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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS SCHEDULE 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm(Spanish) Sunday: Monday - Friday: 12:00pm in the church Saturday: 9:00am in the church. 5:00pm in church (Anticipated Mass of Sunday) Holy Days & Holidays: As announced in Bulletin SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:45pm Upon request following the 12:00pm Mass Daily: 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

Sacrament: in the church at at 3:00pm Nov. 21, Dec.19

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.

Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

We are a broken people. We always have been. From the first moments of history, mankind has been frail against the elements, weak against his enemies, selfish and self-centered in regard to his fellow man. Deep within our beings we have always longed to become whole, to be complete, to find peace, to experience love and to give of ourselves totally to another. But we also know that we cannot achieve this on our own.

Maybe that is why periodically throughout our history God has entered into a covenant with mankind.

We meet the word covenant frequently in both the Old and New Testaments. It is an ordinary, secular word which does not in itself have any special technical or spiritual meaning. But the very word covenant is a dangerous one because its common use from ancient times even until now has always been connected with legal and binding agreements with penalties for their infraction.

And if there has been a common and recurring weakness of the Judeo-Christian tradition, it has been a tendency towards legalism both in theology and ethics. Again and again we tend to distort and limit God and his will for man by attempting to put into legal systems truth that is better expressed in liturgy and worship, and to put into abstract rationality and logic insights and values better expressed in poetry and music.

When it comes to biblical covenants, a couple of points are important to consider.

First of all, in all covenants between God and man there is always a firm emphasis on God's initiative and God's love. The covenant is never a pact between equals. It is not some kind of negotiated settlement. It is always God who takes the first step. In the Old Testament, for example, the covenant with Noah is established very much in terms of God's own initiative. With regard to Abraham, God again makes the first approach. The redemptive and spiritual covenant always has as its background God's own grace. God announces His promises and lays down His terms. That is especially true, of course, in the Christian covenant. Man does not negotiate his own salvation with God. The whole process has its origin in God extending His arms in a loving embrace.

Secondly, the covenant is always two sided. Sometimes the importance of God's initiative is emphasized in such a way as to minimize the importance of man's response. But a covenant is by definition bilateral, and when it comes to the redemptive covenant, this is no less so. It is true that God takes the initiative and that God bears the cost. Yet the human response always remains an important element. If we go back, for example, to the Abrahamic covenant, we find a clear emphasis on the part played by Abraham's faith. There is no covenant without this human response.

Most of us are more at home in rational discussion than we are in joyous celebration. Faith can become merely a matter of routine - of fulfilling customs and obeying laws, but lacking the fire that gives vitality and direction to daily life.

Jesus' simple statements in today's Gospel embrace everything we need to do to emerge from our brokenness and become whole. They remind us of the covenants that God has continually made with us and are a foretaste of the New Covenant that Christ has made with His blood. And yet, they demand a radical change in our lives and a radical change in our whole perception of religion and faith.

We are all made in God's image and likeness. We are called to reverence the Lord in the many ways in which He is present in his world. When we love others, we are loving people who themselves are broken, but who are unique reflections of the presence of God. We cannot do otherwise.

When Christians first gathered, they celebrated a faith in the risen Jesus that gave an entirely new direction to their lives. Their coming together in prayer and worship gave them a chance to celebrate their new life, to share the Word that illumined their faith, to break a bread that would make them whole again and keep the memory of Jesus alive for them.

And each time we gather together, we share the same life the first Christians knew in their gatherings. We celebrate common rites of passage, everyday joys and struggles, and our responsibility for each other. We know the covenant. Let us rejoice in it. Let us come with thankful hearts for God and his Gift in Jesus Christ, looking forward to resurrection and hope even as we remember the cross and suffering.

OUR PARISH FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

It is only through your generosity that we are able to assist our brothes and sisters in our community that are in need.

If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated: Fruit, Spaghetti, Vegetables, Potatoes (small packages or canned), Cereal, Macaroni and Cheese, and Pasta Sauce. Thank you for all of the generous donations. It's only with your help that we are able to keep our food pantry stocked. As a reminder, we are unable to package out-of-date food products for distribution to our families.

With the pandemic issue still being felt by many, the Sacred Heart Food Pantry is letting those in need know there is food also available at St. Micheal's Rectory, 624 Page Ave, Lyndhurst, every Wednesday 10:00AM to noon, The only information needed is name, address, phone number and I.D.

Upcoming Food Pantry Open Dates:

Saturday, Nov. 20th (for Thanksgiving) Saturday, Dec. 18th (for Christmas)



ONLINE GIVING AT SACRED HEART

Forgot your envelope or wallet? Did you know you could give to our parish online through GoFundMe or Zelle? Giving to our parish is just a few clicks away on your cell phone, tablet and computer. It's quick and easy.

To use GoFundMe visit:

https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/sacre d-heart-church-lyndhurst to make your gift to our parish through GoFundMe.

To use Zelle

If you are a Zelle user at your bank you can create a Zelle payee for Sacred Heart parish using the sacredheartchurch@comcast.net email address.



BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood reli-

gious articles. These items will be displayed at the church after all Masses next weekend November 6th and 7th. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.



COME HOLY SPIRIT

The parish family of Sacred Heart extends our warmest congratulations to the youth of our parish family who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit by Bishop John W. Flesey in the sacrament of



Confirmation on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Our prayer is that this outpouring of the Holy Spirit will aid your personal growth in faith and enrich our parish and the Church Universal.

JAYDEN ALMONTE NICHOLAS BASILE **JUSTIN BIDO** ANDREW CARRION **DYLAN COLAVITTI BRADON DEL PIANO TALIA DOMBROWSKI** AIDEN DOMINGUEZ LAURA DREJAJ LAURENT DREJAJ LIANA DREJAJ FELICITY ESGUERRA DYLAN GILMORE **JACK GILMORE** JACOB HOLICKI MICHAEL LONGO MATTHEW MAKAR **RICCARDO MANOLY** ALEXIA MARMORATO **MIA MARTINEZ** STEPHEN MARTINEZ SAMANTHA MAYER SKYLAR MONTILLO AVA MURGITTROYD MELANIA OGANDO **KYLIE OSTONAL** JOSEPH PAOLAZZI **OWEN PARILLO GIANNA PENNY** MATTHEW REMIAS NICHOLAS RICCIARDI LUKE RUDOLPH CHRISTIAN SAAVEDRA **GAVIN WILLIAMS**



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS



Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, Nov. 7th at 2:00 AM. Please be sure to set your clocks BACK one hour next Saturday, Nov. 6th before going to bed. It's also a great time to

change batteries in your smoke alarms.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

SICK: Betty Tynan, Baby Ryan Joseph Lomuscio, Sal Russo, Charles Klimkowsky, Nancy Namoviez, Giovanna Muscara, Al & Joan Viscuso, Lea Pappas, Anita Barcia, Denise Swanteck, Maureen F. Coughlin, John Smith, Julius Single, Dave Tzrepla, Frank Buco, Sr., John Stemkowski, Christopher N. Coughlin, Vladimir Pudoff, Isabella Lugo, Tess, Franceso Giacchi, Mario Alongi, Sr., Grace Dacchille, John Scivetti, Ellie Cappadona, Joseph Caramanico, Ken Stone, Rosie Perez, Timothy Yushak, Simplicia Ramirez, Corazon Santos, Jaxson Rivera, Marilyn Loughran, Dorothy Mayerchak, Beth Branigan, Luca Ataide, Donald Tetreault, Mario Diaz, Maureen Hockenbeck, Jeanne Dziencio, Norma Altreche, Joseph M. Diaz, Patrick H. Diaz

DECEASED: Debra Vigliorolo



CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

In Honor of: The Intentions of the Cavalcante Family

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

- In Honor of: Brian St. Leger
- Donated by: Celia & George meglio

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

- In Honor of: John & Theresa Simonak and Robert & Margaret Wynne
- Donated by: Wynne & Simonak Families



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus passed out baby bottles the weekend of Oct. 16th & 17th that you can fill with your donations for Good Counsel Homes which provide homeless expectant mother's and their children with residental care. Baby bottles are due back this weekend Oct. 30 & Oct. 31 and can be put in the collection basket.



REMEMBERING THE DECEASED IN NOVEMBER

Historically, November is the month when Catholics stop to remember their deceased loved ones and to pray for all the faithful departed.

A special Novena (9 days) of Masses for the deceased begins on November 2nd. You can enroll the names of all you wish to be remembered at these Masses by using the special envelopes in your boxed set.

The Book of Rememberance will be placed near the Statue of the Sacred Heart the weekend of October 30th & 31st. The names written in the book are included in our prayers and intercessions during the whole month of November. All are encouraged to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends in the Book of Rememberance. Please use both sides of the page when writing in the book.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 31, 2021

Anticipated Sunday Mass 5:00 pm Gerald & Maria De Francesco

SUNDAY - Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Juan Morales
10:30 am Special Intention
12:00pm Antoinette & Michael Di Preta
1:30 pm Francisco Lino

MONDAY - ALL SAINTS 12:00pm Joseph Kevra & Genevive Giordano

TUESDAY - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day) 12:00pm Faithful Departed

WEDNESDAY - Weekday/St. Martin de Porres, Religious 12:00pm Faithful Departed

12.00pm Failmui Departeu

THURSDAY - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop 12:00pm Faithful Departed

FIRST FRIDAY - Weekday 12:00pm Faithful Departed

FIRST SATURDAY - Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Purgatorial Society

Anticipated Sunday Mass 5:00 pm Faithful Departed

SUNDAY - Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

- 7:30am People Of Sacred Heart 9:00am Faithful Departed
- 9.00am Failmui Departe
- 10:30 am Vito Dacchille
- 12:00pm Laura Manning

1:30 pm Alfonso Leno



Sunday Collection - \$8,222 World Mission - \$1,129 Add'I Fuel - \$1,219 Reminder, we need \$6,300 in the Sunday Collection each week to meet our budget. Thanks for your generosity!



Sacred Heart Church CHRISTMAS MEGA 50/50

Only 200 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is \$50.00 for the chance to win up to \$5,000*. Drawing will be held on December 3, 2021 in the Parish Center at 7pm. Winner need not be present to win. *Final Prize will be 50% of ticket sales

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2 WAYS TO PLAY!

<u>Benefit Sacred Heart Church</u>

1. BY MAIL/BASKET

Your tickets will be mailed to you.

Fill out the attached ticket request form and return with your check made payable to Sacred Heart Church

Place in the **basket** or **mail** to:

Sacred Heart Church 324 Ridge Road • Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 Attention: MEGA 50/50 Raffle

2. ONLINE (Credit Card Only)

Any questions please email Charlie Sofio at: sacredheartchurch@comcast.net

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