



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

324 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Phone: 201-438-1147 Fax: 201-507-5861

www.sacredheartlynd.org

SERVED BY:

Rev. Theemas Pankiraj
Pastor

Rev. Archibald L. Mabini
Parochial Vicar
fatherarchibald@sacredheartlynd.org

PARISH OFFICE 615 NEW JERSEY AVE

Charles Sofio
Parish Manager
sacredheartchurch@comcast.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Margaret Dacchille
Parish Catechetical Leader
201-935-3094

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Linda Durocher
Principal
201-939-4277
ldurocher@sacredheartlynd.org

SMALL BLESSINGS DAY CARE
201-935-0506

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
973-497-4000



MARCH 31, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.'"

-Luke 15:22-24

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm(Spanish)
Monday - Friday: 7:00am in St. Dominic Chapel(No Mass in Jul. & Aug.)
12:00pm in the church
Saturday: 9:00am in St. Dominic Chapel,
5:00pm in church (Anticipated Mass of Sunday)
Holy Days & Holidays: As announced in Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 11:30am - 12:30pm and 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Daily: Upon request following the 12:00pm Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents should contact the parish office to schedule an interview and register for the required baptismal preparation session.

Preparation: in the church at 7:00pm
Apr. 8, May 13, Jun. 10

Sacrament: in the church at 3:00pm
Apr. 20 (8:30PM), May 19, Jun. 16

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Common Policy for Marriage in all Catholic parishes of New Jersey requires couples to begin preparation at least one year prior to the planned wedding date. It is advisable to contact the parish office before any other arrangements are made.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Anointing of the Sick is available for all seriously ill members of our parish family. Please call the parish office.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the Church's process to prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please call the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION / OFFICE HOURS

We invite all new members of our parish family to register at the Parish Office during regular office hours: 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday - Friday; Saturdays and Sundays Closed.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The parable of the prodigal son is the gospel today. So is the message of the parable this: No matter how irresponsible you are, no matter what you've done, God will take you back. God will say: Everything is okay now. We'll pretend it never happened? Yes and no. Yes, God will always take back with open arms anyone who returns to Him with even a little humility and contrition: "A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not reject" (Ps 51:17). But everything is not instantly okay. Once we have come back, we must learn to be content by the father's side. This is now the "project" of the prodigal son: to grow in his relationship with the father. We must learn to be still and to know our God. We must learn to be sober. We take ownership of our sins, not blaming anyone else, but saying, I was the one who abandoned my Father. And He brought me back.

The younger son has a long road ahead of him. It is the road of recovery. It is a road all of us have been on and are on. The older son also has a road to recovery, and it is also our path. The two brothers are on the same road together, each learning in his own way to be content by the Father's side, each learning to receive a gift that goes far beyond their ability to repay. Are you willing to refresh your relationship with God?

God bless you,

Fr. Theemas

UPCOMING Events

MARCH 2019

- 31(Sun.) Fourth Sunday Of Lent
- 31(Sun.) 10:00AM - Religious Ed. Classes
School
- 31(Sun.) 10:00AM - RCIA
Parish Center Dining Room

APRIL 2019

- 2(Tue.) 6:00PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet
Parish Center Chapel
- 2(Tue.) 6:30PM - Holy Rosary
Parish Center Chapel
- 3(Wed.) 3:30PM & 6:30PM Religious
Ed. Classes - School
- 5(Fri.) 12:30PM - Stations of the Cross
Church
- 5(Fri.) 1:00PM - Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel
- 5(Fri.) 6:00PM - Spanish Rosary
Chapel
- 6(Sat.) 8:00PM - Neocat Liturgy
Parish Center
- 7(Sun.) Fifth Sunday Of Lent
- 7(Sun.) 10:00AM - Religious Ed. Classes

LAETARE SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday, when the Church takes a bit of breather from Lenten practice and opens Mass with the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice, Jerusalem ... Be joyful, all who were in mourning!" – taken from Isaiah chapter 66. In church, flowers may be used to adorn the altar on this day, and the organ may be played more fully. On this Sunday, we look with expectation to the great Solemnity of Easter for which we have been preparing ourselves as a Church during the Lenten season. By its anticipation of the joy of Easter, Laetare Sunday is meant to give us hope and encouragement as we slowly progress towards the Paschal Feast. On both Laetare Sunday and Gaudete Sunday (the Third Sunday of Advent), a priest may wear rose vestments. The color rose is used as a sign of the joy which characterizes these two Sundays. The use of rose vestments probably stems from an ancient papal tradition of blessing golden roses which would be sent to Catholic heads of state in Europe on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. In addition to attending Sunday Mass, a family might choose to mark Laetare Sunday by anticipating the Easter feast; a Sunday brunch with roses on the table would be appropriate. A family might also wish, during this beginning period of spring, to plant a rose bush on this day. Finally, there was a medieval tradition of visiting one's "mother church" (the church where one was baptized) on this day. A family trip to see where mom and dad or the children began their journey of faith could make for a fine Sunday afternoon outing!

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL

Your Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

In Memory of: _____



\$50
\$35
\$25
\$20
\$15
\$10



Checks payable to: Sacred Heart Church

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

To everyone who worked tirelessly to make this event a success, a huge thank you. (you know who you are! Didn't want to risk detailing everyone's name in the event I omitted someone). A special thank you to the chefs, Mike Coyne and Fred Giordano, and to their families. We realize that this type of event is a collaborative effort and we're hoping that some of those who enjoyed it might volunteer when we decide on the next event. The dinner yielded approximately \$4,700 in net profit which will help offset some recent charges for insurance from the diocese. All of the leftovers were taken to Eva's Village in Paterson by Fred Giordano so Eva's clients also enjoyed some of St. Patrick's spirit. -Sabina Prendergast

ST. PATRICK'S 50/50 WINNER

Congratulations to Ronald A. Ross our St. Patrick's 50/50 Winner! Ronald received a check for \$3,262.50. Thanks to all who purchased tickets! Your support of this and other fundraising initiatives of the parish is a tremendous help and allows our parish to continue it's mission to announce the love of Jesus Christ in Lyndhurst!!



CHRISM MASS SAVE THE DATE

All are invited to the Chrism Mass at the **Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark** on the **Monday of Holy Week April 15th at 8:00 PM**. At this Mass Cardinal Tobin, joined by the priests of the archdiocese, gather at the Cathedral Basilica. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. Here the Cardinal blesses oils which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the archdiocese for the year.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The next food pantry opening will be on April 13th. Items "most needed items" at this time are: Fruit, Jelly, Cereal, Spaghetti, Potatoes (canned or small packages), Prepared Meals (boxed, canned, or bag 'sides'), Chili, and Coffee (regular or instant). Items which are always in need include: Vegetables, Tuna, Pasta Sauce, and Tea. Thank you for all of the generous donations which help keep our food pantry stocked. As a reminder, we are unable to package out-of-date food products for distribution to our families.

NEW PARISH OFFICE & CHURCH HOURS

Please note that the parish office hours have changed from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The church will also be open for prayer Monday to Friday from 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2019 LENTEN REGULATIONS

- The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted and two (2) smaller meals, which added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
- The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 16, 2019.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

SICK: Eleanor Descalzi, Betty Tynan, Baby Ryan Joseph Lomuscio, Dolores Manno, Sal Russo, Charles Klimkowsky, Nancy Namoviez, Margaret & Robert Sealer, Giovanna Muscara, Al & Joan Viscuso, Lea Pappas, Anita Barcia, Denise Swanteck, Ken Remo, Maureen F. Coughlin, John Smith, Melanie Paige Didomizio, Yvonne Hoefsloot, Julius Single, Melina Sylvestro, Dave Tzrepla, Frank Buco, Sr., John Stemkowski, Francis (Buddy) McSweeney, Dominick Palmieri, Christopher N. Coughlin, Vladimir Pudoff, Isabella Lugo, Tess, Allison Russell, Franceso Giacchi, Mario Alongi, Sr., Joseph Dietz, Arvn Santos, Vito & Grace Dacchille

DECEASED: Anna Michaud, Martha Stevens, Rosemary Pluchino, Sophie Borseso, Karen Smith, Howard Wartel

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



MONDAY, APRIL 1ST

In Honor of: The Memory of Marie Cavalcante & Ruth Scarpulla
Donated by: Isabel & Jim Cavalcante

LOOPS FOR LOVE

Loops for Love is alive and well. If you love to crochet or knit and care about babies, the elderly, and the sick, you are invited to join our group. The group always needs more ladies/men to join us and donate your work to those in need. If you don't know how to crochet or knit, our group would be happy to teach you. The group meets at the Senior Building almost every first and third Friday of the month from 12pm - 2pm. All the items made are donated to hospitals, nursing homes and individuals in need. If you are interested in making a monetary donation to Loops that would also be greatly appreciated. Donations received from our Sacred Heart family allows us to buy yarn so our members can make blankets, hats, etc., to donate to the needy. If you are interested in joining us or sending a donation call Micki at 201-997-5041. Our next meeting will be April 12th.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Preparations are underway for the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five, and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2019. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Joseph Cardinal Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on April 28th at 3:00PM (must register by April 16th) for the fifty year anniversaries and June 2 at 3:00PM (must register by May 21st) for the five and twenty-five year anniversaries. Please call the parish office to register.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

The elements of this devotion consist of four points, all of which must be offered in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. One should make this intention before carrying out Our Lady's request, *on the First Saturday of five successive months*,

1. go to confession, 2. receive Holy Communion, 3. say five decades of the Rosary, and 4. keep Our Lady company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the twenty mysteries of the Rosary.

Here at Sacred Heart, the devotion continues next Sat., Apr. 6th. You are invited to attend the **9:00 AM Mass** in the **convent chapel** and receive Holy Communion. After the Mass the Most Holy Rosary will be recited with Fatima Prayers. After, you are invited to spend 15 minutes in silent meditation on the mysteries of the rosary. The **sacrament of Reconciliation** will also be available **in the church** on Saturday, **11:30AM - 12:30 PM and 4:00 - 4:45PM**

MARCH 24, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS
INTENTIONS

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00 pm Martha Stevens

SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Marie Ross

10:30 am Doris Beeler

12:00pm Giovanni & Brian Antico

1:30 pm Jorge Raul Cadavid

MONDAY - Lenten Weekday

7:00am Zofia, & Jozef & Family (Living)

12:00pm Camille Catulli

TUESDAY - Lenten Weekday/St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

7:00am Wiktorja Czeslaw

12:00pm Corrado Detrizio

WEDNESDAY - Lenten Weekday

7:00am Rozalia, Piotr, Stefan

12:00pm Lynn Caruso (Living)

THURSDAY - Lenten Weekday/St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00am Alex Borbajo (Living).go

12:00pm Pablo Valenzuela

FIRST FRIDAY - Lenten Weekday/St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

7:00am

12:00pm Anna Christie

FIRST SATURDAY - Lenten Weekday

9:00am Purgatorial Society

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00 pm Margarita Pauta

SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Benjamin Natale

10:30 am Grace Mayer

12:00pm Krizan Peros

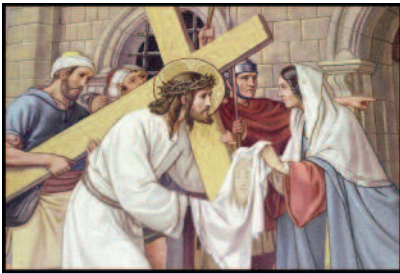
1:30 pm Jose Garzon Canto

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection - \$5,276.00

Add'l Assessment Collection - \$33.00

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As early as the 4th century, Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land would walk the route that Our Lord walked as He made His way to Golgotha for our salvation. When Muslims captured Jerusalem and it became too dangerous to make this pilgrimage, Christians replicated the sites back home and there developed the "Stations of the Cross" devotion (also known as "Way of the Cross," "Via Dolorosa," or "Via Crucis"). The devotion consists of meditating on 14 events -- that number being fixed in 1731 by Pope Clement XII -- which took place during Christ's Passion, from His being condemned to His burial. Here at Sacred Heart, we will pray the Stations of the Cross as a community during the Fridays of Lent **Apr.: 5, 12) following the 12 Noon Mass in the church.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The doctrine of the Real Presence asserts that in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus is literally and wholly present—body and blood, soul and divinity—under the appearances of bread and wine. Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us. The Church invites us to pray even more during the holy season of Lent. Join us for some intimate time in adoration of our Eucharistic Lord this Friday from 1:00PM - 8:00PM in St. Dominic's chapel in the parish center (former convent building).



THE LIGHT OF CHRIST. THANKS BE TO GOD.



The Paschal Candle, a symbol of the light and the hope that the risen Christ brings to the world, burns brightly in our sanctuary during all the liturgies celebrated in the Easter Season. After Pentecost, it is positioned at the Baptismal Font where it brings the light of Christ to our Baptismal and Funeral Liturgies, underscoring our belief that in baptism we die with Christ so that we may rise with Him into eternal life. If you would like to donate this year's Paschal Candle in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact the parish office at 201-438-1147.

ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS!!

YOUR PURCHASES CAN HELP OUR PARISH AT NO COST TO YOU!!

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to give a little support to our parish every time you shop, at **NO COST TO YOU**. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a half of one percent of the purchase price to our parish.

Just follow these simple steps:

- 1.) Visit smile.amazon.com. It's just like shopping on amazon.com.
- 2.) Sign in. Simply use your existing Amazon credentials. If you don't have an account, you can create a new one.
- 3.) Start shopping! In the box that says Pick Your Own Charitable Organization type in 324 Ridge Rd. This the address for the church. There are many, many Sacred Heart Churches on AmazonSmile, by using the address it will bring you directly to our parish. Click the yellow select button.
- 4.) If you are already an AmazonSmile user and want to switch your selected charity to be our parish, on the top of the screen you will see your current charity listed. Click the down arrow next to the charity name and follow the directions in step 3.
- 5.) Please remember to shop our smile.amazon.com link every time. Purchases made on the main Amazon.com site do not support our parish.

****If you have friends or family members who are Amazon shoppers, why not ask them if they would help our parish too?!****