



Sacred Heart Church

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23rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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
Sep. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

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.

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel parables of the tower builder and the king waging war are simple enough to understand: in order to ensure success, one had better be fully prepared. But the sayings on discipleship that surround these parables are some of the most radical in the gospel. They, too, are not difficult to understand, but are immensely demanding to practice. Jesus names three of the strongest attachments that would be difficult for anyone to leave aside when called into the community of believers and to participate in his mission. If he were looking for popularity and a large mass of followers, what he says today would certainly not help him achieve his goals. Jesus turns to the crowd and speaks bluntly about what it means to follow him. It's clear that one can't be a part-time or casual disciple of Jesus.

Jesus was a man driven with a singular purpose, whose ministry revolved around the sense of "jubilee justice" handed down to him in the Scriptures. He was convinced that the presence of God's Spirit is evident in the very basic human interactions of mercy, compassion, forgiveness, working for peace and justice, generosity and respect for human dignity. His whole life reflected these convictions: His words were "good news" for the poor, they would bring freedom to those held captive, bring sight to the blind and would set the downtrodden free.

This message brought excitement to those who listened. The reign of God was "at hand." He told them how to recognize this kingdom: by living in God and living in love... clothing the poor, caring for the needy, being ready to forgive, feeding those who hunger, overcoming cultural prejudices... this is how the world would recognize the name and presence of God's Spirit in their midst.

But this comes with a cost. There is no escaping the urgency and total response Jesus requires of those who follow him. Sit down, he suggests, weigh the costs and make a decision. He uses military terms about entering into battle; but we understand what he means. Following him is no superficial venture; it requires full engagement and will, at times, be a struggle. We can't accuse Jesus of making false promises to us or offering special favors and rewards if we enlist as his disciples. Quite the opposite, he makes it quite clear that following him will cost us.

At its most fundamental level, Christianity is an altruistic religion. It is "other-centered" - and goes way beyond our own personal relationship with God. At the heart of the Gospel message is the challenge to lose ourselves in concern for others. If we truly love every other person as Jesus has loved us, then we don't look at the risk, or color, or public opinion, or all of the other excuses for walking away. This week's Gospel makes that abundantly clear.

We are invited every day to turn our lives around and choose again to be Jesus' disciples. We know we have been less than fully responsive to this invitation. But day by day, inspired by the Spirit, we can renew our "yes" and continue following him on the road. Certainly today's gospel should leave none of us feeling complacent or saying in response, "I am doing all that Jesus has asked me to do." Going to church week after week and doing simply what is expected of us still falls quite short of what Jesus requires of his followers. He is asking us to be prepared to make some radical decisions; because to follow him as disciples we need to have a full-time and "all-the-way-to-the-end" commitment to him.

The Gospel says that to be a disciple of Jesus, one must be willing to let go of what one values most: familiar relationships, possessions, and even one's own life. I don't know if Jesus is asking all of us to leave our families, liquidate our finances, sell our possessions and lead an itinerant life for him. Some of our great saints have done that in the past. Most of us have far too many responsibilities to do that.

But maybe the challenges and choices of our daily life need to be just as radical. How well do we really serve the poor and homeless of our cities? How willing are we to engage others of different faiths in dialog to work for peace? How easily do we fit into a culture steeped in greed, violence, war and selfishness?

The challenge of the Gospel goes far beyond attendance at weekly Eucharist and mouthing the words of the Creed.

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- 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?!****

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS FESTIVAL TUE., SEP 13, 10:00 - 2:00

If you are 60+ years old, join us at Van Sausan County Park for a special day including lunch, craft fair, music & entertainment and information tables. For more information please call Senior Services at 201-336-7416.

LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE

Monday, September 5th is the Labor Day. Join us at 9:00 AM for the celebration of the Mass. This will be the only Mass celebrated on Labor Day. The parish office will be closed on Labor Day. The priests and staff wish all our parish family a happy and safe Labor Day.

Food Pantry Update

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40

The next food pantry openings will be on September 17th and 24th and on October 22nd and 29th.



Items needed most, at this time, are: Fruit,

Pasta Sauce, Pasta (including Spaghetti), Potatoes (small packages or canned), Vegetables, Coffee (regular and instant), Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Cereal.

Thanks to all for the donations which help keep our food pantry stocked! **We would not be able to help local families without your generosity.** As a reminder, we are unable to package out-of-date food products for distribution to our families.

LIFEMARK MOVIE IN THEATERS SEP. 9 - 15

LIFEMARK is a movie that will grip your heart with the truth that every life matters to God and should matter to us. This drama based on a true story will keep you on the edge of your seat with unexpected twists and turns while demonstrating that God cares about every detail in each of our lives while He's writing a story that only He can write. You'll get a front-row seat to seeing how God showed up for these families ... which illustrates that He's invested in your life story too. Visit lifemarkmovie.com to learn more. AMC Clifton Commons 16 - 405 NJ-3 East, Clifton
AMC Ridgefield Park 12 - 75 Challenger Rd., Ridgefield Park

ONLINE GIVING AT SACRED HEART

Did you know you can give online to our parish with Zelle, or with a debit or credit card? Online Giving at Sacred Heart has never been easier and is just a couple of clicks away.

1. You can give to the parish through the Zelle online payment system offered through most major banks. When you create the Zelle payee for the parish, please use the parish email address: sacredheartchurch@comcast.net.

Please be careful when you type in the email address because once you "Zelle" the money from your account it can not be corrected.

2. You can visit www.sacredheartlynd.org, our parish website and click the Online Giving Options link. If you want to make a direct donation to the parish with your debit or credit card, you can click the direct donation link.

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., Christopher N. Coughlin, Vladimir Pudoff, Isabella Lugo, Tess, Franceso Giacchi, Mario Alongi, Sr., Grace Dacchille, John Scivetti, Ken Stone, Timothy Yushak, Jaxson Rivera, Marilyn Loughran, Luca Ataide, Donald Tetreault, Norma Altreche, Linda Vasquez, Joelle Montillo, Vincent Russo, Nenita A. Jacildone, Anthony Scorre, Fely Czeslowski, Ely Ongoco, Camen Yangco, Lea Aspile, Perpetua Aspile, Anne Montillo, Christopher Di Giovanna, Jamie Canal, Laney Darmiento, Margot O'Hara, Maureen Branigan

DECEASED: Josephine J. Fescocoe, Bertha Quezada

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of the Cavalcante Family

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

VENERATION OF ST. PIO RELICS

On June 16, 2022, the world of faithful and millions of devotees of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina will have an important occasion to celebrate. It will be 20 years since Pope John Paul II declared Padre Pio a Saint. To celebrate this remarkable occasion, the Saint Pio Foundation has established the religious traveling art exhibition "I Embrace You".

The Saint Pio Foundation invites all to attend the veneration of Saint Pio's relics at the **Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on September 12 and September 13**. A life-size statue of Saint Pio, titled "I Embrace You," WILL BE ON VIEW during the veneration. This impressive sculpture, created by the renowned artist Timothy Schmalz, is a replica of the original, which was conceptualized and sponsored by the Saint Pio Foundation. This statue depicts Padre Pio kneeling at the foot of the cross while receiving the blood pouring from Jesus' hands into the stigmata for which Saint Pio was known. and which were emblematic of the suffering that he endured throughout his life.

DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS TO SPARE EACH MONTH?

Our parish **food pantry volunteers** play a key role in helping to end hunger in our community.

We are currently **in need of assistance checking expiration dates, bagging groceries, and interacting with families.**

This is a great opportunity for those who can speak Spanish, so as to help communicate with some of the families, and for students seeking service hours. **Schedules are flexible.** Some volunteers come weekly, others help with our pantry openings, and some come only occasionally.

Please contact Micki Prokop (201-788-0911) or Beverly Dalzell (201-988-5171) if you would like to help or have any questions.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

Twenty-Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time



Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00pm John Ruggier

SUNDAY - Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Madeline P. Hattan

10:30 am James M. Cavalcante

12:00pm Charles Dilkes

1:30 pm Jose Lopes

MONDAY - Weekday/Labor Day

9:00am Dominick Palmieri

TUESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Mary Belanger

WEDNESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm The Radelgins, A. Kist & A. Spalluto

THURSDAY - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00pm Marie Della Peruta

FRIDAY - St. Peter Claver, Priest

12:00pm In Thanksgiving to Jesus, Mother Mary & St. Joseph for Everything

SATURDAY - Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Lorenza & Julian Duran

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00pm Dora & Moises Canal

SUNDAY - Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Camille Ferrara

10:30 am Pureza Sanchez

12:00pm Alfredo P. Jacildone

1:30 pm Benilde Espinoza

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - \$4,349

Add'l Assumption - \$26

Add'l Assessment - \$13

Reminder: We need \$6,600 in the Sunday Collection to cover our budgeted expenses. Thanks for your continued generosity!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

SUNDAY CLASSES START SEP. 18 WEDNESDAY CLASSES SEP. 21

There is no greater gift that you can give to a child than to share your faith in Jesus Christ. Our Religious Education program is always in need of teachers, aides, substitute teachers, hall monitors, and office helpers. Are you willing to help our children learn more about the love that Jesus Christ has them in the 2022-2023 school year? No special religious education training is required. If you are interested in volunteering, call our parish Catechetical Leader, Ryan Tobiason at 201-935-3094.



Religious Education Enrollment

Now is the time to register your child for the 2022 - 2023 school year. The religious education registration form is available on our parish webpage at www.sacredheartlynd.org. Click on the church link. Scroll down to the Sacred Heart Community section and click on the Religious Education CCD link. Print out the form and fill it in. Completed forms with payment can be dropped off at the parish office at 615 New Jersey Ave. Any questions call Ryan Tobiason at 201-935-3094.



*Achtung Achtung Damen Und Herren !!
Attention Attention*

All Fun Lovin' "Oompahs & Oomahs" !!

*Saturday, October 22 Following the 5:00 Mass
Sacred Heart Parish Family Oktoberfest Fundraiser*

Menu -- Guten Appetit

- * Cucumber Sald * Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage * Soft Pretzels **
- * Potato Pancakes With Apple Sauce or Sour Cream **
- * Bratwurst & Sauerkraut **
- * Chicken Schnitzel (Chicken Cutlet) * Spaetzle & Gravy **
- * Coffee * Tea * Soft Drinks * Desserts * BYOB **

** Raffles * Music * Fellowship **

Tickets

Adults \$30 Children 12 & Under \$10

*Tickets sold following the Saturday Evening &
Sunday Masses in the Main Vestibule of the Church
Or Mon. - Fri. 9:30 - 4:00 Parish Office
Questions - Call 201-438-1147*

