

# 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.*

### **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 26, 2020**

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important. If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God. Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside. ©LPi

#### **PRIESTS**

Rev. Charles M. Schwartz

Pastor, ext. 11

Rev. Roberto Ignacio, Assistant, ext. 21

#### **DEACONS**

Rev. Mr. Robert Bednarek

Rev. Mr. Joseph Donadieu

Rev. Mr. Kenneth Heilig

Rev. Mr. Michael Stinsman

All Deacons — ext. 10

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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Patricia Hutchinson, Director

Joanne Moore, Secretary

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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 Franecki, 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 Kiefer, Raymond Franecki, 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 Knickey, Eugene Lorincz, Joachim Jung and Alonzo Bonsal



**Monday, July 27, 2020**

8:00 am **For Living Members of Sacred Heart**

**Tuesday, July 28, 2020**

8:00 am **Walter Brickley**  
r/o His Family

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020**

8:00 am **Angie Stellwag**  
r/o Her Aunt, Donna

**Thursday, July 30, 2020**

8:00 am **For Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**

**Friday, July 31, 2020**

8:00 am **For Those Who Have Died From the Coronavirus**

**Saturday, August 1, 2020**

8:00 am **For the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

4:00 pm **Clara Merget**  
r/o Kathleen & Jim Brown

**Louis Heim**

r/o His Daughters

**Joe Horan**

r/o Elaine & Bill Kollar

5:30 pm **Raymond Franecki**  
r/o Al & Marita Braneca

**Sunday, August 2, 2020**

7:30 am **Maria Rita Simonelli**  
r/o Rosemary Eveland

9:00 am **Pat Irons**  
r/o Karen Sulock & Family

**Patrick Rupert**

r/o The Bark Family

10:30 am **William Clarkson**  
r/o Patty & Liam

**Rudolf Bozicek**

r/o His Family

12:00 pm **Owen Conway**  
r/o Sacred Heart

**MEMORIALS**

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*ANTHONY (POP) GENNELLO*

AT THE REQUEST OF  
*COUSIN, CELESTE*





**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, Jamie Willoughby, Barbara Wilson, and Bill Wilson.

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

**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 20, 2020**

\$6,873.00

***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***



Regarding First Communion, we will be having First Communion the weekends of 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.



**American Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*

**American Red Cross and Sacred Heart Church Blood Drive**

Due to overwhelming demand and the generosity of the community, we will be hosting another blood drive. Please click on the link below to schedule your appointment.

Next drive is Monday, August 3rd in the Family Center from 1:30pm to 6:30pm.

Please go to the website below to register: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Sacred%20Heart%20Church>

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

Good Sunday to you!

Today's Gospel is about seeking and finding – accidentally and deliberately. A person finds a treasure in a field. This would not have been all that unusual, because throughout the history of Israel they were invaded and conquered and then another nation comes along and invaded them and conquer them. Quite often people would take the valuables and would bury them and then come back and get them later if they survive. That's one theory of what happened with the Dead Sea Scrolls – they were secreted away in the caves for protection and were never retrieved. So, it wouldn't have been unthinkable to find a buried treasure. In this country during the Civil War, people would take things and throw them down the well and then retrieve them later. The fisherman and pearl merchants in today's Gospel go out looking for pearls and fish and find them.

Accidentally and deliberately are the two ways people find – or in some cases re-find the faith. And that happens to everyone, perhaps not brought to the faith by accident. Most of you were raised in the faith by your parents. But certainly in our lives, there are times when we question, and so we seek – we go looking, like the merchants for that pearl, for that piece of information which will answer our question or clear up our confusion about the faith. And then taking that information and internalizing it we make it our own as the person made the buried treasure their own and the merchant made the pearl their own.

You know, we're not really told anything about either of the people in the first parable we don't know how the guy found buried treasure. Was he walking across the field and tripped over something? Was there evidence something was there? Was part of it laying on the ground? Did he hear a rumor and when nobody was looking, did he go out and dig it and hide it again and then buy the land cheap and then get the treasure. We don't know that the pearl merchant was not greedy and possessive, or whether he was fair and bought the pearl at a fair price. We don't know and we are told it doesn't matter. That's how the third parable comes in: the net gathering everything and what they don't need is either thrown back or thrown out and the good is kept. It's no secret that the parable is a parable for the end of time when we are all gathered up – the dead and those alive at the time. And we are judged the good the bad, the indifferent. The good, which is 99.99% of us, to heaven, some with a little time in purgatory, (into the bucket so to speak) and those who, having known Jesus and deliberately rejected him, someplace else. Because in the end no matter when or how we come to knowledge of and belief in Jesus and the Kingdom whether by accident or by active searching – what matters is how you lived the faith you found – how you cherished the faith you found, as the two in the parable cherished the pearl and the treasure. And THAT is now we will be judged worthy – not by what we DIDN'T do – but how we tried (if we tried) to live out that faith. To put it another way – how we loved the Lord's commands and loving them lived them.

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



## Finding Treasure and Bearing Fruit



In the last several weeks we have been reading the Kingdom Parables. The parables of the good soil, the wheat and weeds, the smallest of seeds becoming a large plant; now this week we have a treasure in that field of good soil.

We may be this good soil that grew the seed that God sowed, because we have tilled the soil of our hearts with prayer, the word of God and the Eucharist. In spite of the weeds we bring forth a treasure. Of course the treasure is Jesus Christ made manifest in our lives. So much so that others may see and give God glory and honor.

You see, God's Kingdom is the field and you, through prayer and study of scripture can be the good and faithful servant bringing forth a treasure for others because of your faithfulness. Those who have been called to the Kingdom are called often through the faithfulness and the virtue of others who found their treasure solely in the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are to bear fruit not for ourselves, but for others to enter into the Kingdom. In this way the Kingdom grows and God's will is fulfilled.

Jesus promises that the angels will gather and separate the wicked from the righteous at the end of time. He challenges the scribes to open their minds and accept the new covenant along with what they already understood. This was a struggle for them but, not unlike us, who have our minds set on what we think is right or wrong.

Today more than ever we see how right and wrong may not be clear. Like Solomon, we need to ask God for wisdom and understanding, not accepting what others think as right or wrong but discern according to God's direction by surrendering totally to God's will.

As a child I remember hearing the story about Solomon in 1Kings 3:16-28 about two mothers with infants. The mother whose baby had died tried to steal the other baby claiming him to be hers. The case was brought before Solomon, and after hearing the women go back and forth for a while, Solomon called for a sword. He claimed to have the solution; to cut the baby in half and give each mother half. Of course the real mother cried out not to kill the child. Solomon knew the baby was hers and to give this mother the baby.

We, like Solomon, need to preface our seeking wisdom with a docility to the Holy Spirit to discern His will. We need to be open to disregard our own will for God's will, seeing as God sees. We must remember the words of St. Paul, "God works all things together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose. Yes, we are called into the Kingdom of God for God's purpose and to bear fruit for the Kingdom.

In all of this, we are privileged that the King of Kings and Lord of All has called us to be a part of His family, working in unity for the good of the Kingdom. We remember at the end of the age, God will send His Angels to reap the harvest. "Not all that call, 'Lord Lord' will enter the Kingdom, but those who do the will of the Father."

The Church in her wisdom sings the Song of Farewell at the end of a funeral Mass. Each funeral we attend, should remind us of the need for us to bear fruit in the Kingdom, and to seek God's will and purpose above our own.

*May the choirs of angels, come to greet you.*

*May they speed you to paradise.*

*May the Lord enfold you, in his mercy.*

*May you find eternal life.*

*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.

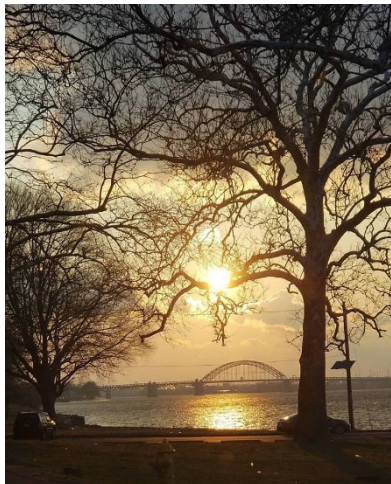
Are in need of jelly, peanut butter, cereal, tea bags, juice, coffee, hot chocolate, tuna fish, jello, pudding, canned fruits, canned vegetables, pasta and sauce.

**We can not accept perishable items. Thank you for your generous donations.**

SACRED HEART MOMS' **VITURAL** RETREAT  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 7:00—9:00pm

**Host:** Mary Neary

***HE holds our tomorrows***



“MANY THINGS ABOUT TOMORROW I DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND. BUT I KNOW WHO HOLDS TOMORROW AND I KNOW WHO HOLDS MY HAND”.

Come be **refreshed, renewed, encouraged,** and **celebrated** for all your hard work dealing with our present-day new norm!

Connect with other moms as you prepare for the fall season with your families, share ideas on how to deal with stress and anxiety during these unpredictable times. There is one thing that we know for sure, HE (GOD) has our tomorrows and He will guide and get us through!

If you are interested in attending and/or would like more information please email Mary @ [infor@maryneary.com](mailto:infor@maryneary.com)

The cost of the retreat is \$10.00 please make checks payable to Mary Neary; mail/email registration form to, 2 Carriage Way, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077, [info@maryneary.com](mailto:info@maryneary.com). You will receive a link to the Retreat along with the meeting ID number and password. Any questions feel free to call me at 609-458-6209.

Looking forward to seeing you on August 25!

SACRED HEART MOMS' **VITURAL** RETREAT  
August 25, 2020, 7-9pm

**Host:** Mary Neary  
maryneary.com

Cost \$10.00

***HE holds our tomorrows***

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Please mail/email registration form to [info@maryneary.com](mailto:info@maryneary.com),

2 Carriage Way,  
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

You may also drop off at Sacred Heart  
Rectory Attn: Mary Neary

Thank you ☺