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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

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
Apr. 16 (8:30pm), May 15, Jun.12

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.

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

This Sunday's Gospel moves from fiction to reality. Last week, we heard Jesus draw a touching picture of His Father through the parable of the Prodigal Son. But today's Gospel passage is from real life. It doesn't deal with imaginary characters in a made-up situation, but with a woman of the region with a bad reputation, caught in the act of adultery. The Pharisees and scribes - the "good guys" - just happened to be in the right place to spy on the lady, and, of course, felt obliged to denounce her. Conveniently, so they thought, they could at the same time embarrass Jesus and undermine His popularity and authority. They were certain that He would lose face, no matter how He handled the situation. It was a no-brainer situation for them! A great stroke of luck.

You wonder, sometimes: when would these people learn not to try to fool Him? They played right into His hands. So often they hid behind the Law and their own self-righteousness to hurt other people, to judge and condemn. But Jesus would not, could not allow them this hypocrisy. His tool was a simple challenge: "Let the man among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone." While the force of those words was sinking in, He stooped down and traced some words in the sand. We are not told what He wrote, but we do know that He touched the vein of honesty in these misguided men and this sent them off, one by one, to look at their own sinfulness. And so He was left alone with the sinful woman, and was free to look deep into her eyes and see her goodness, her shame, and her potential for holiness. To her He said simply: "Has no one condemned you? Neither will I. Go, and sin no more."

This woman was changed forever. Because of Jesus' gentle touch and simple command, she was reborn into new life and became a "new creation."

As we journey through the season of Lent, we are certainly reminded that the mystery of Easter speaks to us of a very different kind of new creation... one that speaks not of failure, but of completion... not of punishment for sinfulness, but of redemption because of it... not of endings, but of a new beginnings. God sent His Son in our flesh to teach us finally how to make all things new. Since the first Easter every generation of Christians has received the same challenge. In the spirit and the power of the Risen Jesus we are to renew the face of the earth. And it begins with a simple reaching out to our brothers and sisters.

On a deeper level, the Gospel story is one of gross injustice. We are told that the woman is caught, "in the very act of committing adultery." What happened to her partner? Was this a situation set up by the Scribes and Pharisees, so as to entrap the woman and have an issue to bring before Jesus? Or is the woman being blamed, as women have been in the past, for being the temptress, leading the man to sin? One thing is certain, the Pharisees have debased her, treated her as an object for their discussion and as a means to trap Jesus.

Today, the Lord gives us a striking example of how we can become "new creations" and "ministers of reconciliation" - not judging, not condemning, not using the Law as a weapon to hurt. Jesus totally upsets the way things "ought to be." He doesn't condemn the sin of the woman, nor the sin of the accusers. The guilty go free. So, too, we are to reach out to those who are lost, to offer compassion, mercy, and forgiveness. And that shouldn't be too difficult if we are mindful always of our own failures and frailty and of how frequently we have cried to the Lord for mercy.

Reconciliation and growth take place in real life situations, with real people: our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers or employers. These may well be persons who hurt us, or offend our sensibilities, or reject our values. But that does not give us the right to condemn them. Jesus challenges us to reach out to them, to welcome them. He expects us to treat them as He has treated us. He wants us to lift them up, heal them, to be beacons of hope for them and to restore their dignity and self-esteem.

There is no more important lesson for us to learn as followers of Jesus - that of giving and accepting of forgiveness - lovingly, totally, unconditionally, recklessly in love with our God.

If we haven't learned that, we really haven't learned the meaning of being Christian. We seem to understand quite well the point that Jesus was trying to make: that no matter how terribly we have failed, no matter how far off course we may wander our God is ready and waiting to reach out in a loving embrace of forgiveness. All we need to do is ask.

Jesus frees us from our past sin, reanimates the Father's image in us and sets us free. We are now able to overcome sin. We are given life through his word. And we have all become new creations, ministers of that same reconciliation.

**HOLY CROSS CEMETERY
PLANNING ADVISERS WILL
BE AT THE MASSES
THIS WEEKEND**

Memorial Planning Advisers from Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum in North Arlington look forward to meeting with parishioners of Sacred Heart after Masses: Saturday, April 2nd, at 5:00 PM., and Sunday, April 3rd. at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, and 1:30 PM (Spanish Mass). There's never been a better time to learn how easy preplanning can be. For more information, go to: www.HolyCross-Cemetery.org.

**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, is the focus of the Lucernarium, the Service of Light, that begins the Easter Vigil celebration. It 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.



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



**HOLY WEEK
CELEBRATIONS**

Joins us as we celebrate
 The Week That Changed The World!

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Sunday, April 10th**

Masses: Saturday, April 9th, 5:00 PM
 Sunday, April 10th, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, 1:30 (In Spanish).

Palm branches will be available before each Mass. In charity to others, please be sure to santize your hands before taking your palm.

**Holy Thursday
 Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Thursday, April 14th, 7:30 PM**

**Due to the pandemic, The washing of feet, which is already optional, will be omitted. At the end of the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be moved to the Altar of Repose in the shrine of Our Lady. The church will be open until Midnight for anyone who would like to spend time in prayer and reflection with the Lord.

**Good Friday
 Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Death
 Friday, April 15th, 3:00 PM**

**Due to the pandemic, No touching or kissing of the Cross will be permitted during the veneration of the Cross. Reverencing the cross will done by a genuflection or a bow.

**Holy Saturday
 The Easter Vigil
 Saturday, April 16th, 8:30 PM
 The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Sunday
 Sunday, April 17th**

Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, 1:30 (In Spanish).

SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 2 & 3

Assessment Expense

Your generous support in this collection will defray our monthly Assessment expense.

April 9 & 10

Annual Appeal - Special Collection

Your generous support in this collection will help our parish achieve our Annual Appeal goal. The Annual Appeal is a great way to give alms during Lent as it supports many ministries for our brothers and sisters in need across the Archdiocese. If we exceed our goal the Appeal also becomes a fundraiser for our parish and reduces our assessment expense. Envelopes are available in the pews.

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, Joseph Caramanico, Ken Stone, Timothy Yushak, Corazon Santos, Jaxson Rivera, Marilyn Loughran, Luca Ataide, Donald Tetreault, Mario Diaz, Jeanne Dziencio, Norma Altreche, Kim Stefani, Linda Vasquez, Joelle Montillo, Colleen Branigan, Vincent Russo, Nenita A. Jacildone, Anthony Score

DECEASED: All those from our parish family the Lord has called home.

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 on **Friday, April 8 following the 12 Noon Mass in the church.**



Food Pantry Update

We are stocking up our parish family food pantry for the spring and summer months. Can you help us show the love and hope of Jesus Christ to those living with food insecurity?

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. Thanks to your continuous and generous support we were able to help our brothers and sisters in need throughout the pandemic.

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.



APRIL 3, 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00 pm Norman G. Arcos

SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Teresa Wineland
10:30 am James M. Cavalcante
12:00pm James & Joanne Ownes
1:30 pm Luisa Marella Garcia

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

12:00pm Joanna & Adam

TUESDAY - Lenten Weekday/St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

12:00pm Manuel Noya Gude

WEDNESDAY - Lenten Weekday

12:00pm Donald Tetreault

THURSDAY - Lenten Weekday/St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

12:00pm Mary Anne Torino

FRIDAY - Lenten Weekday

12:00pm Juana Lema Gonzalez

SATURDAY - Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Elena Battista

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00 pm Maria Isabel Arenas

SUNDAY - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Evelyn Earl
10:30 am James & Eleanor Scotti
12:00pm Krizan Peros
1:30 pm Maria Isabel Arenas

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection - \$5,693
Add'l Ash Wednesday- \$55
Add'l Catholic Campaign - \$24
Add'l Assessment - \$10
Special Annual Appeal - \$1,867
Reminder: We need \$6,300 in the Sunday Collection to cover our budgeted expenses. Thanks for your continued generosity!

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
2022 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. 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.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. 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.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022.**

*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.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK - ANNUAL APPEAL 2022

The Archdiocese’s 2022 Annual Appeal is currently underway. You may have already received at home a letter from Cardinal Tobin explaining the important role the Annual Appeal plays for our Archdiocese. Gifts to the Annual Appeal play a critical role in the delivery of programs and ministries provided by the Archdiocese that are at the heart of the mission of our local Church.

Your gift will assist passing on the faith, ministries that proclaim the Gospel, care for the Poor and Vulnerable, forming future priests and supporting retired clergy.

To Date, 111 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:

Our Parish’s Goal - \$34,000 -- Paid To Date - \$19,945 (58.66% of Goal)

*Your generosity not only supports all the ministries listed above but can also be a direct support for our parish as well. **If we exceed our parish goal in paid pledges by June 30th, like we did last year thanks to your generosity, we will receive a rebate from the Archdiocese of all the excess funds and a 2% reduction in our parish assessment expense for the fiscal year. This 2% reduction saved the parish more than \$6,900 in assessment expense last year. The Archdiocese also rebated back to the parish \$9,848.70 in excess funds received from our parish! It’s a great way for our parish family to “fund raise” and help others at the same time. Thank you so much to all who have supported the Annual Appeal by giving a gift!!***

****Reminder, we must collect our Parish’s Goal in paid gifts by June 30th. If we don’t accomplish this, the shortfall will be added as an expense to our budget and must be paid to the Archdiocese and we will not receive the 2% reduction in our assessment expense.****

If you haven’t already done so, please prayerfully consider your gift to the 2022 Annual Appeal. Envelopes for the Appeal are available in the pews. You can also make your gift online at www.rcan.org/sharing. Please be sure to select Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst so the parish receives credit.