



Sacred Heart Church

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."
- Lk 3:5-6*

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm(Spanish)
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
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

Sacrament: in the church at 3:00pm
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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The readings early in Advent point to the overturning and the renewal of the whole world. The Scriptures prepare us to pray with the church our Advent prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus," and they bring a promise from our God, that God will bring renewal to God's people; not just an interior change, but by a transformation of the world.

This is a season of expectation and of hope. It is a time for us to listen again to God's promise of deliverance and reconciliation. It is a time for us to be reassured of His relentless love for each and all of us, and for our planet.

The very first beam of light that announces the coming of the sun is the morning star. At the very beginning of Advent, we welcome the pure light of Mary, who, by her Immaculate Conception, prepares us for the Son who is to come. Already, the saving power of Jesus shines upon the moment of His mother's conception and will not let the darkness of original sin shadow her being. She is "full of grace", filled with the life and holiness of God from the beginning. And she thus becomes a model and promise of the holiness that will be restored to all of us through the life, death and resurrection of her Son.

This is what Advent should mean for us. It is a time for us to be filled with new hope, new courage. It is a time for us to be reassured that the darkness that overshadows the present moment, whether from sin, sickness, poverty, sorrow, weakness or failure, will be dissipated and driven away by the Sun of Justice, the Word-Made-Flesh.

Advent is not a season of false hope. We are not getting ready for some improbable, imagined event that exists only in fantasy. Our hope is based on the assurance that our God is coming. He has, in fact, already come among us in our own flesh. He has, in fact, already loved us beyond death, has overcome sin and evil, and has seeded us with the hope of Eternal Life.

We use these advent days to stir up this hope, to bring the seed to full bloom. We know that the Lord has come...we are certain that the Lord will come. And for us that does not mean waiting in fear and dread for doomsday. We do believe in the second coming of Jesus, and we try to live each day in readiness for that stupendous event. But, much more, we believe in all that Jesus has already accomplished in us, and we see in that a promise, a reason to hope for so much more.... for a deepening of our own faith and love...for power to overcome evil in ourselves and in our world...for the spread of the gospel...for the healing of hatred and the banishment of fear...for peace and justice.

Perhaps we still walk along crooked paths. We might find it much easier to take detours around the Gospel challenges of Christian justice. There are still hills of conflict and valleys of depression on the road we walk. And we find ourselves so busy! There just doesn't seem to be enough time to worship and to pray. Our energies are all used up with work and home and family, and preparations for the Christmas holiday.

But Jesus is waiting, patiently, compassionately. He wants so very much to come into each of our lives - completely and totally. So we try again during these special days of Advent to clear the way for Him.

The central message of our Advent is that the Lord has come, He has taken away the curse of our sins, He has baptized us in the Holy Spirit, He has comforted us; He has come like a good shepherd to gather the lambs in His arms.

But His coming is an ongoing mystery. He needs us and uses us to "make straight His paths." We are called to hasten His coming in our own time and place. We continue to "prepare the way of the Lord." We continue to proclaim the "good news:" Jesus, Emmanuel, God-With-Us, has Come, is Coming and will come!

REDISCOVER ADVENT BY REFLECTING ON THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

The ubiquitous "sounds of Christmas," in shops, elevators, and on radio and TV, are among the most powerful influences on us to think about Christmas, rather than Advent, from the middle of November on. As a parody once put it, "Hark, the herald angels cry, telling us, 'Go out and buy.'" Once a catchy tune (even, sometimes, a bad tune!) begins ringing in our ears and repeating again and again in our head, it is difficult to get it out. And the subconscious effect on our mood and our attitudes is substantial. Thus, one of the ways we can work on rediscovering Advent is to learn some of the rich hymnody that has been composed for the season. It is not likely to replace the music that is piped into public places, but iPods and other portable devices now make it possible to have our own musical backgrounds, no matter what is going on around us. We also have the ability to startle those around us by programming cell phone ring tones with short bursts of seasonal tunes. The truth is that modern technology has the potential to become the best defense (and revenge!) against the intrusions of modern culture. For the next two weeks the gospel will focus on the John the Baptist. Although he does not have a feast day in Advent, John the Baptist is clearly one of the chief saints of Advent. He bridges the gap between the Old and New Testaments, proclaiming the traditional prophetic promise of the coming Messiah, and then pointing specifically to Jesus, the long-awaited fulfillment of that promise. The Latin hymn of the 18th century, *On Jordan's Bank*, repeats the Baptist's warning that repentance is a necessary precondition to participation in the coming salvation.

On Jordan's Bank

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty Guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

At Christmas our thoughts naturally turn to those friends and members of our family who shared their faith with us and helped to make each Christmas so special. If you would like to remember your deceased relatives or friends by donating Christmas Flowers and Decorations used to decorate the Church of the Sacred Heart throughout the Christmas Season, just fill in the form below and put it in a plain envelope marked "CHRISTMAS FLOWERS" and drop it in the collection or return it to the parish office at your convenience.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

Your Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

In Memory of:

_____	Other:\$_____
_____	\$50
_____	\$35
_____	\$25
_____	\$20
_____	\$15
_____	\$10

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Wed, Dec. 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patroness of the United States and is a Holy Day of Obligation, . Masses for the holy day begin on Tue., Dec. 7th at 5:00 PM and continue on Wed. at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 7:30 PM.

ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY

Sacred Heart Home-School Association presents their Annual **In Person** Tricky Tray on **Friday, Jan. 14th, 2022** at Sacred Heart School. Tickets are \$15 per person-no one under 18 will be admitted. **MASKS MUST BE WORN.** Doors open at 6pm. Ticket include one sheet for 1st level prizes, coffee/tea and dessert. For tickets call the school office at 201-939-4277 or Patty at 201-803-9580. **Ticket deadline is Jan. 4th.** No tickets available at the door.

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 Bucu, 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, Jeanne Dziencio, Norma Altreche, Joseph M. Diaz, Patrick H. Diaz, Kim Stefani

DECEASED: James Travisano, Donata Tremonte, Eleanor Cappadona

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of the Cavalcante Family

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

In Honor of: Karen Julia Plunkett

Donated by: The Plunkett Family

THE GIVING TREE

Please help those in need have a merrier Christmas by taking a tag and purchasing a **new gift**.

You will have until **December 5th** to select a tag. Please make sure the gift is wrapped and the tag is securely fastened to the gift so the contents can be easily identified. **All gifts need to be returned under the tree by no later than Sunday, December 12th** so they can be delivered on time. Thank you again for your generosity and overwhelming response to this wonderful project.

For security reasons, we are asking that all gifts be brought to the church on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings only so that volunteers can pick them up promptly and store them in a secure area.

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/sacred-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.

DECEMBER 5, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00 pm Leah Blanco Santos

SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Patrick Ferrara

10:30 am Peter & Mathilde Favaro

12:00pm Bryan Minnoch

1:30 pm Panchita Leno

MONDAY - Advent Weekday/St. Nicholas, Bishop

12:00pm Angel & Jenny Pagan (Living)

TUESDAY - St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Jennie Marchitello

Anticipated Holy Day Mass

5:00 pm Rosanne Hughes (Living)

WEDNESDAY - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00am Jack & Roseanne Hughes (Living)

9:00am Rosemary Carlucci

12:00pm Lorenza & Julian Duran

7:30pm In Gratitude to Jesus, Mary & St. Joseph

THURSDAY - Advent Weekday/St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

12:00pm Florence Moderelli

FRIDAY - Advent Weekday

12:00pm Special Intention

SATURDAY - Advent Weekday/St. Damasus I, pope

9:00am Corazon Delfin

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00 pm Gerardo Conte

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Anthony L. Paolazzi

10:30 am Angela Maria Malzone

12:00pm Charles A. Muldoon

1:30 pm Andres Goris

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection 11/28

\$4,606



Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass

12:00 AM - Midnight Mass

Saturday, December 25th

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM

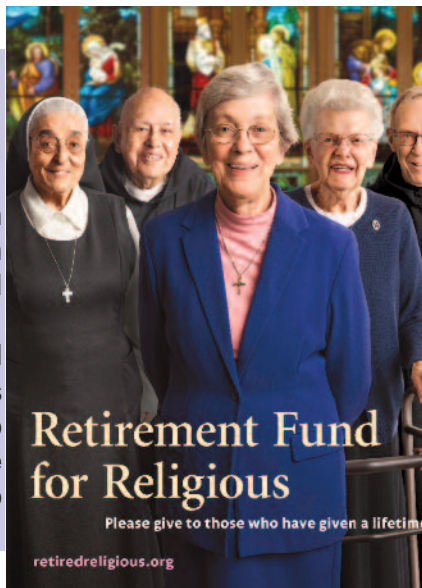
10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM (Spanish)

PLEASE NOTE that since Christmas Day is a Saturday this year, there will be NO Anticipated Mass at 5:00 PM on Christmas Day. The obligation to attend Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 26th is NOT fulfilled by attending Mass on Christmas Day.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Your generosity in the second collection next weekend will assist:

The Retirement Fund for Religious. This is our opportunity to give back to those men and women who have given a lifetime!



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime

retiredreligious.org

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- 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.



Food Pantry Update

Our next food pantry open date is Dec. 18th

We are preparing for our Christmas food distribution. Can you help us make Christmas a little more merrier for our neighbors in need?

If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated: Vegetables, Fruit, Spaghetti, Potatoes (small packages or canned), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni and Cheese, and Tea. *Note that great vegetable and fruit prices can be found at Lidl's and Aldi's.* 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.*