

# 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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

#### **DENY YOURSELF AND TAKE UP YOUR CROSS**

As Saint Paul says, we can offer our personal experiences as a “living sacrifice.” Let’s offer up our daily prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings. Let’s unite our sacrifices to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus we celebrate in the Eucharist. Our sacrifices—little or big, happy or sad—become the stuff of miracles. Consider the example of the loaves and fishes we read about a few weeks ago. Jesus’ tender heart pities the hungry crowds. Jesus asks the disciples to offer anything they can spare. Using the ridiculously inadequate offering of five loaves and two fish, Jesus goes to work. He blesses their offering, breaks it, and uses it to satisfy thousands. Baskets overflow. Jesus uses a tiny offering and transforms it into real help for people in need. We too can offer sacrifices for Jesus to transform. When we are confronted with problems we know we can’t solve, Jesus remains calm. He asks us to give what we can. Often, we have no confidence. We scoff at our own pathetic attempts. We cannot imagine how God could possibly use our boring little sacrifices of dishwashing, caregiving, or e-mail-managing to bless the world. But Jesus take whatever we offer. He blesses it. He breaks it. He transforms it into grace for ourselves and for all people in need.

#### **PRAISE GOD!**

The mystery of redemptive suffering transforms our lives, but it is not an easy mystery to accept. Suffering is not attractive. Especially when suffering afflicts innocent people, we cry out to God for justice and relief. Jesus’ words today penetrate our hearts: “You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” We beg the Lord to accept our suffering, then, and to transform it in ways we cannot imagine. Embracing the details and crosses of daily life, we look forward to the day when Jesus comes in glory, revealing to us how he used our sacrifices to bless the world.

#### **PRIESTS**

Rev. Robert Holtz, Pastor, ext. 11  
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#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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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, September 4, 2017**

8:00 am **Mary Booth**  
r/o Winnie Koch

**Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

8:00 am **Gertrude Marcozzi**  
r/o Gloria & Steve Napalielo

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

8:00 am **Genevieve Alburger**  
r/o Marie Russo

**Thursday, September 7, 2017**

8:00 am **Aileen M. Carr**  
r/o Brian & Melanie Callahan

**Friday, September 8, 2017**

8:00 am **Sr. Fidelis Beck, OP**  
r/o Mary Lou

**Saturday, September 9, 2017**

8:00 am **Josephine Nowak**  
r/o The Novak Family  
4:30 pm **Peter Atadonna**  
r/o Rob & Lori Rodolico  
**The Gribaudo & Murphy Families**  
r/o Fran & Family  
**40th Wedding Anniversary**  
**Blessings for Joe & Helen**  
**Stellwag**  
r/o Their Family

**Sunday, September 10, 2017**

7:30 am **Marie & Jerry Paolini**  
r/o Nancy & Bill DeVece  
**Walter Brickley**  
r/o Colleen & Scott Perry  
9:00 am **Deceased Members of the Fera Family**  
r/o Al  
10:30 am **Aileen M. Carr**  
r/o Brian & Melanie Callahan  
**Neil Wochiewski**  
r/o Tom & Bernice Reilly  
12:00 pm **Alfred Rezende**  
r/o Jaclyn DiLouie



**Second Bann**

Teresa Bardaji and Robert Kidner

**First Bann**

Sharon Moore and Frank Staff



**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 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 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.*

**We Do Need Catechists**

Pope Francis tells us, *“Be joyful messengers, custodians of the goodness and beauty that shine in the faithful love of a missionary disciple.”*

**What a call!**

Our classes will begin Sunday, October 1st and we are in need of seven catechists for our Tuesday and Wednesday evening classes. Please, prayerfully consider this awesome ministry ~ handing on the Faith.

For further information call Pat Hutchinson at 829-1848 or email her at [p.hutchinson@shcriverton.org](mailto:p.hutchinson@shcriverton.org)

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Weekend of August 26 & 27, 2017

\$7,171.00

Same Weekend last year’s collection

\$7,906.00

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***

**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, September 4**

No Legion of Mary

**Tuesday, September 5**

Miraculous Medal Novena

Following 8:00 am Mass

Willing and Able will return in September

7:00 pm — NA Meeting

Lower Church

**Wednesday, September 6**

8:00 pm — AA Meeting

Lower Church

**Thursday, September 7**

6:00 pm — Mary’s Rosary Guild

Lower Church Rosary Room

7:00 pm — Dance Class

Lower Church

**Friday, September 8**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Following 8:00 am Mass

**Sunday, September 10**

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:15 pm — Celebration of Baptisms

Church

7:00 pm — Kick Off for TNT Youth Group

Family Center

8:00 pm — AA Meeting

Lower Church

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE HARVEY**

A special collection slated in parishes across Diocese of Trenton this weekend. Drawing from the powerful memories of the Super Storm Sandy disaster, and the overwhelming Catholic response to local relief efforts, Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M., announced a special collection to be taken in all parishes of the Diocese of Trenton on September 2nd & 3rd to assist communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey in southeast Texas. If you are unable to contribute this weekend and would like to next weekend you can put it in the collection in an envelope marked “Hurricane Harvey” and make the check out to Sacred Heart Church in the memo please put Hurricane Harvey.

“Our solidarity with our suffering sisters and brothers in their time of need is a powerful witness to the Gospel. I thank you, in advance, for your kindness and help.”

Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M., J.C.D.

Bishop of Trenton

### Understanding Our Catholic Faith

#### Songs of praise and thanksgiving

*“O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines, and my soul thirsts  
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.”*  
(Psalm 63:2)

The words sound like they might have come from someone who has finally realized that the things of this world do not satisfy the longings of the human heart. In the end, neither possessions, nor people, nor pleasure, nor fame, nor human regard can fill the God-sized hole in the human heart.

Those words from Psalm 63, the very psalm we prayed at Mass today, a song attributed to King David, are like so many others in the collection of songs that make up ancient Israel’s hymnal. The 150 psalms are essentially hymns of praise and worship, but they express a full range of human emotions. There are hymns of thanksgiving, songs of lament, prayers of the sick and dying, prayers expressing trust in God.

As the hymnbook of ancient Israel, the Levites in the Temple in Jerusalem chanted the psalms daily; individuals Jews prayed them in the Temple, in their homes, at work, in the synagogue, in celebrations. Jesus Himself prayed the psalms, and, as He was dying on the cross, when He called out, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me,” that was not a cry of despair, but the first line from Psalm 22. Beginning with this plaintive call, the psalmist ends with praise for God and a promise to proclaim God’s goodness in the assembly of the faithful.

When we recite the psalms, we are not just echoing the words long dead writers. They are the words of God who inspired the ancient psalmists. We use God’s very own words to praise Him. His Chosen People used those words, Jesus used those words, the Fathers of the Church used those words, the holy people who fled the cities and went to the desert and formed the first monasteries used those words.

Consider this: When we pray the psalms in praise of God we join our voices with that of Jesus, with our ancestors in faith, the saints and the angels, indeed, the choirs of Heaven.

*“O LORD, our Lord,  
how awesome is your name through all the earth!  
When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and stars that you set in place—  
What is man that you are mindful of him,  
and a son of man that you care for him?  
Yet you have made him little less than a god,  
crowned him with glory and honor.  
You have given him rule over the works of your hands,  
put all things at his feet:  
LORD, our Lord,  
how awesome is your name through all the earth!”*  
(Psalm 8: 2, 4-7, 10)

**By Deacon Joseph M. Donadieu**

### 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 Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear? The Lord is my life’s  
refuge; of whom should I be afraid —  
Psalm 27:1

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. **97 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

## MEMORIALS

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*GLENN W. JACKSON*  
AT THE REQUEST OF  
*HIS FAMILY*



*Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!*

**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](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.

Man's salvation and perfection consist in doing the will of God, which he must have in view in view in all things and in every moment of his life.

— St. Peter Claver

**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.

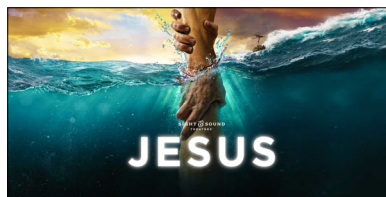
If you are interested in serving at funerals please contact Deacon Michael Stinsman at (856) 745-0413.

**WEEKEND MUSIC – SEPTEMBER 3RD**

- 710 Take Up Your Cross
- 495 Jesus, Lord
- 663 Loving and Forgiving
- 625 America, the Beautiful



**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.

**An Invitation to Join**

**Catholic Daughters St. Elizabeth Seton #2124**

Membership in Catholic Daughters is open to both married and unmarried Catholic women ages 18 and above.

The impression of many may be that CDA is just a group of women who get together to talk, play cards, have refreshments or catch up on parish news. The organization is so much more than that.

The group's primary focus, along with its spiritual emphasis, is works of charity. Throughout the year some of our projects are "Morality in the Media", collections of clothing, blankets and food for Burling County groups, make Easter baskets for needy children, donating to Good Counsel Home, sandwich making for the poor and many others. Nationally we support Habitat for Humanity, our elderly sisters, brothers and priests, Covenant House and the National Center on Sexual Exploitation.

Membership is one way to allow us to satisfy many of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy while you work alongside other Catholic women who want to help those in need. You can not imagine how wonderful this makes you feel.

**With all of this in mind, bring a friend or come alone and join us at our first meeting of the 2017-2018 on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 in the Sacred Heart Family Center to find out if our group is a fit for you.**

God bless you.  
For additional information call Pat Higgins, Regent at 856-829-4271.

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.

**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.**