

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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 21, 2019

MARY HAS CHOSEN THE BETTER PART AND IT WILL NOT BE TAKEN FROM HER

We are blessed today with stories about relationships—human and divine—and the joys and responsibilities that come along with them. They are also stories about justice. Our Gospel tells the familiar story of overly anxious Martha complaining to Jesus about her sister, Mary, who is not helping her with her hospitality responsibilities but is sitting at Jesus' feet. Can't you just imagine Jesus between these two righteous women disciples? Jesus' answer to Martha—that the actions of her seemingly lazy sister are actually OK—hardly seems fair. As we will show later, caring about the responsibilities that come with treating others well brings rewards, but there is a difference in how one approaches the task.

THOSE WHO DO JUSTICE

Psalm 15 describes the life of justice and the reward of joy in God's presence. We know that justice always involves service. Can we find joy in service, perhaps even in suffering? Saint Paul writes to the Colossians that his life of suffering service to them and to the other churches is a source of joy to him. His relationship with them, although filled with affliction, is its own reward, as he brings people into relationship with Jesus Christ. Abraham and Sarah, the righteous elderly couple of the Old Testament, are emblematic of this kind of relationship. Abraham welcomes "strangers" with eager hospitality, not knowing that his visitors are divine messengers, even the Holy One of Israel! His spouse, Sarah, does all she can to aid Abraham in making their guests comfortable and welcome. In return for their generous hospitality, the childless aged couple are rewarded with a blessing—a son, Isaac. How do they differ from Martha, though? Martha allows her duties and service to overwhelm her with anxiety. Abraham fairly leaps for joy to be of service to his guests. If you are a Martha, the lesson is to keep serving but find the joy that gives true meaning to your service.

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**

Mitchell Rabil, Evangeline Maher, Eleanor Moore, Patricia Stanley, Michelle Cirillo, Frederick Boheim, Joseph Garant, Elaine McPartland, Joseph DeFrank, Anna Catanzariti, 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, John Wallace, Judy Keesler, Robert Smith, Sarah Collazo, Eleanor Conway, Kenneth E. Smith, John Williams Sr, Mary Jane Angeli, Thomas Laverty, Michael O'Connor, Margaret Strenski, John Wisotzkey, Anthony Colkers, William McMahan, Francis Zeisweiss, Nicolette Russo, Charlyne McGill, Mary Owens, Russ Lucas, Gladys Sauls, Joseph DeStasio, Kim Dorety, Frances Miersch, Patricia Weick, Albert Romer, Stephanie Grady, John Schwartz, Joanne Brady, Joseph & Kathleen Creighton, Bess Cascio, Terre Walsh, Dillan Hardt, Bishop John M. Smith, Maryann Tillger, Daniel DeFrank, Regina Huber, Mary Monsulick, Alfred Shinn, Peg McGhee, Tom Cimino, James DePietro, Robert Piech, Loretta Gibson, Joseph Brennan, Steve Lucas, Richard Heeter, James Mulvihill, Lisa O'Malley, Stanley Ozalis, Betty Jane Tees, Elaine Cox, Bernice Cipoletti, Frank Salvino, Edward Knickey, Eugene Lorincz, Joachim Jung and Alonzo Bonsal



Monday, July 22, 2019

8:00 am **Mary Heilig**
r/o Adam & Nancy Haraburda

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

8:00 am **Albert Horn**
r/o Dave Cross & Family

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

8:00 am **Caroline Wisocki**
r/o Her Brother, Lewis Byzewski

Jim Dennis

r/o His Family

Thursday, July 25, 2019

8:00 am **Florann Knecht**
r/o Dolores Strohlein

Friday, July 26, 2019

8:00 am **Patricia Tempest**
r/o Her Family

Saturday, July 27, 2019

8:00 am **For the deceased members of Sacred Heart**

4:30 pm **George Dusheck & Robert Goodwin**

r/o Jean & Sharon

Frances Orfe

r/o Bernard Orfe & Susan Barnett

Michael Grace

r/o The Grace Family

Sunday, July 28, 2019

7:30 am **For the Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**

9:30 am **Walter Brickley**
r/o His Family

11:30 am **Eleanor Moore**
r/o Sacred Heart Music Ministry

Catherine Gavaghan

r/o The Herron & Gavaghan Families

MEMORIALS

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOSEPH BOYLE

AT THE REQUEST OF

CELESTE ONKA





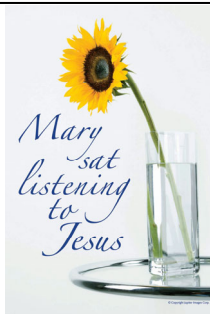
**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Bobby Barnett, David Beers, Desmond Bruce, Doug Budroe, Debra Burns, Billy Byrem, Lewis Byzewski, Tom Cairns III, Sharon Christenson, Patricia Clarkson, Dorothy Clinton, Diana Comerford, Sharon Connor, Karyn Cook, Paul Daly, Tanya DiMaio, John Doherty, Ruth Donadieu, Diane Donnelly, Fr. Michael Doyle, Mark Edwards, Elizabeth Falkiewicz, Marianne Ford, Dot Fries, Marlie & Megan Guicheteau, Jamie Hall, Dave Hartman, Maddie Harris, Eric & Sasha Hayes, Catherine Healy, Thomas Heliger Sr, Joanne & Gerald Higgins, Carol Hosey, John Jordan, Phyllis Jung, Florence Klein, Matthew Laverty, Willow Laverty, Joe Leahy, Joyce Macke, Molly Maerten, Lisa Mara, Travis Martin, Joseph Massaro, William McGonigal, Mary Meeks, Louis Merget, Amanda Milewski, Melissa Milewski, Mary Moynahan, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Angela Pflugfelder, Anthony Pignatelli, Betty Pollis, Anthony Portella, Kate Salamon, Michael Stanley Schneider, Dorothy Serfilippi, Charles & Susan Sharpe, Ed Siemietkoski, Joe Sileo, Joan Siperavage, Gwen Smith, Terry Smith, Joanne Soden, Nicole Stavely, Paul Sullivan, 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 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.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of July 13 & 14, 2019

\$9,937.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$9,547.00

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***

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, July 22

6:00 pm — Legion of Mary
Family Center

6:30 pm — RCIA Inquiry Meeting
Family Center Meeting Room

Tuesday, July 23

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following 8:00 am Mass

Willing and Able will be back in September

Thursday, July 25

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

Friday, July 26

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:00 am Mass

Sunday, July 28

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Jesus said to her: Mary! The word had that unique inflection which Jesus gives to every name—ours too!...Jesus calls us by our name and the tone of his voice is unmistakable. — Reverend Francis Fernandez

**Please remember to be reverent
in Church before the Blessed
Sacrament.**



I can hardly hear the story of Martha and Mary without thinking of a very special time that God spoke to my heart in prayer.

As a young mom with four children I wanted to be efficient in all aspects of mothering and taking care of our home and family. Too many times I would feel stretched to the max just trying to keep up with the everyday task. No matter how well a Mom plans her day, there is surely to be something that surprisingly rearranges it.

In my case this would bring about the anxiousness that Martha has in today's Gospel. One of my most precious blessings is that God taught me how important it was to seek Him in prayer. From that time flowed so many other blessings and wisdom.

One such crazy day I found myself anxious and fretting about how much work still needed to be done. Why? I can't even tell you now. My memory bank no longer holds that information. But, during my regular prayer time, I took my concern to the Lord, probably listing all the things that I determined needed to be achieved to make my day successful.

All things are possible with God, right? Somehow, I expected that He would be my cleaning Genie and I would whirl through the house accomplishing everything in record time. God had a different idea of what was necessary and what was not. I was stunned when he led me to a word in Hosea 14:4b. "We shall say no more, 'Our god' to the work of our hands."

Notice the small g for god! Yes, it became clear to me that I was putting this accomplishment of work as too important, making it an idol. Like Jesus' word to Martha in today's gospel, I heard this word from Hosea and it pierced through to my heart. It put me in right order, like a stroke of the physician's scalpel cutting away infection.

Further down in Hosea 14: 9-10 God spoke to my heart again and I will slide my name in for your understanding.

Fran! What more have you to do with idols? I have humbled you but I will prosper you. "I am like a verdant cypress tree, because of Me you bear fruit."

I like to share this lesson I learned because it has brought me many riches of God's glory that I just should not keep it to myself. God is the supplier of all good fruit in our lives. When we put in order our time of contemplation in the Presence of God, He steadies all our accomplishments in His Holy Will. Like Abraham seeking to serve His visitor and Martha serving, all things when offered to the Lord, make known the riches of His glory.

The questions to always ask ourselves; Are we looking for kudos from God or man? Are we searching for that acknowledgement for a job well done? Or are everyday task a gift to the Lord that we minister according to His will and not our own? Welcome God and He will minister to you, then you will have something to serve others.

Blessings,

Fran Stinsman

**Attention All Catechist:
Save The Date
Catechist Spirituality Day
Saturday, August 24th
(More information
to follow)**

**We Got Game
Girl's and Boy's Basketball Camp**

July 22nd to 26th from 9:00 to 11:30 am
Sacred Heart Gym

Cost \$125, sibling discount available
You can register up until the first day Monday

Please contact Aly Flanagan for more
information at 856-607-1004 or
mrsaly73@yahoo.com

Mission Appeal July 27th & 28th Hospitaler Sisters of Mercy

Our History: We the 'Hospitaler Sisters of Mercy' are a religious congregation of sisters founded in 1821 in Rome, Italy. In these 198 years we have grown in numbers and reached out our missionary services to 13 countries - Italy, India, Philippines, Madagascar, Nigeria, Poland, Switzerland, Timor Lester, Cameroon, Rwanda and USA.

We dedicate our lives to Jesus through our work in the service of seniors, the sick, the poor & destitute children, adults and seniors as well. All our ministries are carried-out with religious faith and professional commitment.

Our missionary works include:

- Care for the sick and the elderly in Hospitals, Medical Clinics, Assisted Living Centers and Home Health services. Provide education and shelter for orphaned and homeless children
- Organize empowerment programs for women and families
- Operate rehabilitation Centers for those affected by drugs, alcohol and other social addictions.
- Provide medical care to patients affected with leprosy. Offering food, clothing to families in need
- Giving a loving and safe home to juvenile victims of human trafficking
- In all our religious communities we regularly organize Faith Formation and Re-Evangelization programs; and giving thorough knowledge on the teachings, traditions and practices of the Holy Catholic Church.

We do welcome you to support any of these areas of our missionary services. Your support to our missions is greatly appreciated and we pray God to bless you with good health, long life, peace and happiness.

Thank you and God bless.
Sr. Theresina Thadathil, SOM
Mission Director
Hospitaler Sisters of Mercy, USA

**There will be a second collection next weekend.
Thank you for your generosity as always.**

Heart to Heart Ministry Book Bag Drive



The Heart to Heart Ministry is collecting book bags for the children of Sacred Heart in Camden. We will continue to collect school bags now through Labor Day Weekend. Sacred Heart Riverton Parishioners have always been very generous in the past.

We thank you in anticipation of your participation to support the children again.

Bags can be placed at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Altar on the St. Joseph side of the church.

Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2019 Sunday, October 20th



All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2019 calendar year are invited to gather with family and friends to share the Eucharist, renew your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Burlington and Mercer county may attend the Mass and Blessing at St. Mary Cathedral in Trenton on Sunday, October 20th at 3:00pm. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 13th. To register please call the Parish Office at 829-0090.

Becoming Catholic

RCIA - the **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults - is the process through which the Church welcomes new adult members. It is a journey that involves a conversion of the heart and becoming a disciple of Jesus within the Catholic community. These newcomers to our faith family may be unbaptized persons, persons who have been baptized in another Christian tradition or baptized Catholics who have neither received their First Communion nor the Sacrament of Confirmation. Come learn more at one of our open house inquiry nights listed below. Location for all dates will be in the Family Center.

Wednesday, July 31st, 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Tuesday, August 13th, 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Thursday, August 22nd, 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Return of the Super 50/50



The Super 50/50 is off to a good start. We hope you will be generous again this year. Last year the drawing brought in a pot of over \$27,000. With your help and generosity we can get the pot up to \$30,000 or over this year.

Total thus far: \$11,870.

Catholic Daughters Trips

Catholic Daughters is sponsoring a Christmas Holiday trip to Dover Downs casino in Dover Delaware on Thursday, December 5th, featuring the "Temptations Revue Holiday Show", trip includes transportation, show, buffet and \$25 slot play and all tips and gratuities including the driver. Cost \$95 pp. \$25 reserves your seat, for information please call Marie Russo at 856-829-1999.

The Catholic Daughters is now taking reservations for the next show at Sight and Sound on March 24, 2020. The next presentation is "Queen Esther". The trip will include: Show ticket, with preferred seats, transportation, Family style luncheon at Good and Plenty, snacks and all tips and gratuities. **\$25 deposit by early December.** Cost pp \$130.

Call Marie Russo to reserve your seat at 856-829-1999.



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 – JULY 21ST

- 311 As We Gather at Your Table
- 434 You Are Near
- 401 There Is a Longing
- 597 We Are the Light of the World



Entering Canaan

An "Entering Canaan" retreat for those who are suffering as a result of losing a sibling to abortion will take place August 16-18, in Stirling, New Jersey. The retreat will be hosted by Lumina and The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. There is no cost for this retreat and assistance is given in relation to transportation for those who may need it. For further information and confidential reservations please call: Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina/Hope & Healing after abortion: 1-877-586-4621, or email at Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

Results from our Blood Drive

25 donors presented-5 deferrals-1 power red=21 productive donations. That went on to help 63 hospital patients in need!

Thank you to those who donated blood and those that worked the Blood Drive during the critical time frame!

Catholic Charities — Emergency Services

Are in need of cereal, jelly, tuna fish, jello, pudding and canned fruits. Please place the items in St. Pius the Tenth Side Chapel closest to the handicap ramp. Thank you for your generous donations.

Pope Francis also encouraged restoring the "Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel" to our public and private prayers:

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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.