

# 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 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD ~ AUGUST 6, 2017**

#### **HIS FACE SHONE LIKE THE SUN**

Saint Matthew's Gospel reveals that Jesus' face "shone like the sun" during his transfiguration. The evangelist is using a figure of speech, of course, but we can imagine what beholding the Transfiguration might have been like for Peter, James, and John. The brightness of Jesus' face is compared to the sun. Earth is about twenty-three million miles distant from the sun, yet if we look directly at it, we suffer retinal burns, permanent eye damage, or severe vision loss. The disciples were so close to the Lord during his transfiguration that he could touch them. What is it like to behold the brightness of Jesus? The disciples were terrified. Perhaps looking at Jesus in his glory feels as dangerous as staring at a solar eclipse. Sure enough, the disciples hid their eyes, falling flat on their faces.

#### **GOD'S MERCY**

Although the disciples' experience on the mountain was frightening, our merciful Lord does not want fear to overshadow the miracle they witnessed. Jesus touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." God's words from the cloud overhead were similarly encouraging: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." God lovingly reassures us, confirming Jesus' identity as the Son of Man and inviting us to pay attention to the One who comes to save us. Saint Peter, an eyewitness to the event, declares that his testimony is "altogether reliable." We can depend on his word. Saint Peter hopes his words act like a "lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." Thanks be to God, we can rely on the life-changing experiences of others to help transform our own lives. We may not ever have intimidating mountaintop revelations like Peter, James, and John, so we listen to them as witnesses of God's majesty. All of our readings today remind us that God gives us the Word to believe and live, and sends us the words of Daniel, Peter, and Matthew to encourage 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, Kathleen Brothers, Walter Brickley, Mary Cakir, 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, August 7, 2017**

8:00 am **Toby Walz**  
r/o A Friend, Gloria

**Tuesday, August 8, 2017**

8:00 am **Sr. Fidelis Beck, O.P.**  
r/o Mary Lou  
**Toby Walz**

r/o Veronica Moore

**Wednesday, August 9, 2017**

8:00 am **Genevieve Alburger**  
r/o The Casey Family

**Thursday, August 10, 2017**

8:00 am **Joseph Voelmle**  
r/o Deacon Joe &  
Phyllis Donadieu

**Friday, August 11, 2017**

8:00 am **Joan Kane**  
r/o Cecelia Angst

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

8:00 am **People of the Parish**  
4:30 pm **William Cameron**  
r/o Michael McNeill  
**William Merz**  
r/o Michael McNeill  
**Kathleen Conrad**  
r/o Donna & Rick  
Connor

**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

7:30 am **Josh Rich**  
r/o The Van Bermun  
Family  
**Toby Walz**  
r/o Rosemary Eveland  
9:00 am **Joan Fera**  
r/o Al  
**Genevieve Alburger**  
r/o Mary Neary  
11:00 am **Mark Irons**  
r/o Pat & Ray Franecki  
**Catherine Johnston**  
r/o Her Sister, Betty  
**John Kratochwill**  
r/o His Wife, Betty



**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Bobby Barnett, Joann Beard, Joanne Brady, Debra Burns, Billy Byrem, Allyson Christenson, Sharon Christenson, Dorothy Clinton, Tony Colkers, Paul Daly, Tanya DiMaio, John Doherty, Diane Donnelly, Fr. Michael Doyle, Marianne Ford, Mary Lou Francis, 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 & Kay Kline, David Kloss, Edward Knicley, Ryan Konetski, Jeffrey Kuhn, Casey Lang, Matthew Laverty, Howard Lawmaster, 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, 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.*

**Summer Mass Schedule  
Began July 1st & 2nd and  
will end August 26th & 27th**

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.**

**The Block Party Meeting for Monday, August 14th has been cancelled until after Labor Day.**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14).

**Psalms** — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

**Second Reading** — Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place (2 Peter 1:16-19).

**Gospel** — Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:1-9).

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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, August 7**

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

**Tuesday, August 8**

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, August 9**

10:00 am — Moms & Tots

Lower Church

8:00 pm — AA Meeting

Lower Church

**Thursday, August 10**

6:00 pm — Mary's Rosary Guild

Lower Church Rosary Room

6:30 pm — Information Meeting for RCIA

Family Center

7:00 pm — Dance Class

Lower Church

**Friday, August 11**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Following 8:00 am Mass

**Sunday, August 13**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 pm — AA Meeting

Lower Church



**An Invitation:**

Why not start the day with Mass at 8:00 am? It's only a half hour with so many blessings. Please try it! Your Angel

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Weekend of July 29 & 30, 2017

\$8,593.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$8,398.00

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



The message of Jesus at the Transfiguration:  
*Listen and follow, Pope says*

The Transfiguration takes place as Christ is on his way to Jerusalem to fulfill the prophecies through his death on the cross. Jesus takes Peter, James and John away to a high mountain in order to reveal his glory in advance to them, to strengthen them in faith for what is to come – the way of the Cross, Pope Francis said.

“The three disciples are frightened, while a cloud covers and rings out from above...the voice of the Father, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him’” (Mk 9:7), the Holy Father said.

Christ’s glory is revealed because his “full adherence to the will of the Father makes his humanity transparent to the glory of God, who is Love,” the Pope explained.

Moses and Elijah appear next to Christ at the Transfiguration to show he is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, that “everything begins and ends in Jesus.”

The invitation at the Transfiguration, for the disciples as well as for the faithful today, is to listen to Jesus and to follow him, laying down our lives as a gift of love for one another in obedience to the will of the Father, the Pope explained.

“The way of Jesus always leads us to happiness, do not forget it!” Pope Francis said. “There will always be a cross in the middle, but at the end... (he) always leads us to happiness.”

## Becoming Catholic

**RCIA** - the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** - 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.

We will host information meetings on Thursday, August 10th; and Monday, August 14th, in the Family Center at 6:30 pm. If this is for you or someone you know, please call the Parish Office at 829-0090 or Matthew Bove at 856-296-3576, or just show up. It could be the best decision you’ll ever make.

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 are \$30 and are available at the Rectory Office.

### CAR RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

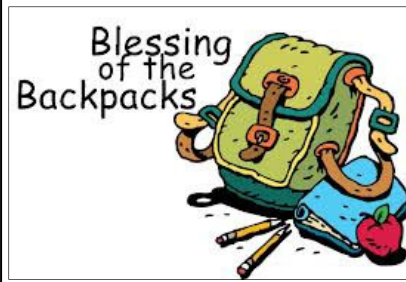
Sacred Heart Church will be holding a Car Raffle on Saturday, September 30th at our annual Block Party.

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.

**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.**

### Heart to Heart Ministry School Bag Drive...



Please consider helping with our school bag drive for the children (boys and girls) of Sacred Heart School in Camden. The bags are needed before school starts,

which is right after Labor Day. All school bags and supplies can be dropped off in the side altar; Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapel. Thank you for your generosity!

### 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.



### 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](mailto:sacredheartriver-ton@comcast.net) by Friday, September 8th to register.

### 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.



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

**August 10th** ~ 6:30 pm ~ Information Meeting for RCIA ~ Family Center

**August 14th** ~ 6:30 pm ~ Information Meeting for RCIA ~ Family Center

**September 10th** ~ 7:00 pm ~ TNT Youth Group Kick Off Night ~ Gym

**September 11th** ~ 7:00 pm ~ Moms Gathering ~ Deacon's Room

**September 15th** ~ 6:30 pm ~ God's Followers (Jr. Youth Group) ~ Gym

**September 15th** ~ 6:30 pm ~ Little Flowers & Blue Knights (K-3) ~ Family Center

**September 30th** ~ 11:00 am ~ Block Party

**October 1st** ~ Religious Ed classes begin for Grades 1-4

**October 4th** ~ 7:00 pm ~ Feast of the Holy Rosary ~ Church

**October 5th** ~ 7:00 pm ~ Evening Bible Study ~ Family Center

**October 11th** ~ 9:00 am ~ Wednesday Morning Bible Study ~ Family Center

**October 28th** ~ 6:00 pm ~ Parish Pasta Dinner ~ Gym

**We are in need of volunteers to help with our games at the Block Party on Saturday, September 30th. If you can help in any way please contact Mary Neary at 829-1836 or email: [m.neary@shcriverton.org](mailto:m.neary@shcriverton.org).**

### Sacred Heart's Recent Blood Drive Results (July 27th):

Our blood drive registered 32 donors and collected 29 pints of blood. You and your team also registered 3 first time donors.

**For the exceptional support you provided by collecting 100% or more of your blood drive goal, we would like to recognize you in the Sponsor Spotlight! As a thank you please look for your organizations name on our Sponsor Spotlight page.**

Thank you for your gifts of time and support. We truly appreciate your generosity. The patients who have benefited from the blood collected at your blood drive are beyond grateful.

Next scheduled drive will be October 16th.

Sincerely,

*Your American Red Cross*

**Palmyra High School Foundation for Educational Excellence presents:**

**CASINO NIGHT**

Join us for a night out as our community comes together to show support, directly benefiting Palmyra High School

Ticket Price: \$60 (includes buffet dinner, beer, wine, \$30 in gaming chips, music and fun)  
 Saturday, September 9th  
 Sacred Heart Church Lower Church  
 7:00 to 11:00 pm

Get your tickets while they last! Order yours today at [info@phsfee.com](mailto:info@phsfee.com). Checks payable to PHSFEE

Palmyra High School Foundation for Educational Excellence ~ PO Box 655 ~ Palmyra, NJ 08065 ~ [www.phsfee.com](http://www.phsfee.com)  
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The **St. Joan of Arc Church Carnival** is scheduled for Monday, August 21st to Saturday, August 26th on the church grounds at Evans and Willow Bend Roads in Marlton. Rides, food and games begin at 6:00 pm. Nightly entertainment. There will be a 50/50 (last year's winner took home over \$26,000) and hourly raffles. Also being raffled off is a 12.9" iPad Pro w/Apple Pencil and Smart Keyboard, valued at \$1,167. All-access ride bracelets which can be used any night of the carnival can be purchased in advance for the special price of \$20 at ShopRite of Marlton. Cost at the carnival will be \$35 per bracelet. All proceeds benefit St. Joan of Arc School. For more information call 856-983-0077. See you on the midway!

**SING YOUR SONG**

Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.  
 — Oliver Wendell Holmes

**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.**

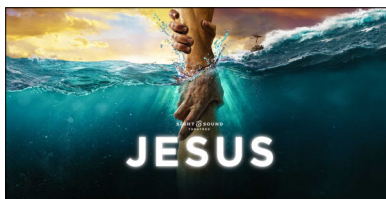


**WEEKEND MUSIC – AUGUST 6TH**

- 121 Tis Good, Lord to Be Here
- 394 Be Thou My Vision
- 677 The Lord Is My Light
- 532 O Bless the Lord, My Soul



**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.

**The Body of Christ Prayer** community welcomes the opportunity to give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings, graces, and healings over these 47 years.

Please join us as we celebrate our Anniversary Mass with Father Charles Muorah of St. Isaac Jogues, Marlton NJ and Fr. Roberto Ignacio (Fr. Tito) from Sacred Heart Riverton NJ. They will also administer Individual Healing Prayers after the conclusion of mass.

Let's gather together for Praise and Worship with the Music Ministry of Deacon Gerard Luongo and friends, a powerful inspirational homily, the Holy Eucharist, Word Gifts, Healing prayers and comforting Christian fellowship.

Celebrate with us on Wednesday, August 9th, 2017 at 7:30pm at Corpus Christi Church on Charleston and Sunset roads, Willingboro NJ.

Questions? Call 871-8992.

**TOTALITY**

Totally love him, who gave himself totally for your love. — St. Clare

**The Bread of Life Food Pantry Needs You... Stocking Manager Volunteer Needed**

KEY role in the pantry operation. Responsible for making sure the pantry is fully stocked for each Panty Day. Monitor inventory and on-going food donations. Order & pick up food from the Food Bank of South Jersey (Pennsauken). Purchase required food from local food retailers and wholesalers (as needed). Member of Pantry Operations Team (attend occasional meeting).

Please contact Dale Neas at 609-706-0439 or [dneas2@comcast.net](mailto:dneas2@comcast.net) if you are interested in helping. Thank you