

# 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

#### **LORD, HOW OFTEN MUST I FORGIVE?**

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive "seventy-seven" times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach. Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

#### **PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE**

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind. It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew's Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week's Gospel (Matthew 18:15-18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who had hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm. The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to the violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus' vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

#### **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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#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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#### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

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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.



**Monday, September 18, 2017**

8:00 am **Jeff Scouler**  
r/o Marianne Gasper

**Tuesday, September 19, 2017**

8:00 am **Lillian Wille**  
r/o Her Family

**Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

8:00 am **The Holy Souls in Purgatory**

**Thursday, September 21, 2017**

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

**Friday, September 22, 2017**

8:00 am **Lorraine Earley**  
r/o Barbara & Chester  
Wajda

**Sally Strohle**  
r/o Her Family

**George Gasper**  
r/o His Wife, Marianne

**Saturday, September 23, 2017**

8:00 am **People of the Parish**  
4:30 pm **Matthew & Katherine  
Schlindwein**  
r/o Their Children

**Emil Koch**  
r/o His Family

**Genevieve Alburger**  
r/o Winnie Koch

**Sunday, September 24, 2017**

7:30 am **Suzanne & Bob DuRocher**  
r/o The Drumm Family

**Ruth E. Smith**  
r/o Doris

**Marie Laszlo**  
r/o Doris

9:00 am **Mark Irons**  
r/o Joan & Leo Kozlowski

**Walter Brickley**  
r/o Sam & Marilyn Bishop

**Michael Grace**  
r/o The Grace Family

10:30 am **Gerard Schlindwein**  
r/o Kay & Chuck Mufalli

**Bernard Orfe, Jr**  
r/o Emerson & Anne Lucas

**Rudy Palantino**  
r/o Bob & Anna Owen

12:00 pm **Alfred Rezende**  
r/o Jaclyn DiLouie

**Ernie Sauls**  
r/o His Family

**Mark A. Wituschek**  
r/o Rosalie Forte



**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, Judith McCauley, Jeff Scouler, Jeanne Muzik, 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



**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, 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, James Sutton, 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.*

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

Today, parishes throughout the United States celebrate and bless our catechists. Our theme this year is *“Living as Missionary Disciples”*. How do we do this? Jesus himself has given us the method! •Come and see (*encounter*) •Follow me (*accompany*) •Remain in me (*community*) •Go therefore and make disciples of all nations (*send*). What an awesome task! Please contact Pat Hutchinson at 829-1848 or [p.hutchinson@shcriverton.org](mailto:p.hutchinson@shcriverton.org) to join this ministry as catechist.

**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)

**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 18**

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

**Tuesday, September 19**

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 20**

6:30 pm — Catholic Daughters Meeting  
Family Center

8:00 pm — AA Meeting  
Lower Church

**Thursday, September 21**

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

7:00 pm — Dance Class  
Lower Church

**Friday, September 22**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Following 8:00 am Mass

**Sunday, September 24**

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:15 pm — Celebration of Baptisms  
Church

7:00 pm — Youth Group Meeting  
Family Center

7:00 pm — Benefit Concert for Hurricane Victims  
Church

8:00 pm — AA Meeting  
Lower Church



**Third Bann**

Sharon Moore and Frank Staff

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Weekend of September 9 & 10, 2017

\$9,921.00

Same Weekend last year’s collection

\$9,606.00

Hurricane Harvey

5,460.00

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

### PRAYER

A shabbily dressed man was walking along a few yards ahead of a woman in downtown Philadelphia a few years ago. She could hear him talking out loud to himself, saying something like, "what do you think Jesus would say about this? You know darn well what he'd say! So what are you going to do? Well, you better do something and you'd better do it soon!"

What struck the woman the most was that the man seemed stone sober. Moreover, he didn't seem to care who heard him.

Speaking out loud in prayer isn't new. It goes back to biblical times. We do it when we pray the Our Father, at Mass and after Mass, the Rosary during Holy Hour, and so on. But what about our daily personal prayer? Quietly or out loud?

I don't think it's really that important to God how you do it as long as you do it.

Prayer has been defined as the elevation of the mind and the heart to God. When you personalize it, it's really the elevation of your mind and your heart to your God in faith. And prayer my friends, is not a monologue but a dialogue. God's voice in response to ours is its most essential part.

When we want to get to know someone better, when we want to enter into a special relationship... friendship with someone, we arrange to meet with that person. We schedule specific times and places to be with him or her. The same procedure holds if we want to get to know Jesus better. We must arrange to meet with Him and talk with Him on a regular basis. It's simply setting up a priority whereby we set aside some time each day to become better acquainted with Jesus. To get to know Him better so He can enrich our lives in ways that we never dreamed possible.

So, whether it's quietly or out loud, just make sure you find some time to spend with Jesus. And remember the old saying - always try to walk softly, speak tenderly and pray... fervently!

*Deacon Ken Heilig*

### 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.

### 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.

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

Bishop David is very grateful to all those who shared so generously with the victims of Hurricane Harvey in the recent (9/2-3/17) parish collection throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Keep your prayers going!

For those who missed the opportunity or who wish to contribute personally toward Hurricane Irma Relief, please send your contributions directly to Catholic Charities USA. 100% of proceeds will go directly to relief efforts in the affected areas.

#### Donate by mail:

To mail a check, please make your check payable to Catholic Charities USA (name particular hurricane) and mail your check to:

Catholic Charities USA  
PO Box 17066  
Baltimore, MD 21297-1066

#### Donate Online:

<https://catholiccharitiesusa.org>

#### Donate by phone:

1-800-919-9338

Gratefully yours in the Lord,  
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, CM, JCD  
Bishop of Trenton

### Blue Mass

**Friday, September 29th at 10:30am**

Holy Cross Academy invites you to attend a Mass that celebrates the men and women who serve and protect us. We hope to see you all at HCA!

5035 Route 130, Delran

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

We had a great start at our Kickoff Event on September 10th. It was great to see so many familiar faces, and wonderful to welcome all of the new members. Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 17th. Teens in grades 7-8 will meet from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the Youth Group room located upstairs in the Family Center. Teens in grades 9-12 will meet from 7:30 to 9:30pm in the Youth Group room located upstairs in the Family Center. All are welcome! Bring a friend and share in the faith, fun, and friendship. Don't forget to bring back your t-shirt designs and registration forms! If you are interested in helping lead the youth group, or have ideas to pass along to us, please contact Bridget Horgan, Youth Ministry Coordination at [bridgebee82@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgebee82@yahoo.com) or 856-264-8943.



Games being played by the Youth Group.

Everyone enjoyed each other's company after the games over some pizza.



Our teens really got down and got the ball rolling across the gym floor!



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

- 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 [mjudge17@comcast.net](mailto:mjudge17@comcast.net). Notice new contact.**

**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](http://redcross.org).

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

**Feast of the Holy Rosary  
Come Pray With Us!**

**Wednesday, October 4th  
7:00 to 8:00 pm**

**Sacred Heart Church**

Presiding: Father Christopher Picollo,  
Pastor of St. Katherine Drexel Parish

**BASKETBALL SEASON**

The Sacred Heart basketball program is for boys and girls, parishioners in 3rd thru 8th grade. The Program starts in mid October and runs thru February. If your child is playing other sports now and still wants to play please sign up now. The coaches make accommodations for children playing other sports. The cost is \$65 for the first child and \$50 for each child after that. There are 3 methods to sign up:

1. Go to SHRhoops.com pull down a registration form and mail to Mike Paolini, 317 Mimosa Place, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
  2. Call Mike at 856-433-8027 or 609-230-3742 and he will email you a form
  3. Come to the gym to sign up in person. Monday, September 18th and 25th from 4:00 to 6:30pm
- If you have any questions please call Mike Paolini at the above numbers.

**GOOD COUNSEL HOMES BANQUET**

**Thursday, October 26th, 6:00 to 9:00 pm at The Merion, Route 130 Cinnaminson**

YOU are invited to attend Good Counsel's Eleventh Annual Fund Raising Banquet to benefit the homeless, pregnant mothers of our Riverside home. Come and hear one of the many success stories of one of Good Counsel's moms and how, through your financial support, she now has hope for her future. Reservations are required. Please contact Mary Ann Lorimer for information: 215-989-0021 or lorimerma@aol.com. Ask friends to join you and we will reserve a table of 10 just for you! A free will offering will be taken during the dinner. Celebrate the miracles of our Riverside home with us. We look forward to seeing you.



**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.**

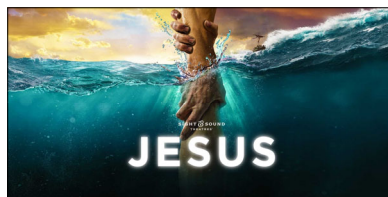


**WEEKEND MUSIC – SEPTEMBER 17TH**

- 546 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
- 463 Shelter Me, O God
- 399 There is a Longing
- 375 The Spirit Sends Us Forth



**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.

**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.

**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.