires of our hearts, just as He read the hearts of those who were hearing Him speak along the shore without really listening. Let us discipline ourselves, deny the lies of the enemy, draw away from the cares and anxieties of the day and the lure of riches, to seek the Lord and His Word and will for our lives. We will bear fruit, thirty, sixty and a hundredfold!

Fran Stinsman

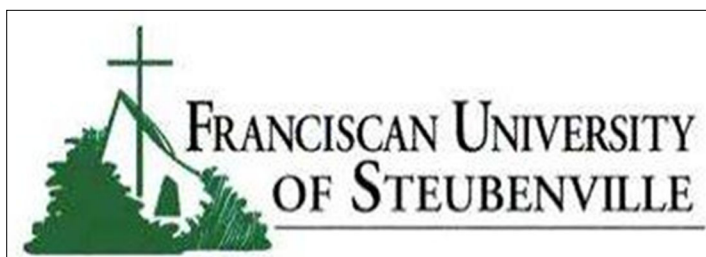


The food pantries that the parishioners of Sacred Heart have generously supplied have been on demand during this time of the Coronavirus. If you are in the position to be generous, please consider dropping off much needed dry goods to the basket in front of the Rectory Door or in the handicapped doorway.

Are in need of jelly, peanut butter, cereal, tea bags, juice, coffee, hot chocolate, tuna fish, jello, pudding, canned fruits, canned vegetables, pasta and sauce. **Thank you for your generous donations.** Stay safe.

The Red Cross and Sacred Heart Church thanks for you stepping up during this challenging time.

34 donors presented—7 deferrals=29 productive donations. That went on to help 87 hospital patients in need! 3 first time donors.



We at Renewal Ministries have been deeply blessed by our friendship with Franciscan University, and in particular with Fr. Michael Scanlan, whose prophecies have spoken truth into our lives and circumstances of this hour. We hope you join us for these two virtual events that will bring us together as a Church in worship of Jesus Christ, our one hope and Savior.

Next weekend, Franciscan University is hosting two amazing live-streamed conferences! Have you registered yet?

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- **Priest:** Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOP

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