

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 1, 2017

WHICH OF THE TWO SONS DID HIS FATHERS WILL?

Today's Gospel describes the second half of a sharp exchange between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. They asked, "By what authority do you do these things?" Much of this dispute is about authority. How could Jesus claim to represent God's purposes? This question continues to resonate today. Who speaks for God? Who doesn't? How do we tell the difference? Jesus' response is, look at the evidence. Look at how, in response to John the Baptist and to Jesus, people were healed in body and in spirit. Look how people found new intimacy with God, and how they turned away from their sin. The authority of John and of Jesus rested not in some position within the religious institutions, but in the grace and healing power evident in John and in Jesus.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The readings today make it clear that to be a follower of Jesus you have to be able to change your mind. More precisely, we must allow God to change us, to transform our minds. For most of us, this can be really hard. This is why the readings speak so much about humility. Humility opens up our capacity to be transformed. Humility allows us to challenge our own thinking and behavior, so as to avoid self-justification on one hand, and self-denigration on the other hand. Humility can be cultivated in the practice of reflection. This might mean claiming some time to allow God into our busy days. This might mean time away, through a retreat or day of quiet, perhaps with the help of a spiritual guide or director. Humility can also be cultivated in actions of service. We learn Jesus' humility through washing each other's feet. We can place other's interests ahead of our own, and relinquish our need to be in control. When we cultivate humility, we create space within us to allow God to take residence and transform us.

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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, Fr. Michael Waites, Mary Rosica, Theresa Gladney, Kathy Frunzi, 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, October 2, 2017

8:00 am **Sr. Helen Cecilia Lowen, OP**
r/o Mary Lou

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

8:00 am **Geraldine & Steven DeLuca**
r/o Their Family

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

8:00 am **Eddie Breslin**
r/o Dan & Jeannie
Colbert

Veronica Davidson

r/o Her Family

Thursday, October 5, 2017

8:00 am **Jeff Scouler**
r/o KC & Donna Casey &
Family

Friday, October 6, 2017

8:00 am **Flora Kramer**
r/o Angela Giosia

Saturday, October 7, 2017

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

4:30 pm **Thomas Gavin, Sr**
r/o The Leone Family

Judith McCauley

r/o Patricia Baxter

Carol Baxter

r/o Patricia Baxter

Sunday, October 8, 2017

7:30 am **Matthew Basara**
r/o His Children

Lois Nark

r/o Maureen Reilly

9:00 am **Frank & Kathleen Rickus**
r/o Their Family

John McKenna

r/o Tom & Bernice Reilly

10:30 am **Bob Cristella**
r/o Judy Cristella

Eugene George Hudson, Jr

r/o Mary Ann Laverty &
Family

Carol Ann Stephany

r/o Ed Stephany &
Family

12:00 pm **Lillian Wille**
r/o Her Family

Mark Irons

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, 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CLASSES BEGIN TODAY, OCTOBER 1ST

Thank you! Thank you! We now have our full compliment of Catechists for our 41 classes. God has blessed us abundantly, calling forth new "Missionary Disciples". Today marks a new beginning ~ our children, our catechists growing in faith together. God bless us, one and all!



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

Fr. Mike's Funeral Mass will be Thursday, October 5 at 11:00 am with a visitation from 9:00 to 11:00 am at Sacred Heart.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The Parish Office will be closed starting at 10:00 am.

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, October 2

No Legion of Mary

Tuesday, October 3

Miraculous Medal Novena

Following 8:00 am Mass

1:00 pm — Willing and Able

Family Center

7:00 pm — NA Meeting

Lower Church

Wednesday, October 4

7:00 pm — Feast of the Holy Rosary

Church

8:00 pm — AA Meeting

Lower Church

Thursday, October 5

6:00 pm — Mary's Rosary Guild

Lower Church Rosary Room

7:00 pm — Dance Class

Lower Church

Friday, October 6

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Following 8:00 am Mass

Saturday, October 7

9:00 am — Blessing of Animals

Front of the Church

Sunday, October 8

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

After the 9:00 am Mass — Coffee & Donuts

After the 10:30 am Mass — Coffee & Donuts

Lower Church

7:00 pm — Youth Group Meeting

Family Center

8:00 pm — AA Meeting

Lower Church

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

— Psalm 25:4-5

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of September 23 & 24, 2017

\$9,152.00

Same Weekend last year's collection

\$9,382.00

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

BE PREPARED

A wedding was a major community event in the time of Jesus. The celebration lasted for days. A highpoint was the arrival of the groom at the house of the bride. There he was greeted with great joy and ceremony by a group of bridesmaids.

Ancient literature says that sometimes grooms delayed their arrival. Some even waited until the middle of the night. Their "prankish" purpose was to catch the bridesmaids unaware.

Jesus used this message to teach the people about His coming at the end of time. It will catch many people unaware. As a result they will not be prepared to enter the eternal banquet feast with Jesus.

The question we should ask ourselves is if Jesus' second coming were to take place today, how prepared would we be?

I'm reminded of an old joke that the late Deacon Joe Knipp shared with me on being ready.

A friend was depressed when he got back from the doctor's office. "What's the matter," his wife asked. "The doctor says I have to take one of these white pills every day for the rest of my life." "And what's so bad about that," she asked. "He only gave me seven with no refills."

My friends, Jesus is warning us that there are certain things in life that we can't put off to the last minute. Common sense tells us that we can't put off studying for a driver's exam until five minutes before we take it, nor can we put off getting a flu shot until five minutes after we've caught the flu. In a similar way we should not put off being prepared to receive the Lord at any time!

Here's a little poem that fits the message well.

The clock of life is wound but once, and no one has the power, to tell when the hands will stop, at late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own; live, love, work with a will. Place not faith in tomorrow; the clock may then be still!

God Bless!

Deacon Ken



PEACEFUL HEART

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart. — St. Francis of Assisi

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 is Sunday, October 1st. 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.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Are returning

We will be serving coffee & donuts next Sunday, October 8th, following the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses in the lower church. This is an excellent opportunity for current parishioners to renew old acquaintances and make new ones and for new parishioners to meet us and learn more about us.

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

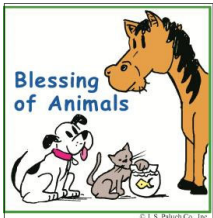
Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that we as Christians are given in the Church. This letter tells us about the nature of the Church—as a body, as a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army. It shows us the great inheritance that awaits us as sons 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: [sacredheartriver-
ton@comcast.net](mailto:sacredheartriver-
ton@comcast.net).

BLESSING OF ANIMALS



Through the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi we will ask God's blessings upon our pets on Saturday, October 7th at 9:00 am in front of the Church. The community is invited to bring their pets so that they may receive this special blessing by

Deacon Michael Stinsman.



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 ...**

- 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

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that lifewhen your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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 2 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

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.

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 the 10:30am & 12:00 pm Masses this weekend. Tickets are priced at \$2 each. Drawing will take place at the Taste of Burlington County. Winner need not be present.

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.

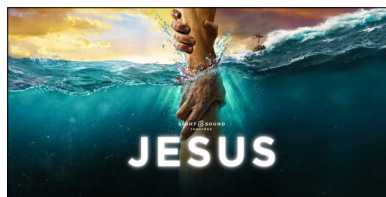


WEEKEND MUSIC – OCTOBER 1ST

- 614 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
- 497 We Have Been Told
- 744 To You, O Lord
- 532 O Bless the Lord, My Soul



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.

RECENT BAPTISMS AT SACRED HEART

We extend a warm welcome to our newly Baptized



- Oliva Marie Ferguson**
- Rory Patrick Hughes**
- Zachary Michael Irvn**
- Eva Rose Johnson**
- Logan James Manning**
- Jaylene Orozco**
- Ozomare Nneka Ovadje**
- Brooke Grace Pierone**
- Brandon Clarence Ransburgh, Jr**

May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways. — Psalm 91:11

Catholic Daughters will be selling 25% discount coupons for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day. The event will be October 17th at Boscov's and the coupons are \$5.00 . We will be in the back of the church for 2 week-ends prior to the sale October 7th & 8th and October 14th & 15th. Catholic Daughters donates all proceeds to local and national charities. Thank you in advance for your support. Any questions call Terry at 829-5121

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.

Lord and Savior... Amen.