

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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 20, 2017

O WOMAN, GREAT IS YOUR FAITH!

At one time or another, we have all been rejected or ridiculed, left out of a conversation, or not invited to a party. It hurts to be excluded. God makes all things new, though, and our scriptures today invite us to turn over our aching hearts to the Lord. Some of us might feel reluctant to give our hearts to the Lord, especially if our suffering somehow involves God or the Church. Why pour out hearts to God, after all, if God seems to be the cause of our troubles? A tragic loss, a painful death, or an unavoidable catastrophe can disrupt or destroy our life plans. When people clumsily console us then, saying, "It's God's will," we can easily become suspicious of God and the almighty will. If we suffer from the sinful structures or actions of God's representatives and ministers in the Church, we might look with skepticism at the prayers of that same Church. Even so, our Canaanite woman today persuades us not to lose hope. The disciples scorn her, complaining that she "keeps calling" out for help. Like irritable children, the disciples ask Jesus to "send her away." And just when we might expect Jesus to take her side, to scold the disciples and reward the woman's persistence, he shocks us by implying she is a dog. Undaunted, the woman accepts Jesus' remark and parlays its aggression into her own forceful plea: "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.

ACCEPTED

The woman's faith is irresistible—to Jesus, and to us. Jesus grants her heart's desire, healing her daughter from that very moment. We too are won over by her indomitable confidence in the Lord. Truly, this woman is one of the heroes of the New Testament. When difficulties suffocate us and we feel turned away like a stray dog, we can recall the Canaanite woman's simple words: "Lord, help me."

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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, Lila McKeon, Bernard Orfe, Jr, 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 21, 2017

8:00 am **Harold Ehrhardt**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family
Florence Ehrhardt
r/o Her Family

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

8:00 am **Sr. Helen Cecilia Lowen, O.P.**
r/o Mary Lou
Rachael A. Annunziato
r/o Melanie & Brian Callahan
Jacob Strohlein
r/o His Family

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

8:00 am **Walter Brickley**
r/o Karen & Lauren Huckel
Frank Patriarca
r/o The Rafter Family

Thursday, August 24, 2017

8:00 am **Darlene Wayles**
r/o Rosemary Eveland

Friday, August 25, 2017

8:00 am **Loretta Obeda**
r/o The Ehrhardt Family

Saturday, August 26, 2017

8:00 am **Alice Abbott**
r/o Lewis
4:30 pm **Loretta Fratto**
r/o The Fratto Family
Kathleen Conrad
r/o Sacred Heart Dance Class
Terry Gillis
r/o The Markey Family

Sunday, August 27, 2017

7:30 am **Charlotte Weldon**
r/o Maureen & Tom Peters
Rose Pellecchia
r/o Doris
Patrick E. Pellecchia
r/o Doris
9:00 am **Mark Irons**
r/o Bill & Elaine Kollar
Kiersten Ott
r/o The Magann Family
Ed Morgan
r/o Tom 'Pop-Pop' & Bernice Reilly
11:00 am **Regina & Sheldon Ehringer**
r/o Their Family



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Bobby Barnett, Joann Beard, Joanne Brady, Debra Burns, Billy Byrem, Angela Canco, 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, Liz 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, Fran Murphy, Jeanne Muzik, Alexa Pagano, Guido Pasquale, Anthony Pignatelli, Anthony Portella, George Reinas, Bro. Bill Riley, Thomas Rutledge, Bob & Kate Salamon, Theresa Scafi, 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.

CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

“Let all the nations praise you!” (Psalm 67:4) today’s psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a “put up or shut up” challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with “Behold!” (Matthew 15:22) “Behold!” is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus’ followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

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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 21

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

Tuesday, August 22

Parish Offices Closed

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following 8:00 am Mass

Willing and Able will return in September

7:00 pm — Bible Study
Family Center

7:00 pm — NA Meeting
Lower Church

Wednesday, August 23

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Thursday, August 24

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

7:00 pm — Dance Class
Lower Church

Friday, August 25

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:00 am Mass

Sunday, August 27

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Summer Mass Schedule

Will end August 26th & 27th

The Mass schedule will be as follows:

Saturday	4:30 pm
Sunday	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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of August 12 & 13, 2017

\$9,160.00

Same Weekend last year’s collection

\$10,280.00

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

GREAT FAITH!

Francisnmedia.org, post by Christopher Heffron

Many people face a conundrum when reading the scene in Matthew's Gospel where Jesus meets the Canaanite woman who begs him to release her little girl from demonic possession (15:28ff). Jesus' first response is silence, and we are struck by how out of character that is for him. No response to a cry for help?

Then the woman kneels and pleads, "Lord, help me," to which Jesus replies that his mission is not to gentiles, but to Israel. He then says, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." We are stunned by his words. But the woman doesn't give up. She comes back with, "Even the dogs get the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." We feel like cheering her on in the midst of Jesus' apparent disregard. Jesus then replies, "O woman, great is your faith!"

What's going on here? A Deeper Faith

Right before this scene, the disciples were caught in a storm and called to Jesus for help. Jesus called Peter to get out of the boat and walk on the water toward him. Peter saw where he was and realized he was doing the impossible. He began to sink. Jesus grabbed his arm and saved him. Coming back to the boats, Jesus chided his disciples with "O, you of little faith." The apostles, who have seen dozens of Jesus' healings and miracles, lose faith once they are tested in a storm. By contrast, this Canaanite woman will not take "no" for an answer.

And that is the point. When the woman first approaches Jesus, his disciples want him to send her away. She is bothering them. The apostles had just been saved from drowning, but now think nothing of walking away from this poor woman.

What's happening here is that Jesus, in his goodness and wisdom, is drawing from this pagan woman a deeper faith than his apostles had.

God's Grace

In a way, Jesus knows all along he is going to heal this woman's little girl. Jesus could never walk away from this situation. But he can also see that she is a strong woman who cares for her daughter. As he talks with her, Jesus draws out from her a strong determination and magnificent act of faith. She would not give up.

There are two important lessons here. First of all, the apostles witnessed this woman display more faith than they had when faced with a critical situation. Second, it is important to remember that, in the Gospels, the most dramatic acts of faith are made by pagans rather than the Jews.

Such as:

- 1) The centurion who said, "I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed" (Mt 8:8).
- 2) The gentile woman who would not let Jesus get away without healing her daughter.
- 3) And, finally, the Roman soldier at the cross who makes the dramatic statement, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" (Mk 15:39).

Faith is often found in the least-expected places. Faith is a matter of the heart, not the head. And God's grace can touch the hearts of some people we might tend to dismiss.

You're Invited!!!

Little Flowers Girls' Club



Girl's program for ages K-2nd grade. Earn badges while practicing virtue, learning about saints and memorizing scripture. Crafts! Songs! Friends!
Blue Knights Boy's Club



The Boy's Program for ages K-2nd grade. Build a suit of armor and earn your shield badges while learning about your Catholic faith.

When: Friday, September 15th

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Place: Sacred Heart Family Center

RSVP not required but for more information please contact Anne Lippincott at 856-829-0282.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Much prayer, much power! Little prayer, little power! No prayer, no power!
—Anonymous

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. 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 SUV 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.

Heart to Heart Ministry School Bag Drive...

Blessing
of the
Backpacks



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!

God's Followers Returns

When: Friday, September 15th

Grades: 3rd to 6th

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Where: Family Center Gym

For more information please contact Erin Foley at 856-786-8007



Calling All Teens

Come out and bring a friend, all are invited.

When: Fridays

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Where: Family Center Gym

22nd Taste of Burlington County

Taste of Burlington County Super Raffle Tickets

In conjunction with the Taste of Burlington County, Super Cash Raffle for 3 prizes, 25% - 15% - 10% of all monies collected, will be sold after all Masses the weekend of August 26th & 27th. Tickets are priced at \$2 each. Drawing will take place at the Taste of Burlington County. Winner need not be present.



2017

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

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.

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AIDES and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mt. Holly. There are openings for trained lay visitors every day. Following a training and orientation process, an Aide may donate two or four hours each week to visit patients, offering them friendship and spiritual comfort. Eucharistic Ministers are also needed seven days a week to bring Communion to the Catholic patients.

The 18-hour Training Course will be offered in the Conference Center at the Virtua Memorial Hospital, 175 Madison Avenue, Mt. Holly, on October 25th, and October 27th, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, with continental breakfast at 7:30 am. If you want to find out if volunteering is for you or if you want to sign up for the course, please phone or email for an information package with details of the course and the process of volunteering in the hospital. Please phone Chaplain Marge McGinley at 609-914-6365 or email your name and address to mmcginley@virtua.org.

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. Checks payable to PHSFEE

Palmyra High School Foundation for Educational Excellence ~ PO Box 655 ~ Palmyra, NJ 08065 ~ www.phsfee.com
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The next **Parish Planning Council** meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 pm in the Family Center. Please consider joining us. The Block Party and car raffle will be our focus as well as getting our Children's Ministries off and running. Your thoughts, ideas and prayers are welcomed and encouraged! Hope to see you there.



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

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.

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 20TH

- 302 Gather Us In
- 492 Age to Age
- 503 Lord, You Have Come
- 385 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



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.



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.

Save the Date!

Feast of the Holy Rosary
 Praying for World Peace
 Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00 pm
 Sacred Heart Church
 Presiding: Father Christopher Picollo,
 Pastor of St. Katherine Drexel Parish

