# 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 ~ August 29, 2021**

Reverend Charles Schwartz

And the people at

***Sacred Heart Church***

Riverton, NJ

Asks God's Blessing upon you

***Reverend Roberto Ignacio***

On the occasion of your retirement.

Well done. Well deserved. Well loved.

Keep that joyful heart, Fr. Tito

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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
2:30 pm — 3:30 pm (in the Sacristy)

## *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

Alice Witherow, Nicholas Condodina, Eleanor Tilmont, Veronica Yansick, Joseph McDonough, James Sargent, III, Joan Harding, Charles Rosica, Michaelene Sutton, Christine Kowalski, Raymond Tubic, Jr., Michael Schneider, Pat MacCord, Dennis Mundy, Jennie Giampaolo, Edward Diamond, Walter Biernacki, Terrance McStravick, Bernice Dunn, Henry Sincavage, Theresa Cotter, Cecilia Angst, Jimmy Morrissey, Joanne Lavin, Mildred Greisamer, Patricia McGinnis, Suzanne Allen, Leo Kilcourse, Margaret Conlow, Alice Anderson, JoAnn Kline, John Baxter, Rosalie Mascio, Charles O'Malley, Vincent Perkins, Chief Ed DeLussey, Mary Theresa McGonagle, Christian Gonzalez, Phyllis Jung, Daniel Campbell, Florence Klein, Caroline Shontz, Helen McGee, Rita Leone, Joseph Vanak, Helen Gilbert, Marie Bloomquist, Marie Rota, Joanne Nesemeier, Pat Pellegrino, Rick Dudzic, Jeanne Max, Liane Stafford, Debra Burns, France Carmondy, Mary Ann Lattore, Jim Nachman, Sarah Jane Zimmermann, Patrick O'Neill, Sr., June Gill, Sophie Maduzio, Vincent Trolla, Ed Devine, William Wagner, III, Stephen Tranovich, Anthony Pignatelli, Debbie Stinsman, Jane Hutchinson, Lila Gramlich, Joseph Niedermayer, Joseph Deegan, Mitchell Drissel, Rosemary Gennello, Daniel Murphy, Betty Graff, Joanne Ragan, Anita Pointouski, Eileen Crafts and Terry Smith

**Monday, August 30, 2021**

8:00 am **Betty Horan**
r/o Her Family
**Tony Colkers**
r/o His Wife, Joan
**Dot & Bill Fries (80th Wedding Anniversary)**
r/o Their Son, Bill

**Tuesday, August 31, 2021**

8:00 am **Raymond Zelasko**
r/o His Family
**Bob Cristella**
r/o His Family

**Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

8:00 am **Special Intentions for Terry Novak**
r/o The Morning Mass Goers

**Thursday, September 2, 2021**

8:00 am **Bill Fries**
r/o His Son, Bill
**Sue Horan**
r/o Her Family

**Friday, September 3, 2021**

8:00 am **Bill Fries**
r/o His Daughter, Dottie Gerlock
**Louis Caccese, Jr.**
r/o His Siblings
**Rev. John F. Welsh**
r/o Sacred Heart

**Saturday, September 4, 2021**

8:00 am **Sisters Fidelis & Helen Cecilia, O.P.**
r/o Mary Lou

4:00 pm **Bill Klein**
r/o His Family
**Daniel Campbell**
r/o Therese Garbett
**The Deceased Members of the Koch Family**
r/o Winne Koch

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

7:30 am **Ralph Talarico**
r/o Vince & Celene Talarico & Family

9:30 am **Carol Besser**
r/o Darlene Fleming
**Special Intentions for the Gerlach Family**
r/o Father Chuck

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## Please Pray For Our Sick And Homebound

Patricia Baxter, Margaret (Peg) Brooks, Doug Budroe, Tom Cairns III, Angela Cheesman, Dorothy Clinton, Diana Comerford, Esther DiLeonardo, Tanya DiMaio, Rosemary DiTaranto, Deacon Joe Donadieu, Ruth Donadieu, Diane Donnelly, Fr. George Dudak, Jean Dusheck, Kathy Ellis, Elizabeth Falkiewicz, Marianne Ford, Stephanie Forker, Nicole Funkhouser Joe Gross, Marlie & Megan Guicheteau, Jamie Hall, Maddie Harris, Eric & Sasha Hayes, Mary Hayes, Gerald Higgins, Carol Hosey, Glenn D. Jackson, Vernon Jenkins, Madison Jones, John Jordan, Marie Kenkelen, Regina Kurtz, Matthew Laverty, Willow Laverty, Joe Leahy, David MacWilliams, Molly Maerten, Travis Martin, Bill Max, William McGonigal, Ashley McKeon, Mary Meeks, Amanda Milewski, Melissa Milewski, Mary Moynahan, Shawn Mulvihill, Rick Muraresku, Marty O'Halloran, Millie Opperman, Judy & Eric Palait, Mary Theresa Pepper, Joseph & Mary Ellen Raday, Kate Salamon, Michael Stanley Schneider, Linda Sekula, Charles & Susan Sharpe, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Ed Siemietkoski, Ryan Small, Gwen Smith, Joanne Soden, Carol Spence, Nicole Stavely, Millie Flannery Strohm, Tim Svitak, Amy Tuccillo, Paul Ugolick, Gigi Urbano, Donna Van Hoy, Mary Vandy, Bob Venango, Jennifer Wark, Patrick White, Dennis Willoughby and Jamie Willoughby

*If you or a family member would like prayers during Mass from our parishioners please call the parish office.*

**Care of the sick:** If a family member is sick or homebound and would like to receive Communion please contact Dawn Vermes at 856-979-5107.

## WEEKEND MUSIC — AUGUST 29TH

**417** The Church's One Foundation
**592** Your Words Are Spirit and Life
**348** The Supper of the Lord
**376** Sent Forth By God's Blessing

**Mass Intentions continued**

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

9:30 am **Special Intentions for our Brothers & Sisters in Afghanistan**
r/o The Hadley Family

11:30 am **Martha Hamilton**
r/o Bernard Kolacz

**Pope Francis declared this to the Year of Saint Joseph. As part of our celebrations, we will recite the Pope's prayer for St. Joseph at the end of Mass after the final blessing:**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

This Year of St. Joseph inspires us to honor St. Joseph.

One way of honoring him is on Wednesdays.
We already honor his wife Mary on Saturdays, the day dedicated to her, and we pay honor to Jesus' Passion and his Sacred Heart on Fridays, the day dedicated to both.

Our Heavenly Father desires all three hearts "The Sacred Hearts of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph have been chosen by the Most Holy Trinity to bring peace to the world." It is at God's request that "special love and honor be given to them" to help us "imitate" their love and their lives, as well as "offer reparation" for the sins committed against them and their love.

The St. Joseph First Wednesday devotion is:
1. Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary - remembering St. Joseph's love, his life, his role and his sufferings.
2. Receive Holy Communion - in union with the love St. Joseph had for Jesus the first time and each time he held him - his son, his God and Savior - in his arms.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

***August 23, 2021***
$7,261.00

***Electronic giving for August 2021***
$9,901.00

***Thank you very much to all of you who have been kind enough to drop off or mail in your weekly offerings.***

***Please remember Sacred Heart in your Last Will and Testament***

# Father Chuck's Homily:

Today's reading can be a land mine for a preacher. They are all about rules – something the Church knows a thing or two about. Moses gave the rules, James talks about how to do the rules, and Jesus criticizes those who worship the rules. The danger is either to be too rule bound or too rule critical.

Moses gives the rules to the people – remember when Moses led the people out of Egypt it was a motley group – other people had seen the Jews leaving and joined in. So, he had to create out of that 'motley group' one nation, one people. And so, he set out laws for them all to follow: laws that were different from the other peoples that would set the Jews apart as a special people. Now if you look at the laws, many seem to have a basis in health and sanitation: washing hand and pots and pans and not eating pork, and the kosher laws of not mixing certain foods. The ancient Jews were a healthier lot than their neighbors.

Now Saint James says that we should welcome the law – the word – into our hearts and be doers of the word, not just hearing it but putting it into action. And the word Jesus spoke, the law was one of love.

And Jesus in the Gospel rebukes the Pharisees because they were doing things to do things. They had taken the Law of Moses and turned it into an object of worship. The reason behind the law was forgotten. The doing was all that there was left. and in doing so they had created a few of their own, probably because that was the way things were 'supposed' to be.

What does all of that mean? Well, it means that we need to do all those 'Catholic things' because they point a way from us to someone else: To Jesus and his presence in our lives. Not to do them only because that's what Catholics do, not to do them because that's the way they've been done for 1,000 years, but because by genuflecting when we enter and exit a pew – every time we enter or exit a pew – we are acknowledging his presence in the tabernacle. By blessing ourselves before prayer we are acknowledging the Trinity. Everything we do should be done to point away from ourselves to Him.

Now sadly in the Church we have our own version of the Pharisees, and they fall into two categories: either slavish devotion to the way things are supposed to be, or setting yourself up as the one who determines how things should be. I've worked with both. Generally, the first tend to be the backwards lookers and the second the forward lookers.

We've all met the first type: They tend to say things like "Well the General Instruction says on page 14 paragraph three subsection a. . ." or "I'm old school and I'll never – fill in the blank." They observe the rules because the rules are there and may have no idea why the rules are there. They allow for no gray areas, only black and white.

The second type is the ones who make up their own version of the rules and are no less dogmatic about enforcing them. The ones who make up their own versions of things: Liturgical musicians are good at that, rationalizing that they are saying the same thing, just slightly different. Only it's not that slight: When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death Lord Jesus until you come in glory is not the same as when we eat this bread of life and we drink from this holy cup we proclaim your death Oh lord till you come again.

What both have in common is that they have replaced the reason with the rule and set themselves up as the arbiter: the deciders – of what is right and wrong: the essence of being a Pharisee and others succumb to the logic – or seeming logic – of their arguments – or their bullying – and before you know it a new rule has been established Rome knows nothing about. Perfect example: holding hands during the Our Father. It was introduced in the late 60's/ 70's locally as a way of showing our unity – as if the Eucharist and our presence at it were not enough – and rapidly spread as THE thing to do. Never mind the Church has never mandated one position or another and in fact has indicated no position should be mandated. But in some places if you did NOT hold hands you were considered 'wrong'. When in fact you were doing exactly what the Church wanted.

How do we get out of that mess? Well first, by good teaching – our job. And second, by examining what you do and why? Do you genuflect to show reverence to Jesus in the sacrament? Do you genuflect at all? Do you know why we do certain tings? Are you sure? Take the time to not just examine, but to learn so that as James says we do all that we do because we are doers of the word and not hearers only.

Good Sunday to you!

Last weekend at the 7:30 Mass something happened I want to correct. 99 times out of 100 when we hear 'through Christ our Lord" we respond "Amen". The one time we don't is during the Preface when the prayer continues. This weekend you will hear: ". . . Almighty and eternal God through Christ our Lord. For out of compassion . . .". Please do not respond AMEN at that point.

Another thing is the blessing of yourself at the end of the Penitential Rite when the priest says: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life." This is not in any way prescribed by the Church – it is a private devotional practice. Whether or not it is performed is left entirely up to the individual. Personally, I think it is unnecessary, but leave it to you to decide for yourself.

I hope you'll all take time to come over to the gym after the 11:30 Mass to bid Father Tito a fond farewell. Although he'll be back and forth for a few weeks, he's officially released from duty for a well-deserved retirement.

We have revived our Reverse 50/50, after a one-year hiatus (as with everything else), info will be in next week's bulletin.

I pray you have a safe and blessed week… Father Chuck

A Prayer for the Troops

Lord, we lift up the military troops that are in or being deployed to Afghanistan right now. Protect them as they give up their safety to protect us. Thank you that we live in a free country, where the choice can be made to fight for this freedom. Thank you for every single person who has dedicated their own lives to protecting this nation and people, as well as the people of other nations. Help them evacuate people with safety and be a source of hope to those feeling trapped and afraid. We thank them for their sacrifice – a sacrifice that you are so familiar with. Amen

**MEMORIALS**

**The Sacred Heart Lamp Burns This Week**

In Loving Memory of

*Marie Sergi*

At the Request of

*Her Nephew, Larry Donovan*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Registration for Religious Education is open for the 2021-2022 year, starting in the fall.

**Please take notice to the new Religious Education Schedule.**

**We Can** will meet the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays; 9:30 to 10:30am.

**Kindergarten** will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays; 9:30 to 10:30am.

**First and Second Grades** will meet every Sunday; 11:25am to 12:30pm.

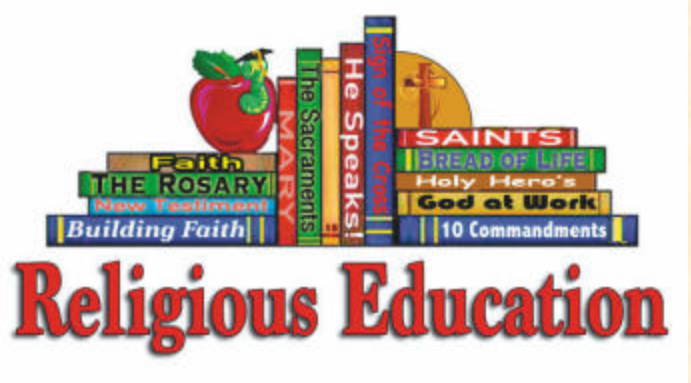
**Third and Fourth Grades** will meet on **Monday evenings**; 6:25 to 7:30pm.

**Fifth and Sixth Grades** will meet on Wednesday evenings; 7:00 to 8:15pm.

**Seventh and Eight Grades** will meet on Tuesday evenings; 7:00 to 8:15pm.

Please go to: ttps://shcriverton.churchgiving.com/religiouseducation2021 to register or contact the Religious Education Office at 856-829-1848 or email Joanne Moore at jmooreshc@gmail.com. Tuition for Grades 1-8 is $125 for one child, $210 for two children, and $275 for three or more children. Kindergarten is $65.

**Catechists and Aides are needed!** If you are interested in teaching or being an aide for Religious Education please contact the Religious Education office.



# Getting to the Heart of the Matter

When God gave Moses the Commandments, they were not suggestions and they were not from an evil dictator. They were given by our Loving God that we would be able to take possession of all that He wants for us.

With so many things in this world, God created an order to life that has been manifest in all of creation. The sun followed by the moon, the to and fro of the ocean waves and the tides, the order and repetition of the seasons. In the order of His Commandments, He gives us the plan for life to go well for us with His wisdom.

This perfect gift has been given from above, yet too many times we miss the point. The point, or better said, the heart of the matter is Love. Love for God and love for others. Everything we do, should be motivated by that principle. When it is not, we may be falling into the same pit the Pharisees did, when they tried to trip up their brothers instead of helping them. We also may be putting ourselves as above someone else.

James gives us great direction when he tells us in today's reading to "*Humbly* welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls." We humbly approach God, loving Him in the truth that lies deep within our hearts. When we find something within us that does not line up with God's love, we seek forgiveness and repent. With purity of intention and with humility we can live in the presence of the Lord. The Pharisees did get tied up with all the laws and they may have expounded on them. Now God's laws were good, but what took root in their hearts did not come from love and humility. Therefore, their ideas of the law became more important that their concern for the people the law was to serve.

Purify our hearts Lord that your Word as rich as it is may dwell in us and that Love would take root and grow in us for others.

This is the lyrics of one of my favorite songs by Jim Cowan

*Make my heart your dwelling place a temple just for you. A consecrated resting place a vessel ever true.*
*Make my heart a fire with the brightness of your Son. Make my heart your dwelling place for the Holy One.*

*Fran Stinsman*

**Please do not use l.crofton@shcriverton.org (it is not working).**

**Use sacredheartriverton@comcast.net.**

**Thank you, Leslie**

## Heart to Heart Ministry
## Book Bag Drive

The Heart to Heart Ministry is collecting book bags for the children of Sacred Heart in Camden. We will continue to collect school bags now through Labor Day Weekend. Sacred Heart Riverton Parishioners have always been very generous in the past. We thank you in anticipation of your participation to support the children again.

**Bags can be place at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Altar on the St. Joseph side of the**

*Liturgical Ministers Schedule*

September 4th - September 5th: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

| | 4:00 pm | 7:30am | 9:30am | 11:30am |
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| **Cantors** | Linda Mundy | | Kathy Smith | Sue Wilson |
| **Lectors** | Joe Young | Pat Russell | Bob Venango | Bob Collinsgru |
| **Extraordinary Ministers** | Bridget Hagstoz<br>Dolores Burke | Rosemarie Devlin<br>Marie Russo | Fran Stinsman<br>Lolly Blaney | Kathy Taggart<br>Alyse Taggart |

September 22 - October 31, 2021

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

Do you ever feel like the world has gone crazy and there's nothing you can do about it? Almighty God can! And you can pray.

Prayerful presence outside an abortion clinic has been proven to impact "no show" rates for abortion appointments up to 75%.

The Cherry Hill Women's Center's website says: "CHWC is proudly the only Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) in New Jersey that offers abortion care up to 25 weeks of pregnancy" -that's 6 months! 200+ abortions are done there each week. As Christians, we must stand up to this evil!

Join us for the **FALL 40 Days for Life Campaign from September 22-October 31**.

Please go to 40daysforlife.com/cherryhill to sign up for a weekly hour to pray peacefully and offer hope to abortion minded women. Ask your spouse or a friend to sign up with you! Our goal is to have 2 people pray peacefully each hour 7am – 7pm for the duration of the campaign and we need volunteers to join our 40 Days for Life family. If you have questions or concerns, need a prayer partner or need help signing call or text Claire at 856-313-9861 or email claire@helpersnj.org.

For more information please call…

Karen Howard at 609-876-2260 or
Elizabeth Rischar at 856-236-2676

www.40daysforlife.com

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are. For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed! Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling. ©LPi

## *Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2021*
## *Sunday, October 3rd*

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2020 or 2021 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Burlington and Mercer counties may attend the Sunday, October 3, 2021 Mass and Blessing at 3:00pm at St. Mary Cathedral in Trenton. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited but the event will be livestreamed. Couples may register through their parish or online pending approval of their parish. For more information or to register online go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 15th. To register please call the Parish Office at 829-0090.

### Give it all Back

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what's owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery. But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gun slinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive? Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls. Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense? The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs? Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that's robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that's justice. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

The Our Lady of Grace statue is available to visit your home. We have made adjustments for the current pandemic which includes a non-contact visit. It is a turbulent time when we all need our hope and our faith more than ever before as we call upon Mary for our protection and petitions. Is Our Lady pulling at your heart and prompting you to call for her visit to your home? Believe there is a reason. Please do not delay, call to schedule a visit to your home to Sr. Angel Sauro, Legion of Mary, at: (856)-461-3873 home or (609)-234-8955 cell number.

**Catholic Daughters** are on the road again. A trip planned is to see *David* at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, for more information and reservations regarding the trip please call Marie Russo at 856-829-1999.

### A Prayer for the People of Afghanistan

Lord, we lift up the people of Afghanistan to you right now. We pray that you would take hold of them and help them walk through this fearful time. Protect them under your wing and help them feel the comfort and peace that only comes from your powerful presence.

So many people who have called this place their home have been displaced because of this event. Remind them, Lord, that their true home is in Heaven with you. Give those who believe in you the courage to stand strong in their faith and be a strong witness for you. Also, be with those who do not believe in you – help them to see the peace in your followers and allow the Holy Spirit to stir in their hearts as they witness this. Amen

**Catholic Daughters** is selling shopping passes for Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" event. For a $5 donation you will get a 25% off discount shopping pass. This event takes place on Wednesday, October 20th from 8am to 11pm. (This year it is in-store only).

For tickets Call Terry at 609-330-0231

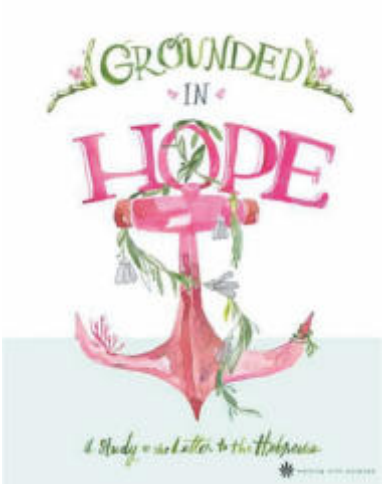
Do you enjoy gardening?
We need your help!

Sacred Heart is looking for a group of gardeners to get some of our grounds in good order? If you are interested call Fran at 829-1836 to be a part of our *Hands and Hearts Gardeners*.

**Catholic Charities Guardian Angel Benefit of Hope**

Each year Catholic Charities serves over 100,000 people in the diocese. This annual, event honoring community partners, who help to inspire and give hope to so many, is scheduled for September 9th from 6-7:30 PM. Due to covid19, the Gala will again be virtual, and all parishioners are invited to attend at no cost. On September 9th, to website: www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/Gaboh2021 to hear a former client's inspiring success story, enjoy the entertainment, join the silent action, and honor Catholic Charities' friends from each county in the diocese.
Catholic Charities assists with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence, and immigration services. If you know of a parishioner needing help, please contact us at www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org or call 800-360-7711.

walking with purpose




***WALKING WITH PURPOSE IS BACK!***

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

**Coming soon ~ starting September 9/30/21. Contact Thereese for more information: 609-731-2751.**

In a world where levels of despair, uncertainty, and fear are rising, we need more than clichés or positive thinking. ***Grounded in Hope***, based on the book of Hebrews, will help you encounter Jesus in such a powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way that He can become your lifeline.

Hebrews contains some of the most beautiful passages you'll find in Scripture. It will comfort you and challenge you. Every word of it has a treasure to mine, and those who are willing to make the effort will be richly rewarded.

**NEVER has it been more important for women to be *GROUNDED IN HOPE!!***

# Calling All Crafters

Sacred Heart Elves are hard at work looking for crafters to join in the fun for our 2021 Christmas Bazaar

**Where:** Sacred Heart Family Center
102 Fourth Street
Riverton, NJ 08077

**When:** Friday, November 26, 2021 4 PM to 9 PM
Saturday, November 27. 2021 10 AM to 3 PM

**Contact:** Mrs. JoAnn DiNoia @ jaydinoia2@gmail.com

**Register now** for a large table for $25.00 _____
Small table for $20.00 _____

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Please fill out form below and mail it to

Christmas Bazaar
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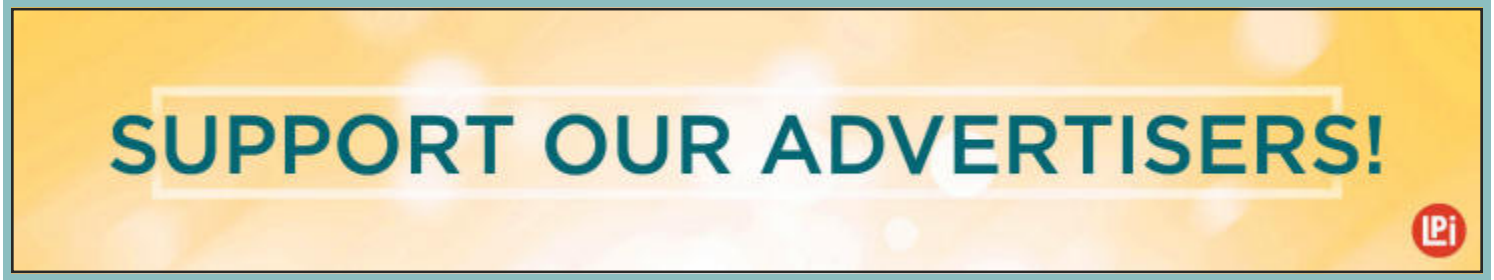
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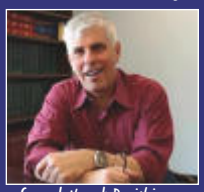

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