

# 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

#### **WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN**

Although today's readings might seem drearily preoccupied with sin, Saint Peter explains why sin is important to discuss: because every sin reduces the amount of love in the world. Paul turns the focus from sin to love when he writes, "Love us the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10). What power that verse contains! If we begin each day by reciting that verse, we would be well on our way to a more generous life—not only avoiding sin as much as possible, but also actively seeking out ways to make life sweeter for our neighbors. Memorized verses inspire us when we face difficulties during the day, when we are irritated with someone, for example, or we need to make a decision. Remembering that "love is the fulfillment of the law" might truly help us avoid sin and do good in daily life.

#### **THE WAY OF PRAYER**

Learning a scripture verse by heart is, of course, a way of praying. In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to pray. Jesus firmly believes in the power of prayer, going so far as to guarantee results: "I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." Jesus promises something also, too, something vitally important. More than a game of Go Fish in which we hope we "got what we asked for," prayer is a living encounter with Jesus himself: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Today's readings move us beyond the bare minimum and open an enormous world to us. We shun the pettiness of sin not because we fear punishment, but because we want to love others deeply. We pray to our great God not because we want to get favors from a divine vending machine, but because we want to spend time with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### **PRIESTS**

Rev. Robert Holtz, 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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856-829-0090 • 856-829-2087 Fax  
Leslie Crofton, Secretary, ext. 10  
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#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**102 Fourth Street - Family Center**  
856-829-1848 • **856-829-2087** Fax  
Patricia Hutchinson, Director  
Joanne Moore, Secretary

#### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

##### **LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRIES**

856-786-5380  
Susan Barnett, Associate

##### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

856-829-0090  
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Director, ext. 14  
John Scouler  
Donna Casey



**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, Judith McCauley, 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 11, 2017**

8:00 am **Paul Cooney**  
r/o The Ehrhardt Family

**Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

8:00 am **Connie Giampaolo**  
r/o Bob & Terry Schumann

**Wednesday, September 13, 2017**

8:00 am **Frank Groppo**  
r/o Eileen McCann

**Thursday, September 14, 2017**

8:00 am **Special Intentions for Marquise Dicupe**  
r/o His Mother, Migdalia

**Friday, September 15, 2017**

8:00 am **Sr. Helen Cecilia Lowen, O.P.**  
r/o Mary Lou  
**Larry Schlupp**  
r/o His Wife, JoAnn  
**Mary Mulvihill**  
r/o Her Family

**Saturday, September 16, 2017**

8:00 am **Elise Fries**  
r/o Her Husband, Bill  
4:30 pm **Genevieve Alburger**  
r/o Rick & Donna Connor  
**Dolores Mufalli**  
r/o Linda DeMarco  
**Frank Patriarca**  
r/o Marianne Gasper

**Sunday, September 17, 2017**

7:30 am **Lois Nark**  
r/o Marie Russo  
**Walter Brickley**  
r/o James Chukinas  
**Gertrude Marcozzi**  
r/o Brian & Tina Pickell  
9:00 am **Tom Downey**  
r/o His Family  
**Gerard Schlindwein**  
r/o Joan Schlindwein  
10:30 am **Bert & Theresa Cahill and Maureen Cahill Gerner**  
r/o Their Family  
**David Campbell**  
r/o Frank & Mary Ann Herron  
**Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kleman & Family**  
r/o Eleanor Tilmont  
12:00 pm **Michael Cigler**  
r/o Rich & Patty Rickus & Family  
**Neena Schwartz**  
r/o Joseph Kratochwill



**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Colleen Anninos, Bobby Barnett, Joann Beard, Joanne Brady, Debra Burns, Billy Byrem, Angela Canco, 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)



**Third Bann**

Teresa Bardaji and Robert Kidner

**Second Bann**

Sharon Moore and Frank Staff

**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 11**

12:30 pm — Catholic Daughters Card Party  
Lower Church

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

7:00 pm — Mom’s Gathering  
Deacon’s Room

**Tuesday, September 12**

Miraculous Medal Novena  
Following 8:00 am Mass

1:00 pm — Willing and Able  
Family Center

7:00 pm — NA Meeting  
Lower Church

**Wednesday, September 13**

8:00 pm — AA Meeting  
Lower Church

**Thursday, September 14**

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

7:00 pm — Baptism Workshop  
Family Center

7:00 pm — Dance Class  
Lower Church

**Friday, September 15**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Following 8:00 am Mass

6:30 pm — God’s Followers  
Gym

6:30 pm — Little Flowers & Blue Knights  
Family Center

**Sunday, September 17**

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 pm — AA Meeting  
Lower Church

Nothing makes us so God-like as our willingness to forgive.— St. John Chrysostom

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Weekend of September 2 & 3, 2017

\$15,469.00

Same Weekend last year’s collection

\$12,061.00

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**

A letter from Mary Neary:

Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you that I will no longer be working at Sacred Heart Parish. However, Sacred Heart has been and will continue to be my 'spiritual family' long into the future. When I walked into the church almost 39 years ago I knew I was home!

After a year of prayerful discernment I have decided to take a position as a Theology teacher at St. Hubert's HS for girls in Philadelphia. I am very excited to begin this new journey and pray that I will be able to encourage and support these girls as they prepare to make their way into the world.

Our parish continues to spread the gospel message of God's love and mercy through the many wonderful volunteers who serve and help in various ministries. Your love for God and his people is evident in all that you do. But, it is not just what you do that makes you shine, but who you are and how you live your life. The Holy Spirit truly lives and moves in the people of Sacred Heart and will continue long after I am gone.

I will keep you all close in prayer as you continue to use your gifts and talents so that Our God is not only known by others, but loved and served as well.

Thank you for your support, love and friendship I look forward to serving Sacred Heart together in the years ahead. Hope to see you all at the Block Party!

Love and blessings,

Mary

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I thank Mary for all she has done here at Sacred Heart. It's hard to say goodbye to someone who has worked hard and meant so much to this parish. Luckily, although Mary is not now an employee of Sacred Heart, she is still a member of our parish community and will continue to make God's presence known to us as an active member. Let us all ask God's blessing on Mary as she starts a new chapter in her life.

Fr. Bob Holtz

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY AT SACRED HEART**

Too often we feel as if we cannot go through the grieving process by ourselves. Sacred Heart Bereavement Ministry represents the Church Family reaching out to those who are experiencing grief and sorrow. In doing so, we extend an invitation and opportunity to learn positive ways to cope with loss, when a loved one has passed away. We minister the Love of Christ in letting all those who are grieving realize that they are not alone. If you or someone you know is experiencing loss of a loved one, we invite you to come join others who are grieving and understand.

The next Bereavement Support Group will begin on Thursday, October 5th, between 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Family Center, Room 6. Each week we will focus on a different topic.

- October 5th:** Welcoming/Sharing our Loss
- October 12th:** The Pain of Grief/Our Feelings are Normal
- October 19th:** Adjusting to a Life Beyond Loss
- October 26th:** **No Meeting**
- November 2nd:** Parish Memorial Mass
- November 9th:** The Grieving Process
- November 16th:** Our Journey Towards a New Life

You are welcome to come for any or all of the sessions. For more information please call Fran at 786-0445.

**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.

**PATIENCE**

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.  
— Chinese proverb

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.



**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 or 856-229-3285



**A Benefit Concert for the victims of Hurricane Harvey**

*Featuring*

The Laudate Chorale (Mr. Stephen Lucasi, Director) and local Choirs from the Tri-Boro area. Come join us for an hour of uplifting, spirit-filled music you will enjoy!

**When:** Sunday, September 24th at 7:00 pm

**Where:** Sacred Heart Church

**Why:** To help our fellow Americans

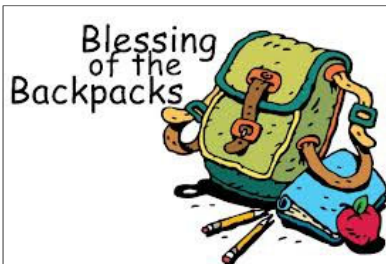
How can you help? Bring donations of cash or check to the Concert. (made out to American Red Cross). They will be sent directly to the Red Cross. (ALL money collected goes directly to the benefit of Hurricane victims)

If you cannot attend - send your donations to the American Red Cross, PO Box 97089, Washington, DC 20090-7089 or call 1-800-435-7669 or online at redcross.org.

For more information call Barb Lucasi at 856-904-1474.

**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. **118 bags collected.** Thank you for your generosity!



**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 ~ Bereavement Support Group ~ 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 Judge at 856-701-4318 or mjjudge17@comcast.net. Notice new contact.**

O name of Mary! Joy in the heart, honey in the mouth, melody in the ear of those devoted to her. — St. Anthony of Padua

**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.

**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.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CARD PARTY**

Monday, September 11th  
12:30 — 3:30 pm  
In the lower church  
\$4 Admission

Come for cards, light refreshments, tombola, door prizes and fellowship. All welcome — men also.

**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.**

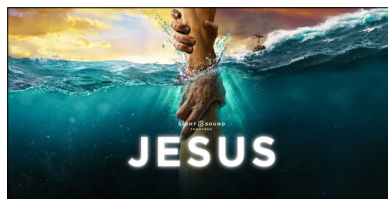


**WEEKEND MUSIC — SEPTEMBER 10TH**

- 475 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
- 522 Prayer to St. Francis
- 494 We Remember
- 525 Let There Be Peace on Earth



**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 cross of Christ has become a source from which flow rivers of living water.  
— St John Paul II