



Sacred Heart Church

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we begin to move into the season of Advent, we transition from the darkness that will precede the end of the world to the darkness that hovered over the world at its beginning. Surprisingly, this darkness holds within it the promise of dawn as we anxiously await the rising sun. 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. Now is the time for us to listen to voices of Advent.

They are diverse and from extremes - voices of pain, voices of warning, voices of hope and voices of fulfillment. They are voices of information and voices of divisive misinformation, voices of quiet promise and voices of fretful anticipation. That is just the way Advent is, filled with contradictions and extremes. It is a season to celebrate the promise of Christ's coming, his arrival and the expectation of his return. Can we hold it all together? Maybe we can't. It is just the way the season is. It is just the way life is.

If we truly listen to the voices of Advent, maybe they will help balance all the seeming contradictions. Better yet, maybe they will throw off balance what we have so carefully tried to keep balanced. Our ordered lives need the disorder of Advent so that we can put aside our biased concepts of order and be more open to the new order God wants to bring to our lives this season. We should let the voices speak, embrace them in awareness and experience the transformation they offer us. If anything, Advent promises a change both for us and our world, a change beyond anything we ourselves can envision or bring about on our own.

There is an abrupt entrance into the season of Advent. The Scriptures today are both reassuring and a bit scary.

Jeremiah begins by inviting us to take ownership of our past and present weaknesses and put hope in his message that God is coming to heal us, not based on our own goodness, but on the justice of God. What God has promised, God will do.

The world Luke describes is falling apart, with cosmic signs and a warning to us: "Be vigilant at all times, pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

"Be vigilant at all times." This is not exactly a very pleasant phrase to be heard as we prepare for the holidays during Advent. Jesus used variations of the phrase at various times during his ministry. And it has been interpreted in many different ways: "be watchful," "be careful," "stay awake," "keep on your toes," "listen up!"

But during Advent, the most salient interpretation of the phrase "be vigilant and pray at all times" is one of "paying attention" - that one be attentive to the presence of God at each moment of life, to make the most of all opportunities, and to prepare for the Kingdom already present in this world.

Attention is the key word here. It is paying attention with our eyes and ears. It is paying attention to the presence of God. It is tending toward that presence by paying attention to the presence and plight of our neighbor. It is intending God's presence in this world, being tender with God's presence and being able to live with the tension of God's presence. It is living intensely with God's presence.

The past few years have been far from peaceful. We struggle with national and global unrest and turmoil. We have come face-to-face with hatred and blatant prejudice, and polarization in our society, our politics and in our church. But, especially as this year comes to a close, we reaffirm our belief in all that Jesus has already accomplished in us. And we see in that belief a reason to hope for so much more. We hope for a deepening of our own resolve and for the power to overcome evil in ourselves and in our world.

But being vigilant, praying constantly and simply listening is not nearly enough. The message of Advent is a call to action and responsibility - a call to grow in sensitivity and awareness and to take an active role in alleviating the pain and suffering in the world around us. Advent is the season of expectation but it is also very much a season of the present moment, because God is already in our midst, calls to us and continues to stay with us, even as we cry out: "Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus, Come!"

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- 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.
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****If you have friends or family members who are Amazon shoppers, why not ask them if they would help our parish too?!****

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: sacred-heartchurch@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.

Food Pantry Update

HELP US STOCK UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY & WINTER MONTHS!

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**.

You will have between **now and December 4th** 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 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.

SACRED HEART HOME SCHOOL ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY

Friday, January 13th, Sacred Heart School MASKS MUST BE WORN

**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, Patricia Coughlin, Andrea Globis, Joann De Lorenzo

DECEASED: Josephine Lakis, Edwin Ramirez, Cynthia Cerone, Stanley Albanese

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE



The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of the Cavalcante Family

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

In Honor of: Happy Birthday Mom (Betty Sottovia, November 24th)

Donated by: Jean Redner

**FIESTA GUADALUPE
FUNDRAISER**

**SAT., DEC 3RD 1:00 PM
SACRED HEART SCHOOL CAFETERIA
\$10 ADULTS \$5 KIDS**

**COME AND ENJOY A FUN FAMILY AFTERNOON
WITH DELICIOUS FOOD, GREAT ENTERTAINMENT,
RAFFLES AND SUPRISES FOR THE KIDS!
TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER THE SUNDAY
MASSES IN THE MAIN VESTIBULE OF THE
CHURCH OR AT THE PARISH OFFICE
MON. - FRI. 9:00 - 4:00**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, Dec. 10th - \$15 per dinner plate / box
Our Lady Mt. Carmel Parish Center, 146 Copeland Ave
3:00 - 4:30 PM Dine-In, 4:00 - 6:00 PM Take-out
Each dinner contains: 1/2 rotisserie chicken, potatoes, vegeta-
bles, salad and dessert. Order deadline December 7th
Order online at <https://bit.ly/Council2396Dinner>
Call 551-587-8402 for more information or with questions.**

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00pm Connie A. Ficacci

SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Rocco Paolazzi

10:30 am Y. Hoefsloot, M. Ryan, & R. Kearns

12:00pm Eleanor Cappadona

1:30 pm Magda Lilia Sanchez V. & Lilia Vasquez

MONDAY - Advent Weekday

12:00pm Eleanor Cappadona

TUESDAY - Advent Weekday

12:00pm Haven Rose Pagan (Living)

WEDNESDAY - St. Andrew, Apostle

12:00pm Ric Raymond Polanca

THURSDAY - Advent Weekday

12:00pm Rosemary Groszman

FIRST FRIDAY - Advent Weekday

12:00pm Anthony F. Pereira

FIRST SATURDAY - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

9:00am Purgatorial Society

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

STEWARDSHIP

November 13, 2022

Sunday Collection - \$5,688

Archdiocese for Military - \$1,477

Add'l Assessment - \$361

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

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

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)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

of Tickets Requested: _____ Total amount of money enclosed: _____

Name on Credit Card*: _____ Exp Date*: _____

Credit Card #*: _____ Security (CVV) Code*: _____

*Fields MUST be filled out