

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.

SIXTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 23, 2017

THE REIGN OF GOD IS LIKE A FARMER WHO SOWED GOOD SEED

These are the weeks of parables, and although we have heard them all many times, they never lose their freshness, for always, if we look, we can perceive a new angle. The parable of the weeds and the wheat, so simple on its surface, is puzzling enough for the disciples to ask Jesus for an explanation. In our own gardens, we tend to yank up the weeds all through the growing season. But in the parable, the weeds and the wheat are allowed to grow together until the harvest. If the good people and the evil people remain mixed throughout life, it puzzles us sometimes: why are people who do bad things not punished? How is it that God allows bad things to happen to good people?

THOSE TINY THINGS

Our God is indeed a God of might; yet that might leads not to vengeance, but to forgiveness. Everyone is offered and opportunity—many opportunities—for forgiveness. Even a little good can blossom into something wonderful. The mustard seed of the Middle East is so tiny that one can barely pick one up with one's fingertips. (Those familiar with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd know about this wonderful parable, and the tiny dish of mustard seeds that is kept in the atrium for the children to contemplate.) Yeast makes the dough rise to be baked into delicious bread. All of these wonders come from tiny beginnings, if we are ready to hear and understand these mysteries. Our prayer too is heard by God, even if we do not really understand what we are praying for: "for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit... intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit" (Romans 8:26-27). So if our small prayers are offered with a sincere heart, they are heard by God, even if we don't always know what it is we do when we pray. Are we praising, blessing God, asking for something? The Spirit knows and intercedes for 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

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, Mark Irons, Suzanne Cucinotta, Genevieve Alburger, Claire Giovanetti, Toby Walz, Joy Lawmaster, Sandra George, Joan Kane, Dolores Mufalli, Janice Carr, 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, July 24, 2017

8:00 am **Caroline Wysocki**
r/o Lewis
Toby Walz
r/o Margaret LaCerra
Jim Dennis
r/o His Family

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

8:00 am **Al Covalleski**
r/o Don & Pam Deitz
Helen Fisher
r/o Debbie Burns

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

8:00 am **Ana Mesaros**
r/o Her Daughter & Family

Thursday, July 27, 2017

8:00 am **Dolores Tomczuk**
r/o Dennis & Shelia Montone

Friday, July 28, 2017

8:00 am **Catherine Gavaghan**
r/o Frank & Mary Ann Herron

Saturday, July 29, 2017

8:00 am **Richard Boucher**
r/o The Wurtenberger Family
4:30 pm **George Dusheck**
r/o Jean & Sharon
Robert Goodwin
r/o Sharon & Jean
Frank Clementi
r/o His Wife, Anne

Sunday, July 30, 2017

7:30 am **Maria Cardona**
r/o Dori Walsh & Ray Lynch
Claire Giovanetti
r/o Grace Casey & Family
William E. Smith
r/o Doris
9:00 am **Mark Irons**
r/o Barbara Van Santen & Michael Netzko
Toby Walz
r/o The Zazzera Family
11:00 am **Genevieve Alburger**
r/o Ray & Pat Franecki



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Bobby Barnett, Joann Beard, Joanne Brady, Walter Brickley, Debra Burns, Billy Byrem, Allyson Christenson, Sharon Christenson, Dorothy Clinton, Tony Colkers, Melissa Creagh, Paul Daly, 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, Ryan Konetski, Jeffrey Kuhn, Matthew Laverty, Howard Lawmaster, Amanda Layton, Joe Leahy, Erin Lively, 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, Jeanne Muzik, Alexa Pagano, Guido Pasquale, Anthony Pignatelli, Anthony Portella, George Reinas, Bro. Bill Riley, Thomas Rutledge, Bob & Kate Salamon, Theresa Scafidi, Michael Stanley Schneider, 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.



Third Bann

Allison Miller and Brett Cahill

Second Bann

Teresa Campbell and Max Johnson

THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.
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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 24

6:00 pm — Legion of Mary
Family Center Room 6
6:30 pm — Block Party Meeting
Family Center Meeting Room

Tuesday, July 25

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following 8:00 am Mass
Willing and Able will return in September
7:00 pm — Bible Study
Family Center Meeting Room
7:00 pm — NA Meeting
Lower Church

Wednesday, July 26

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Thursday, July 27

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

Friday, July 28

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:00 am Mass

Sunday, July 30

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of July 15 & 16, 2017

\$8,462.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$9,644.00

Maryknoll Sisters

\$4,305.00

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



Excerpts from By Deacon Keith Fournier Catholic Online (www.catholic.org)

"A sower went out to sow. And, as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." (Matt. 13: 1-9)

"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." (Matt. 13: 1-23)

St. Luke emphasizes the spread of the Kingdom of God: "Jesus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches." "Again he said, "To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch of dough was leavened." (Luke 13: 18 - 21)

The images of seed sown and leaven kneaded into dough, both reflect the reality of our lives, God's call - and our cooperation with His grace. St. Jose Maria Escriva once wrote: "May Our Lord be able to use us so that, placed as we are at all the cross-roads of the world - and at the same time placed in God - we become salt, leaven and light. Yes, you are to be in God, to enlighten, to give flavor, to produce growth and new life. But don't forget that we are not the source of this light: we only reflect it." (St. Jose Maria Escriva, Friends of God, 250)

We are both the soil and the seed. The Living Word has been sown within us, so we must cultivate the ground of our hearts in order to be transformed in the Lord and more fully reflect His Image and Likeness.

We are called to grow in holiness and progressively reflect the risen life of Jesus Christ to the world."

As some of you may know on Saturday, July 8th a fire damaged and displaced Rick and Donna Connor from their home. Thankfully, no one was hurt in the fire, but Rick and Donna lost everything. A benefit for Rick and Donna will be held on Saturday, September 16th in the Gym from 7:00 to 11:00pm. Georgetti's will cater the event with beer and soda also provided. There will be a Chinese auction and a 50/50. we hope you are able to come and help Donna and Rick get back on their feet. For tickets contact the Rectory Office.

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Help is needed to help sell Car Raffle Tickets after each Mass. If you are interested in selling Raffle Tickets, please contact Scott Perry at 829-0090 x14.

Save the Date

13th Annual Block Party
Saturday, September 30th
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

If you are interested in helping out in any way please join us for **our second Block Party meeting on Monday, July 24th at 6:30 pm in the Family Center.**

If you are not able to attend the event maybe you can help in the early planning stages! Hope to see you on July 24th.



2017

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

July 27th ~ Sacred Heart's Summer Blood Drive ~
 2:00 pm ~ Lower Church

September 30th ~ 11:00 am ~ Block Party

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SCHOOL...



Is now accepting applications for our 3-year old and 4-year old PreK programs. We offer a comprehensive program that nurtures children by building self confidence, inviting discovery, and fostering education through play. For further information and to schedule a

tour, please contact the school office at 856-779-7526.

CAR RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Sacred Heart Church will be holding a Car Raffle on Saturday, September 30th at our annual Block Party.

Tickets are \$25 each and someone will win a 2018 GMC Acadia valued at \$33,800.

Only 2700 tickets will be sold, so get yours before we are sold out! Tickets are available at the Parish Office. For more information please contact Scott at 829-0090 x 14.

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.



Bishop's Anniversary Blessing

Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2017 October 22nd — Burlington/Mercer: All couples celebrating their **1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary** during the 2017 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. Couples from Burlington and Mercer County may register to attend the Mass and Blessing at St. Mary Cathedral, Trenton on Sunday, October 22nd at 3:00 pm. Please contact Leslie at 829-0090 or sacredheartriver-ton@comcast.net by Friday, September 8th to register.

LOVING SOMEONE

To love someone deeply gives you strength. Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.

—Lao Tzu

Religious Education News

Sacred Heart Parish is happy to be embarking on our sixteen season of Religious Education for Children with Special Needs.

"We Can" Program

meets on the first and third Sundays, 9:00 to 10:00 am, October through April

"We Enrich Children of All Needs"

"We Can" Program is under the direction of Competent Catechists and Aides.

Will you help to spread the word that we offer such a program?

Please call the Religious Education Office ~ 829-1848 for further information.

Mission Statement

"We Can" Religious Education Catechists and Aides will provide a safe, comfortable spiritual learning environment to ensure each child is given the opportunity to learn, without inhibitions, the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church.

June 2017

Healing the Wounds of Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortive Retreat

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend's of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz @ 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

2017 Weekend Retreats
August 25th—27th, 2017

Saints Anne & Joachim



Each year the Church venerates the memory of Saints Anne & Joachim on July 26th. An ancient story dating to the first centuries of the Church's life recalls how Saints Anne & Joachim, like Abraham and Sarah, were scorned by their neighbors because they had no children. Years of longing did not weaken their trust in God, but grief eventually drove Saint Joachim into the wilderness to fast and pray. Saint Anne, remaining at home, dressed in mourning clothes and wept because she had no child of her own. Seeing her mistress distressed, a servant girl reminded Anne to put her trust in God. Saint Anne washed her face, put on her bridal clothes and went to a garden to plead with God for a child. Angels appeared to Saint Anne in her garden and Saint Joachim in the desert, promising that, despite their old age, they would give birth to a child who would be known throughout the world. The new parents ran to meet one another at Jerusalem's Golden Gate, and with a kiss rejoiced in the new life which God had promised would be theirs. Saints Anne & Joachim are powerful intercessors for all married couple, expectant mothers and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as all who have grown old.

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 23RD

- 475 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
- 606 Rain Down
- 594 Christ, Be Our Light
- 596 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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.

Catholic Daughters are collecting new bras and hygiene supplies (unopened packages of tampons & pads) for the Dignity Project. These items are often overlooked needs. Please place items in the pink box in the St. Elizabeth Anne Seton side chapel. Thank you for your kindness and caring. www.distributiondignity.org.

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.

CALLING ALL BAMBIES FROM THE CLASS OF 1972!

A 45th reunion will be held on Friday, November 3, 2017 from 7:00 to 11:00 pm at Georgine's Restaurant, 1320 Newport Road, Bristol, PA. Please contact Janice Nuzzolillo McCrossen at 267-210-8992 or via email to janicemccrossen@gmail.com or Pat Amberg-Blyskal at 215-620-0480 or via email at pambergblyskal@comcast.net to give your contact information and to get more details.

We Hope to see you there.

Reunion Committee

