

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

WHY DO YOU STAND HERE IDLE ALL DAY?

The parable in today's Gospel identifies a very strong human tendency to believe that everyone should get what they deserve. If we achieve more than others, we deserve to receive more: more money, more privilege, more honor. And so we anticipate that God will reward more liberally those who have done more for God. Jesus says that God does things differently. The full day's wage in the story is like the gift of forgiveness and salvation, shared equally and abundantly with all. The full-day laborers complained that "you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden." They resented not being placed higher than the others, refusing to accept them as equals. Jesus is saying that, among God's people, there is no such pecking order. Regardless of background or achievements, we can accept everyone as brothers and sisters, and rejoice in God's generosity to everyone.

THE FIRST AND LAST

In today's parable, had the laborers who worked all day been paid first, they likely never would have known that the late-starters had been paid the same wage, and would not have become jealous. In the way the story is told, though, both the justice and the mercy of God are revealed. The landowner gave a just wage to those who worked all day, and he was generously merciful to those who worked less. When Jesus says that "the last will be first and the first will be last," he points to the kingdom of God. This is a kingdom where oppression is ended and divisions between people are healed. God brings justice and mercy to a world that sorely needs them. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is called "the first and the last," the Alpha and Omega. In Jesus, the first and the last are brought together to heal God's world. When we work for justice and show mercy, we join in Jesus' healing ministry.

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 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, Jeff Scouler, Jeanne Muzik, Joseph Allen, 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 25, 2017

8:00 am **Tim Piazza**
r/o Betty Weinert

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

8:00 am **Jeff Scouler**
r/o Joanne & Dennis
Moore & Family

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

8:00 am **James Mulvihill**
r/o His Family
Charles Muraresku
r/o Donna & Rick Connor
**65th Wedding Anniversary
Blessings for Cathy & Paul Daly**
r/o Cathy & Paul

Thursday, September 28, 2017

8:00 am **Jeff Scouler**
r/o The Novak Family

Friday, September 29, 2017

8:00 am **Richard Boucher**
r/o The Wurtenberger
Family
Jeff Scouler
r/o Karen Howard

Saturday, September 30, 2017

8:00 am **People of the Parish**
4:30 pm **George Dusheck**
r/o Jean & Sharon
Genevieve Alburger
r/o Ken Heilig & Family
Thomas Gavin, Sr
r/o The Leone Family

Sunday, October 1, 2017

7:30 am **Lois Nark**
r/o Grace Casey
Louis Kurtyan
r/o Eleanor & Russell
Trautman
9:00 am **Barbara Fera**
r/o Al
10:30 am **Al Rezende**
r/o Pat Russell
Loretta Horgan
r/o Bob & Terry
Schumann
12:00 pm **Joi Cloran**
r/o Her Family
Toby Walz
r/o The Sauls' Family



**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, Sandra 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.

Care of the sick: If a family member is sick or homebound and would like to receive Communion please contact Dawn Vermes at 856-979-5707.

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

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO PURCHASE CAR RAFFLE TICKETS

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.

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 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

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 27

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Thursday, September 28

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

7:00 pm — Dance Class
Lower Church

Friday, September 29

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Following 8:00 am Mass

Saturday, September 30

11:00 am — Block Party

Sunday, October 1

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:15 pm — Celebration of Baptisms
Church

7:00 pm — Youth Group Meeting
Family Center

8:00 pm — AA Meeting
Lower Church

Block Party

There will be a meeting for all those helping out for the block party this Sunday 9/24 at 6:30pm in the family center.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of September 16 & 17, 2017

\$10,988.00

Same Weekend last year’s collection

\$9,853.00

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

Many years ago in another parish, I found myself concerned about an elderly woman who consistently sat with her granddaughter in the back pew of the church. She seemed always to come to Mass early. Unable to restrain myself one Sunday, I asked why she didn't sit up front but always sat in the last pew.

Without no hesitation she responded: "When I was growing up (and this was in the old church) my grandmother used to bring me to church, and she always sat in the last pew."

My first thought was, "Oh, how customs die hard and pass down from one generation to the next." The more I thought about it, however, I began to see Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the Publican (Lk 18:9-14): Two people went up to the Temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and began to recite his virtues and good deeds (he spoke in praise of himself), the other stood off at a distance, bowed his head, "would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner'."

How could anybody say that Catholics don't know Scripture? Here was a woman who probably couldn't give me chapter and verse on the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, but who lived it out in her life.

Given the opportunity and some encouragement, she probably would have echoed the prayer of the psalmist who said (Ps 51: 18-19):

"For you do not desire sacrifice -- or I would give it; a burnt offering you would not accept. My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn."

Rather than all of us crowding into the back of the church in humility, each time we assemble for Mass we begin with the Penitential Rite. This is the time when we humbly acknowledge our sinfulness and beg forgiveness of the Lord as the deacon proclaims the three-fold Penitential Invocations:

*"You came to heal the contrite of heart, Lord have mercy.
You came to call sinners. Christ have mercy.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us. Lord have mercy."*

This is the time when we should be moved to "a contrite, humbled heart," knowing that the Lord offers us forgiveness and truly prepares us to celebrate worthily the great mystery of the Eucharist.



*"A contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn."
By Deacon Joe Donadieu*

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.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

Our next meeting is Sunday, September 24. Junior High Teens in grades 7 & 8 will meet 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Senior High Teens in grades 9-12 will meet 7:30 to 9:00 pm. See you there, and bring a friend! Don't forget your registration forms and t-shirt designs!

ATTENTION ADULTS!!!

Have you felt the call to guide our youth? Not sure how you can help? **WE NEED YOU!** We ask that you prayerfully consider joining our Youth Ministry Team to help facilitate our meetings. Contact Bridget for more information on how you can help. bridgiebee82@yahoo.com or 856-264-8943.

On Sunday, September 24th the Independence Fire Co #1 of Palmyra Designer Bag BINGO.

Money raised through this fundraiser will go to the Fire Company.

Tickets are \$30 for 15 games. Doors open up at 12:00 pm. Games start at 1:00 pm. For more information, contact Joanne at 856-303-0664, Michelle at 609-634-4626.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance
Join us for this wonderful discovery
Beginning October 11th at 9:00 am
in the Family Center

Discover Your Inheritance

Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that we as Christians are given in the Church. This letter tells us about the nature of the Church—as a body, as a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army. It shows us the great inheritance that awaits us as sons and daughters, adopted fully into the family of God. It reveals how God's great love for us can transform our daily lives if we allow it. *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance* is an 8-part Bible Study that will enrich your faith, and show you how to live it out.

In this study, you will:

- *Discover what it means to be not just a son or daughter of God, but an heir to all he has to give*
- *Learn about the great mystery of how we can love one another as Christ loves the Church.*
- *Find out that you have a place in God's "plan of sheer goodness."*

For more information or if you would like to order a study guide (\$19.95) please call Leslie at the Parish Office at 829-0090 or email: sacredheartri-verton@comcast.net.

Thank you

Thanks to your generous donations of yarn, we have donated to Virtua Hospital of Mt. Holly, Our Lady of

Lourdes Hospital, and Cooper Hospital a total of 600 newborn hats, 240 blankets, 9 sweaters and over 30 chemo hats since January! Come see samples at our table at the Block Party on Saturday, September 30th!



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



2017

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR
SACRED HEART FAMILY ...

September 30th ~ 11:00 am ~ Block Party

October 1st ~ CLOW begins at the 9:00 am Mass

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. Notice new contact.

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.

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 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.



Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels The whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels. — Catechism of the Catholic Church, 334

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.

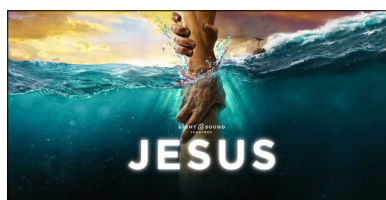


WEEKEND MUSIC – SEPTEMBER 24TH

- 422 All the Earth
- 381 The Summons
- 457 Shepherd Me, O God
- 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.

Holy Cross Academy News

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!

Open House

Thursday, October 5th

6:00 to 8:00 pm

Registration info: www.holycrossacademy.org

FREE Mammograms

For underinsured and uninsured women Get a free mammogram through the NJCEED Program at Virtua. Women age 40 to 64 qualify. To sign up, please call 856-247-7388.

Breast Cancer Awareness Event

Saturday, September 30th

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Jesus, the Good Shepherd Church

101 Middleton St

Riverside, NJ 08075

\$20 Walmart or Wawa gift card to women who complete their mammograms.

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.