

# 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.***

### **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 27, 2017**

#### **I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**

In a dramatic moment, Jesus gives Simon a new name: Peter, the rock. The account of Simon's new name is told differently in the other Gospels. In John and Mark, Jesus renames Simon upon first meeting him and calling him to be one of the Twelve. Here in Matthew's account, however, Jesus changes Simon into Peter only after he professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Peter's experience helps us reflect on dramatic moments in our own lives: "What is a personal moment that affected me so radically that I seemed to become a new person? What transformative experience changed my name, either literally or figuratively?" Sometimes a name change is built into major life moments, naturally flowing from birth, adoption, Confirmation, profession of religious vows, or marriage. But imagine if someone gave you a new name, without any warning, and without consulting you. Renaming someone is an extraordinary act. Jesus surely knows this, and renames only one of his disciples. Simon is the only disciple Jesus sets apart in this way. While the Gospels gradually reveal many of Simon Peter's character flaws, we constantly keep in mind the day Jesus called him *rock* and entrusted him with the path to salvation.

#### **CALLED BY NAME**

Jesus never revokes Peter's keys to the kingdom of heaven, even after Peter denies him during the Passion of the Lord. Jesus' call is as immutable as stone. And so it is with each of us. At Baptism, the very first question the minister asks is "What name to you give your child?" As we are reborn in the waters of Baptism, in the name of Jesus, we receive God's call to live in the light of Christ. Our call is irrevocable. We can do nothing to erase God's personal call. Even if we should deny Christ himself, as Peter did, the Lord continues to love us and to desire our own love in return.

#### **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**

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 Covalski, 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 28, 2017**

8:00 am **Peg Donovan**  
r/o Her Family

**Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

8:00 am **Jacob Noel**  
r/o His Granddaughters  
**Elise Fries**  
r/o Her Husband, Bill  
**Richard Boucher**  
r/o The Wurtenberger  
Family

**Wednesday, August 30, 2017**

8:00 am **Betty Horan**  
r/o Her Family

**Thursday, August 31, 2017**

8:00 am **Bob Cristella**  
r/o Judy Cristella

**Friday, September 1, 2017**

8:00 am **Bob Cristella**  
r/o Lori & Rob Rodolico  
**Glenn W. Jackson**  
r/o His Family

**Saturday, September 2, 2017**

8:00 am **Holy Souls in Purgatory**  
4:30 pm **Sue Horan**  
r/o Her Family  
**Sam & Betty DeVece**  
r/o Bill & Nancy DeVece  
**Jack Murphy**  
r/o His Wife, Fran & Family

**Sunday, September 3, 2017**

7:30 am **Dolores Schell**  
r/o Jeanne & Bill Max  
**Ralph Talarico**  
r/o Vince & Celene Talarico  
& Family  
**Norm Rubright**  
r/o His Wife, Kathie &  
Family  
9:00 am **Janice Carr**  
r/o Frank & Eleanor Skuder  
10:30 am **Anthony Sacchetti**  
r/o Tom & Bernice Reilly  
12:00 pm **Joi Cloran**  
r/o Her Family



**First Bann**

Teresa Bardaji and Robert Kidner



**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Colleen Anninos, 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, Ruth Dolbow, Diane Donnelly, Fr. Michael Doyle, Marianne Ford, Mary Lou Francis, Dot Fries, Jane Gasper, Loretta Gibson, Kelsey Goodwin, Alec Haas, Jamie Hall, Thomas Heiger 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 Scaffidi, 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.*

**Acolyte at Funerals**

We are looking for a few adult members of the Sacred Heart Church community to help with funerals throughout the weekdays. We are seeking men and woman to serve as acolytes at funeral Masses. Training will be provided.

**Functions of the Acolyte at Funerals:**

In the procession to the altar, the acolyte may carry the cross. Through the entire celebration, it is for the acolyte to approach the Priest or the Deacon, whenever necessary, in order to present the book to them and to assist them in any other way required. In the absence of a Deacon, after the prayers of the faithful and while the Priest remains at the chair, the acolyte places the corporal, the purificator, the chalice, the pall, and the Missal on the altar. Likewise, after the distribution of Communion is complete, the acolyte helps the Priest or Deacon carries the sacred vessels to the credence table. If incense is being used, the acolyte presents the thurible to the Priest and if the absence of a Deacon, assists the Priest while he incenses the casket. The acolyte may carry the cross, with the Deacon and the Priest in procession to the back of the church.

If you are interested in serving at funerals please contact Deacon Michael Stinsman at (856) 745-0413.

**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 28**

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

**Tuesday, August 29**

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

**Wednesday, August 30**

8:00 pm — AA Meeting  
Lower Church

**Thursday, August 31**

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

**Friday, September 1**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Following 8:00 am Mass

**Sunday, September 3**

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 pm — AA Meeting  
Lower Church

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matthew 16:19

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**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Weekend of August 19 & 20, 2017

\$9,471.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$9,720.00

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

[This Friday] marks the [two]-year anniversary of Pope Francis' call for Catholics to observe the World Day of Prayer for the Care for Creation. We would like to invite all faithful to join the Pope to pray for the care of creation, united with our Orthodox and Christian sisters and brothers of other denominations who already celebrate this day....

...In his encyclical, *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis called us to live out an "integral ecology," which in simple terms means having right relationships with God, other human beings and the good things of the Earth. When one relationship suffers, all the others will suffer as well...

...In friendship with Christ, we begin to look upon creation in a renewed way. Pope Benedict XVI spoke of a certain "reciprocity" between God and our care for creation, a concept which is developed further by Pope Francis in *Laudato si'*: as we care for the environment, we encounter God, and in this encounter we are moved to care for creation. We are reminded of the Pope's insistence on practicing what we preach (and pray), and the need for Christians to be visible witnesses of the care for creation. We are called to an "ecological conversion", which must be rooted in Jesus' invitation to a change in lifestyle, reverence for others and a renewed simplicity of life. These personal transformations pave the way for the work we must do together in order to address the global concerns of our day.

Finally, we would like to suggest a few tangible ways in which we can turn our prayer into witness. In *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis reminds us of the "nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions," and suggests various practical steps such as recycling, turning off unnecessary lights and using public transportation. So many of these "daily actions" occur in the context of our families and in our places of worship and work. We can begin, in these ordinary settings, to care in deeper ways for the good things God has given us. This attitude of stewardship, forged in daily life, will, in turn, allow us to participate in the greater national and international efforts to care for the Earth and for future generations.

As we expand our work together as good stewards, it must be marked by care and respect for the dignity of every human being, especially the poor. Those who are impacted the most by our poor environmental decisions often lack the influence to have their suffering addressed. As Christians and people of good will, we must seek out their voices and extend our hands in help, making their pleas our own.

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is also an occasion for spending time with family and friends as we transition into the beauty of the fall season. We invite you to integrate experiences of creation into your day so that you never lose your wonder in beholding God's unmatched artistry. Whether we take a walk in a local park, visit a place of striking natural beauty, or even celebrate a festive meal in which we enjoy the "fruits of creation" grown in our own gardens, we can come together with loved ones to pray and give thanks to our Creator for the abundance of blessings given to us this day, and for our life with him always.

*Statement on World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

## 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.

## HAPPY PEOPLE

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything. — Anonymous

As some of you may know on Saturday, July 8th a fire damaged and displaced Rick and Donna Connor (parishioners) 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. **56 bags collected.** 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:** Sundays, Kick off 9/10

**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.



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**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](mailto:m.neary@shcriverton.org).**

### TAIZE PRAYER

**Monday, September 11, 2017, 7:00pm**

**Corpus Christi Church in Willingboro**

Please join us for an evening of Taize Prayer in honor of the fallen victims of 9/11. Taize Prayer is a meditative form of common prayer. Gathered in the presence of Christ we sing uncomplicated, repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity. The prayer tradition of Taize can help us to get in touch with spiritual realities. We utilize this opportunity to pray for all victims of 9/11 and their families, for peace in our community and in our world. "One passes through Taize as one passes close to a spring of water," said Pope John Paul II when he visited the Taize community in 1986. We look forward to seeing you and praying with you.

### ONLY ONE

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us. — St. Augustine

**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)  
 PHSFEE is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization

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 27TH**

- 418 The Church's One Foundation
- 648 O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God 
- 351 The Supper of the Lord
- 383 City of God

**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](mailto: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 Piccolo,  
 Pastor of St. Katherine Drexel Parish

