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.

First Sunday of Lent ~ March 6, 2022

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the “path of least resistance.” The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation? We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a “pet” one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn’t it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to. About temptation, St. Basil remarks, “As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation.” And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation’s remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.

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CONFESSIONS
Saturdays
2:30 pm — 3:30 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 LESLIE AT 856-829-0090 x 10.

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


Please remember to be reverent in Church before the Blessed Sacrament.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 7, 2022
8:00 am Father Vic Butler
r/o Sacred Heart

Tuesday, March 8, 2022
8:00 am Joe Horan
r/o His Family

Wednesday, March 9, 2022
8:00 am Confession Service

Thursday, March 10, 2022
8:00 am Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters # 2124
r/o Catholic Daughters

Friday, March 11, 2022
8:00 am James Mulvihill, Jr.
r/o His Family
Joseph Byrd
r/o His Family

Saturday, March 12, 2022
8:00 am Donald Carfagno
r/o Sacred Heart
4:00 pm Helen McElroy
r/o The Horan Family
John L. Jordan
r/o Mom & Dad

Sunday, March 13, 2022
7:30 am Rose Cooper
r/o The Tentilucci Family
9:30 am Vic Lattanzi
r/o Dan & Karen Howard
11:30 am Suzanne Schmitz
r/o Barbara Van Santen
Daniel Lyons
r/o Mike & Bonnie Campbell
Family

MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week
In Grateful Memory of
Joey Burlew
At the Request of
The Hall Family
PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND


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

WEEKEND MUSIC — MARCH 6TH

121  Led by the Spirit
123  Forty Days and Forty Nights
122  Beyond the Days
715  Lift High the Cross

Hymns for the 9:30am Mass with the Guitar Group

121  Led by the Spirit
130  Gracious God
437  On Eagle’s Wings
126  Save Your People

Tintinnabulation!
The sound of ringing bells.

Sacred Heart Bell Choir will begin rehearsing for this Easter (April 17) on Monday evening February 21, 2022 from 7-8:30PM in the music room (family center, use Linden St. entrance). Anyone (choir is multigenerational: grade 3 students through adult) who might be interested is invited to come to the rehearsal. The ability to read music is a plus, but not required; you will be shown how (and when) to ring your bell(s). Bell players also help to carry the bell cases or individual bells, music, stands and bell pads to church whenever we play and return them to the music room. The Bell Choir currently plays at Christmas (eve and/or day) and Easter (vigil and/or day). The hope is to continue rehearsals after Easter so the Bell Choir can continue to ring at other Masses throughout the church year.

For more information contact Susan Barnett at 856-786-5380 (leave a message) or e-mail s.barnettshcmusic@gmail.com.

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Please remember Sacred Heart in your Last Will and Testament
Father Chuck’s Homily:

No one ever accused the devil of being stupid. What does he do today? He tempts Jesus in three ways: Food, to challenge God as if he did not believe, and power and glory – or another way to look at it was an easier way to save the world than suffering and death. And in his third temptation he inadvertently gives us a warning. He quotes Scriptures: “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you.” And “With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.” He uses the scriptures to try to convince Jesus that it’s OK to do things his way.

That is a warning to us as we hear non-Catholics, preachers and lay people alike, spout off about the Church and what she believes and does and try to convince us that we are wrong, often quoting Scriptures to make their point. This a warning many of us may need, especially in this day and age when it seems the knives are out.

How often have I listened to one of these people on TV or the radio and they sound OH SO logical – for instance a public access preacher was talking about the Last Supper and ridiculing our belief in the Eucharist: “How could Jesus say this is my body when he was standing there IN his body?? Hmm??” and the same for the Cup. Um isn’t Jesus God (and man)? And if you say Jesus COULDN’T do something what are you saying about his divinity? Yes, he was somewhat constrained by his human body, but he was still fully divine. Didn’t he turn water into wine (oddly enough this preacher was against drinking – go figure)? Raise the dead? Cure diseases? What are you saying about Jesus when you say he COULDN’T do something? The weakness they are exploiting is that most lay Catholic are not theologians – that’s what you have us for.

You see what they are doing is making the Scriptures justify what they do – even if it means mangling the Scriptures. What we need to do when we hear these people say something that seems to contradict what we believe is to return to the source – the Bible, Church teaching. Just because you’re not a theologian doesn’t mean you can’t learn, study, reflect on the Scriptures and Church teaching. You may not be able to argue them to a standstill, but you can let them know we’re not pushovers.

This would be a good Lenten practice: to take some time – or some more time – each day and read the Scriptures, stopping now and then when a particular passage, or even just a phrase, affects us and meditating on that and why it touched us, and how it relates to our Christian life and how we are living it. And if it points out something we’re getting right, give thanks, and if it points out something where maybe we’re not so much wrong as not quite right, change it, correct it, and again give thanks that we are given the opportunity to conform our live more closely to Jesus.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us on Friday’s of Lent beginning at 7:00 pm for the beautiful Catholic tradition of Stations of the Cross. Led by the deacons of our parish with a sung refrain at the end of each Station, Stations are a prayerful meditation on the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus.

Set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 12th before you go to bed. Be sure to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
Good Lent to you!

Well, we have begun our penitential season. A time of quiet reflection on our lies and how we have levied up to Jesus’ commands and instruction. A time when we, make a small sacrifice in honor of him who made such a great sacrifice for us. I pray that your Lenten season this year will be fruitful not just for yourselves, but for those you love.

You will have noticed that the work on Old School building was proceeding quite nicely earlier this week. It may even be done by the time you read this. Goralski roofing did a great job, and I am impressed with them. I was surprised that there was so little damage to the sheathing under the roof.

Just a gentle reminder of a few things as we begin the new church season:

1. When you enter and exit the church to use the holy water fonts at the doors to bless yourself. Holy Water is a sacramental – an object related to a sacrament, but not a sacrament itself. It should remind us of the sacrament, so Holy Water reminds us of our baptism and by using it we are receiving grace.

2. When you enter or exit the pew at the beginning and end of Mass. You should reverence the Tabernacle and Jesus with genuflection (right knee touched floor next to left ankle) or a profound bow – a profound bow is one from the waist. Too many of us are simply walking in and sitting down as if it’s no big deal to be on Jesus’ presence.

3. Please remember if you are receiving Communion on the tongue to be at the end of the Communion line. If there is any contact between the hand and the tongue, we must stop the line, sanitize our hands and then resume distribution. If you are last in line, it causes less disruption if this happens.

4. For those who want to take Communion to a shut in or the sick. Please do not present the pyx to be filled during the Communion line. Bring it up before Mass and tell us how many hosts you need, or come up after Mass. By filling it during the Communion line you are breaking the image of Jesus being brought to those who cannot make it to Mass. Also, Communion should be taken directly to the person, with no stops in between.

I pray again that you have safe blessed and fruitful Lenten season...Father Chuck

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God First!

Colonial Penn Insurance Company ran a commercial with Alex Trebek promoting the three P’s. In which case he said the three P’s are for price, price, and price.

In this week’s gospel Jesus triumphs over the three P’s and he gives us an example to follow during these 40 days of Lent. The three P’s Jesus overcomes are the temptations of pleasure, power, and prestige.

In our case, these three P’s are linked to our original sin of pride. Every temptation we experience falls within pleasure, power and prestige. Jesus took on these temptations and had victory over them. He gave us an example of humility through His baptism by John, and the power of the Holy Spirit was with Him. He showed us by example to fight off the temptation to put “Me” first, putting ourselves in place of God. But all things fall empty without a close relationship and trust in the Lord of All.

The Israelite’s were given the direction to bring to God the “first fruits of the land in which God had given them”, and to bow in the Lord’s presence. What about us? Do we trust God to give him the first fruits of our lives? When we come to church do we bow in humility and awe of the Lord’s Presence? Do we put God first in everything we do? Do we give Him our “First”. The first of our energy and labors, the first of our time, the first of our money and possessions? Do we take a certain amount of our finances for the Lord’s work? Or do we give the Lord our leftovers by taking care of all our wants first?

Many like to exercise for their physical health, go to the gym or take on a walking regiment. Lent gives us an opportunity to take on a spiritual regiment to build our strength against the temptations that come our way on a daily basis. The desert gives us this special time to come back to “God is God” and I am not.

So how do we do this? By drawing away from pleasure, power and prestige and by drawing towards God in prayer, service and alms. Take part in the churches collections for the food pantries, the Holy Land collection or others. Volunteer to help at events at church, donate more of your time, money and energy for God’s Kingdom. Most of all take time to be aware of God with you. Sit in silence as an offering to the Lord.

Our Lord overcame the temptations in the desert and He is always present for us to call upon him for the strength we need to overcome our temptations too.

Fran Stinsman

St. Catherine of Bologna | March 9
St. Catherine of Bologna (September 8, 1413 – March 9, 1463) came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God. She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence. As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ, and the Virgin Mary. In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today.

Heart to Heart Ministry Sock Drive
We will be collecting all types and sizes of socks (new) for men, women and children (including athletes & sports types).

All socks will be donated to Sacred Heart Parish/School in Camden for distribution. Please drop off socks in Church at St. Elizabeth Anne Seton’s side altar.

Thank you for your generosity!
Pope Francis, through Bishop David O’Connell, has asked us to journey together in spiritual conversations and prayerfully give our input for the Synod 2021 -2023. All notes that are taken will be anonymous.

The following meetings are scheduled for your convenience. ALL are encouraged to attend, please make every effort to participate by attending one meeting.

March
10th 2:30 PM - All Catholic Daughters Family Center

16th 7 PM – Online Zoom Meeting
Register at:
fstinsmanshcriverton@gmail.com

24th 7PM- ALL Knights of Columbus
Rectory Deacon’s Room

26th After 8AM Mass / Family Center
All Liturgical Ministers, including Choir and EM’s to Homebound and Nursing Home

30th 7PM ALL Parish Meeting – Family Center

For Planning Purposes Please RSVP for Liturgical, Parish and Zoom meetings to Fran as soon as possible at 856-829-1836 or email fstinsmanshcriverton@gmail.com

This is an opportunity to answer Pope Francis's request.

Prayerfully consider: What have been the joys and obstacles in your journeying together with the Church?

WE CAN
(We Enrich Children of All Needs)
Religious Education for Special Needs Children

WE CAN is a Catholic Religious Education Program designed for Special Needs Children. This program focuses on educating students K-8 about the Catholic faith, prayer and preparation for the Sacraments of Penance, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Each student receives individualized attention in a well supervised, stress free, safe, and loving environment.

Classes run from October through April on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 9:30 -10:30 AM at Sacred Heart Family Center. To register your child for the 2022-23 season, please call the Sacred Heart Parish Religious Education Center at 856-829-1848.

To find out if this program is right for your child, please feel free to contact:
Heidi Devine, Director WE CAN: Cell 856-912-3450.
heididevine@hotmail.com

Catholic Daughters will be collecting baby items again for 1st Way of Burlington County. Let’s help these moms who chose life!

Items needed are baby clothing, baby blankets, diapers, formula, baby cereal, baby towels, shampoo, etc. They only accept donations for the babies. The only adult clothing they will accept is maternity clothing. Please place donations in the side altar closest to the ramp. We thank you in advance for your generosity!
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 Session will begin on Thursday, March 3rd, between 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Family Center. Each week we will focus on a different topic.

- **March 10**: The Reality of Loss
- **March 17**: Pain of Grief/Our Normal Feelings
- **March 24**: Adjusting to a Life Beyond Loss
- **March 31**: The Grieving Process
- **April 7**: Our Journey Towards a New Life

For more information please call Fran @ 829-1836

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.
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Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily

Local contact: Claire Howson, claire@helpersnj.org; 856-313-9861

Learn more ... get involved our goal is to have at least 2 people commit to peacefully pray each hour.

Please sign up at the web address below or call Claire to sign up.

40daysforlife.com/cherryhill

Sacred Heart Parish Contacts:
Karen Howard – 609-876-2260
Elizabeth Rischar – 856-236-2676

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Formed is a gift to you from the parish and you can access these programs by using the directions and code on the front page of our website. www.shcriverton.org
Sacred Heart Parish Mission, Riverton, NJ

March 13, 14, 15, 2022
7:00 p.m. each evening

In a world torn by strife and discord, let’s turn to the Father and find hope in

Themes:

Sunday, March 13th  Be Merciful
Monday, March 14th  Transforming Grace
Tuesday, March 15th  The Power of the Cross

A Penance Service with extra priests will be held on Tuesday evening.

Guest Preacher

Monsignor George A. Majoros is a Priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He was ordained May 19, 1979 and has had various assignments in Parishes and in Secondary Catholic Education. He is presently Pastor of the Partnering Parishes of Sacred Heart Parish, Clifton Heights and St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. He was commissioned by Pope Francis in 2016 as a Missionary of Mercy and given the faculties to forgive reserved sins.
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