



Sacred Heart Church

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28b

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
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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Good Shepherd Sunday
Mother's Day

The liturgies of the last two Sundays have led us to reflect upon the apostles' coming to faith on the Risen Lord. As they shared this faith with the first generation of Christians, the image of Jesus as 'shepherd and guardian' of God's people (1 Peter 2:25) established itself in Christian consciousness. One of the Church's first representations of the Saviour portrayed him as a youthful shepherd with a sheep on his shoulders - no doubt indicating that when they heard the parable of the lost sheep, the first Christians instinctively identified the shepherd of the parable with the Risen Lord.

The image has a long pre-history. In Old Testament times, the peoples of the Middle East, had a old tradition that spoke of a king as 'shepherd' of his people. Though these ancient rulers were all too often exploiters of their subjects, this remarkable ideal of humble service lived on in the peoples' traditions. In the outlook of old Israel, something remarkable occurred when this image was associated with the God of the covenant, the champion of the oppressed - who rebuked the nation's rulers through his prophet: 'You have failed to bring back strays or look for the lost ... I myself shall take care of my flock' (Ezekiel 34). This arresting theme is echoed in the psalms, Israel's confession of faith - in Psalm 100 used in today's liturgy, and in the familiar Psalm 23.

Against this background, the New Testament passages that speak of Jesus as 'shepherd' ('when the chief shepherd appears, you will be given an unfading crown of glory', 1 Peter 5:4; 'the God of peace brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep', Hebrews 13: 20) take on a new depth of meaning - a meaning that is fully expressed in today's short gospel reading from John.

'The Father and I are one': with these final words of the fourth gospel's long and familiar passage on the 'shepherd' theme, Jesus makes it clear that, in his role as 'shepherd', he identifies himself with the Shepherd who is the God of Israel - full expression of the Father's being. Because he speaks with the fullness of the divine authority, true believers 'listen to his voice'; he is the very Author of 'eternal life'. The first two readings complement this affirmation, by celebrating the universal nature of his flock: before the throne of the one who laid down his life for them are gathered 'people from every nation, race, tribe and language'; his 'salvation reaches the ends of the earth'.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one - not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

How should we live out our faith in the Risen Lord? Let us learn from first generation of Christians who did so by owning him as their 'Good Shepherd' - by 'listening to his voice' as they pondering all that the great truths of faith offered them, and by living in the hope he brought to the world as he 'led them to springs of living water'.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT FOR THE
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

Do you have a child or grandchild starting or changing school in September? Why not consider Sacred Heart School? We offer a safe and nurturing environment for children Pre-K3 through 8th Grade. Along with their ABCs your child will build character and learn compassion and values. New families considering enrolling in our school can visit Monday - Friday during the hours of 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Call the school at 201-939-4277 for more details.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

The following deceased have been enrolled in the Sacred Heart Purgatorial Society :

GRACIELA ISABEL ANGELATS-req.by-Charo & Roberto Botteri, Puchi, Meli, Charo

GILBERT W. BOWMAN-req.by-Frank & Natalie Terry

ARTHUR BUCKLE-req.by-Leslie & Edie Santiago

NICOLLETTA D'AMATO-req.by-Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Lamattina

MARIO FERNANDEZ-req.by-Carmen Rodriguez

DEANNA M. GIULIANO-req.by-Mario Santancaplo

JOANNA & ADAM KWAPNIEWSKI-req.by-Their Family

MARYANN MC GOVERN-req.by-Micheal Ditore

LUANN OLIVARI MC LAUGHLIN -req.by-Cindy & Cookie Callaghan

ERIK MULLER-req.by-The Khin Family

NUALA O'CONNOR -req.by-Josephine Nagle

MARY PALAGONIA-req.by-Anthony & Gabriella Fatone

MARIAMMAL PANKIRA-req.by-Maddalena Passero & Carmen Rodriguez, Vargas Family

JOSEPH R. RIGO-req.by-Jack & Maria Meister

KENNETH S. SAPETA-req.by-David Gaddis

PATRICIA ANN ZELLER-req.by-David Gaddis

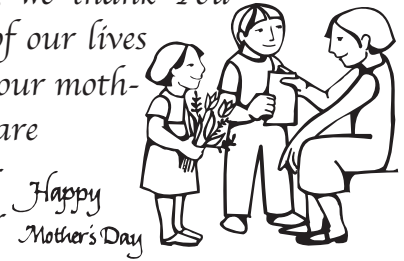
LUCY F. ZUCCA -req.by-Patty & Joe Pavlica

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

Mother's Day Blessings

The priests and staff of Sacred Heart Church and School wish all the mothers of our parish family a very happy and blessed Mother's Day. Today as we honor, celebrate, or simply reflect on the woman who gave us birth, or who adopted us into her heart, we thank You

Lord, for the gift of our lives and for the gift of our mothers, whether they are still here with us or they are in Your keeping.



A Prayer for Mom on Mother's Day

Dear Lord,
Today I turn to you to give you thanks for my mother. With your own gift of life, she bore me in her womb and gave me life. She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me to walk and talk. She read to me and made me laugh. No one delighted in my successes more; no one could comfort me better in my failures. I am so grateful for how she mothered me and mentored me, and even disciplined me. Please bless her, Lord, and comfort her. Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen her when she is down and give her hope when she is discouraged. Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, give my mother the graces she most needs and desires today. I ask you this, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior forever and ever.
Amen.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration
Fridays, 12:30 - 3:00 pm

"Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jn 20:15

Like Mary Magdalene, we many times are searching for intimate communion with Jesus but fail to discern His presence in our lives, even when He is very close to us. Don't miss this opportunity to spend some intimate time in adoration *and be in the real presence of our risen Lord!*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

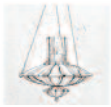
SICK: Betty Tynan, Baby Ryan Joseph Lomuscio, Sal Russo, Charles Klimkowsky, Nancy Namoviez, Giovanna Muscara, Al & Joan Viscuso, Lea Pappas, Anita Barcia, Denise Swanteck, Maureen F. Coughlin, John Smith, Julius Single, Dave Tzrepla, Frank Bucu, Sr., John Stemkowski, Christopher N. Coughlin, Vladimir 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, Joseph M. Diaz, Patrick H. Diaz, Kim Stefani, Linda Vasquez, Joelle Montillo, Vincent Russo, Nenita A. Jacildone, Anthony Scorre

DECEASED: Joseph Veltre, Adam Sauser, Sr.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of May 8, 2022 the following items used for worship in our sanctuary were donated in the memory of a relative or friend or a special intention.

SANCTUARY LAMP:



In Honor of: Mariammal Pankiraj

Donated by: Maria Meister & Charles Sofio

BREAD & WINE:



In Honor of: Eleanor Cappadona

Donated by: Charles Sofio

AmazonSmile

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?!****

SECOND COLLECTION

Your generosity in the second collection **this weekend will help us close the gap on our Annual Appeal goal**. Special envelopes are in the pews.

MAY 8, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00pm Susan & Jack Fraser

SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Theresa Muldoon

10:30 am Carmela M. Ferrara

12:00pm Anthony Scardino, Sr.

1:30 pm Lorenza & Julian Duran

MONDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Renee, Daniel & Family (Living)

TUESDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

12:00pm Manuel Noya Gude

WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Manuel & Mercedes Vargas

THURSDAY - Easter Weekday/Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs/ St. Pancras, Martyr

12:00pm Conrad Petrillo

FRIDAY - Easter Weekday/Our Lady of Fatima

12:00pm Juana Lema Gonzalez

SATURDAY - St. Matthias, Apostle

9:00am Eleanor Cappadona

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00pm Vito Dacchille

SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Joseph J. Pavlica, Jr.

10:30 am Eleanor Cappadona

12:00pm Marie Schaal

1:30 pm Jose Lopes

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - \$5,394

Assessment Collection - \$2,382

Add'l Holy Land - \$31

Easter To Date - \$15,412

Reminder: We need \$6,300 in the Sunday Collection to cover our budgeted expenses. Thanks for your continued generosity!

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, 151 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:
Our Parish's Goal - \$34,000 -- Paid To Date - \$30,093 (88.51% 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.

Food Pantry Update

Do you have a few hours to spare each month? Our parish food pantry can use some assistance checking dates, bagging groceries, and interacting with families. This is a great opportunity for those who can speak Spanish and for students seeking service hours. Please contact Micki Prokop (201-788-0911) or Beverly Dalzell (201-988-5171) if you would like to help or have any questions.

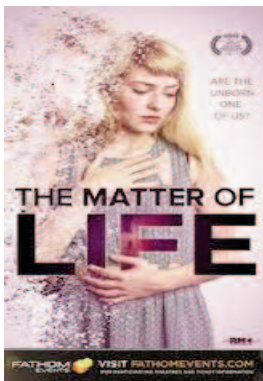
If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated: Vegetables, Fruit, Spaghetti, Potatoes (small packages or canned), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni and Cheese, and Tea.

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.



THE MATTER OF LIFE FILM - MAY 16 & 17 ONLY

A journey to unravel the complexities of the abortion issue through science, philosophy, history and powerful personal stories. The film answers hard questions and provides hope for the future. THE MATTER OF LIFE is dedicated to remembering that real people, men and women, are impacted by the issue of abortion. Featuring powerful stories from women, former abortion clinic workers, historians, religious leaders, and even pro-life atheists, **the film stresses entering this conversation with understanding, love, and support. The film will be screened on May 16 & 17 only. In our area it will be shown at:**
AMC Clifton Commons 16, 405 State Route 3 E, Clifton, at 7:00 PM and
AMC Ridgefield Park 12, 75 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park, at 7:00 PM