



# Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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973-497-4000



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

### 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. 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent calls us to conversion, a change to our ways of thinking and acting. In our lives and in our world there are too many valleys of despair that need to be filled; too many mountains and hills of pride that need to be made low; winding roads of confusion that need straightening and rough and violent ways that must be made smooth. We can't do this on our own. This is still our broken and tired world that needs rejuvenation, straightening out and smoothing. And that's what is about to happen. God is coming to set things in right order.

This is a time for us to be filled with new hope and new courage. This hope is proclaimed by the Baptist who reminds us that "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."

But the message of hope can make us very uncomfortable. It requires a deep change of heart and mind. And it requires the courage to act accordingly. No one wants to hear that they must change. No one likes to be challenged. Our society doesn't like that kind of talk. Neither do religious institutions. Neither do we. It is much easier to just stay put, keep things as they are and avoid all talk of sacrifice or conversion.

In our day and age, we are surrounded by a host of would-be prophets, who raise their voices in the newspapers, in the press, and on social media. All of them are proclaiming to have some special gift for discerning the truth and some exclusive right to proclaim it. They know exactly what is wrong with this country or with the world or with the Church, and how precisely to cure any and all of its ills. Many of them are pretentious, egotistical, crude and intolerant, especially of those who disagree with them - sure signs that they are not authentic prophets.

But, in this babble of voices, the prophetic message of the Gospel will not be drowned out. It is proclaimed quietly but strongly by the faith-filled men and women whose values stand in direct contrast to those of the world. We live in the wilderness of isolation that has no center and is not a home for us. We must confront the beasts in our wilderness: beasts of aggression, war, competition, greed, and the lust for still more property and power. We must be a sign that another way of living is possible where there are no hills, mountains, valleys or crooked roads to separate us from each other.

We face this challenge every day at home, at work, at play. Faithfulness to God, self-sacrificing and concern for others, patience in adversity, a spirit of compassion for the poor and the powerless - these are the attitudes of mind and heart that make us modern-day prophets. We cannot be afraid to pay the price for carrying on the prophetic mission of Jesus Christ.

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. There always will be. And that's OK. 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.

Change of heart is an ongoing process and we can use these Advent days to stir up the promise of hope, to bring the seed of Eternal Life 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.

In the midst of so much chaos and turmoil we can gather as people of faith in a holy season of hope, preparing for a new year of liberation. The challenging, prophetic voice of John the Baptist echoes across the centuries to be proclaimed as our own. He expected something wonderful and new to happen. We pray that this Advent will open our eyes to see the wonderful and new things God is promising for us. Let us "make straight His paths." Let us speak with prophetic voices and "prepare the way of the Lord." Putting things in right order is first and foremost and it is woven into the very fabric of discipleship.

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- 3.) Start shopping! In the box that says Pick Your Own Charitable Organization type in 324 Ridge Rd. This is 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?!\*\*

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Next Thur., Dec. 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of the United States. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses begin on Wed., Dec. 7th at 5:00 PM and continue on Thur. at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, and 7:30 PM.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE LONG BRANCH, N.J.

**MARCH 10-12, 2023 ---- RESERVE YOUR POT!!!**

Enjoy some quiet time with Our Lord in the company of friends. This retreat invites us to a renewed grounding in Word and Sacrament, where in faith we encounter God and find our own story. Embracing the Word and graced by the Sacraments, we are called and formed to be the Body of Christ. For questions or further information please contact Margaret Dacchille 201-456-2399. All are welcome to this special weekend of prayer, friendship, community and reflection.

## Food Pantry Update

### HELP US STOCK UP FOR THE THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!

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, Cereal, and beans.



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.

### THE GIVING TREE

Just before you know it Christmas will be upon us, which means it is time for the annual **Sacred Heart Giving Tree**. Please help those in need have a merrier Christmas by taking a tag and purchasing a **new gift**.

**All gifts need to be returned under the tree by no later than Sunday, December 11th** 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.

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of December 4th, 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: James M. Cavalcante  
Donated by: Isabel & Jim Cavalcante

### SACRED HEART HOME SCHOOL ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY

Friday, January 13th, Sacred Heart School  
Doors Open: 5:30PM Raffles Begin 8:15-8:30PM  
No Alcoholic Beverages Will Be Allowed  
Kitchen Will Be Open

Ticket includes: one sheet for 1st Level Prizes. Coffee, Tea & Dessert. Call Patty at 201-803-9580 or the school at 201-939-4277

**\$15 Donation per person. No one under 18.**



## 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., 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, Stanley Albanese, Patricia Coughlin, Andrea Globis, Joann De Lorenzo

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

### CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE



The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

**In Honor of:** The Intentions of the Cavalcante Family

**Donated by:** Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

**In Honor of:** The 35th Wedding Anniversary of Andrew & Rosemary Paleologos

**Donated by:** Patty Pavlica

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

**In Honor of:** Phyllis Ahlborn

**Donated by:** Barbara Wynne

### Pilgrims Thank You!

Dear Sacred Heart Parish family, Thanks to your generosity, there were four youth that experienced a beautiful and personal encounter with Jesus Christ in the Holy Land in Israel. During this Advent season, as Christmas is fast approaching, we wanted to say thank you for this amazing gift of being able to walk in the same places that Christ himself walked— from the Holy Sepulchre, which is built on the grounds of his crucifixion, to the Mount of Beatitudes, to the same desert where He faced temptation, to the place Jesus called home with Mary and Joseph in Nazareth, and to the very place of His birth in Bethlehem. These are the places where we prayed for the intentions of the parish; the intentions many of you shared with us personally. This Advent season is a great time of reflection for the birth of Jesus; we are able to reflect upon our experiences from the pilgrimage in preparation for Jesus's birth. We wish you a blessed Advent and Christmas and thank you again for your support and generosity. Pilgrims pictured left to right are: Samuel Campos, Daniel Campos, Jazmin Mello and Sebastian Toro.



**DECEMBER 4, 2022**  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



#### Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00pm Michael J. Tallent

#### SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Louise Paolazzi

10:30 am Peter & Mathilde Favaro

12:00pm O.C.

1:30 pm Amador Castelo Rodriguez

#### MONDAY - Advent Weekday

12:00pm Sadie Colasurdo

#### TUESDAY - Advent Weekday/St. Nicholas, Bishop

12:00pm Ukraine

#### WEDNESDAY - St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Angel & Jenny (Living)

#### Anticipated Holy Day Mass

5:00pm Sherry Birong

#### THURSDAY - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00am Vito Dacchille

9:00am Ernest Steven Ramirez (Living)

12:00pm Adonis P. Causing

7:30pm Manuel S. Cunha

#### FRIDAY - Advent Weekday/St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

12:00pm Florence Moderelli

#### SATURDAY - Advent Weekday

9:00am Kathleen & Christopher Mondoza (Living)

#### Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00pm Lorenza & Julian Duran

#### SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Charles A. Muldoon

10:30 am John Ruggier

12:00pm O.C.

1:30 pm Jose Lopes

### STEWARDSHIP

November 20, 2022

Sunday Collection - \$5,666

November 27, 2022

Sunday Collection - \$4,978

# Sacred Heart Church

## CHRISTMAS

# MEGA 50/50

WIN  
UP TO  
**\$5,000!**\*



All Proceeds Benefit Sacred Heart Church

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 16, 2022  
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!



### 1. BY MAIL/BASKET

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)

Visit <https://bit.ly/SHC2022MEGA>



or Scan this code on your  
smart phone to order online!

Your tickets will be mailed to you.

Any questions please email Charlie Sofio at: [sacredheartchurch@comcast.net](mailto:sacredheartchurch@comcast.net)

Full Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Phone Number to be put on each ticket if different than above. (please print clearly)

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# of Tickets Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount of money enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Fields MUST be filled out