



Sacred Heart Church

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EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." - Mt 28:5b-6

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. 8 - 8:30 PM, May 14, June 18

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.

EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Each year the Church invites us to bring the heart-aches of our lives, our own personal broken dreams and moments of sorrow and pain to the Risen Christ. During Holy Week we relive the final days of the Savior in order to reinforce our conviction that resurrection always follows death, that victory always crowns our failures. This is the vision that we celebrate on Easter Sunday: a way of life which continues to offer renewed vision and hope to the human family.

We believe that Jesus rose from the dead, never to die again. We believe that his resurrection brought about a whole new age. The past has been put aside. Now anything is possible for us, for we have been promised a share in this resurrection - in this new life. In the light of resurrection we can put aside the darkness of the past and change the way we think and act toward ourselves and others. This is the "Easter Faith" that we, as his disciples, profess.

But it is difficult to believe without fear and trepidation. The reality of the world around us sometimes makes it impossible to sift through the suffering, devastation and death that we experience every day. Easter faith is not based on stories or hearsay. The faith borne of resurrection is not necessarily one of tangible and physical reality. Easter faith springs from something deeper. Perhaps this is best exemplified by Mary Magdalene in the resurrection account we hear today.

Mary goes to the tomb "on the first day of the week... early in the morning." The tragic events of Jesus' death were still fresh in her mind, and she just wants to be as close as possible to the Jesus she loved - and to do so as quickly as possible. So she goes to his tomb "while it was still dark." In John's Gospel darkness suggests an absence of faith - not being able to see with clear vision. It's the dawning of a new day, but for Mary and, later, the disciples, it is still dark.

When Mary arrives at the tomb and sees it empty, she comes to the logical conclusion: "They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we don't know where they put him." She rushes back to tell Peter and John of her discovery, who now race to the tomb themselves. Unlike the resurrection story in the Synoptic gospels, in John's account there are no heavenly messengers waiting there for them when they arrive, just an empty tomb with the burial cloths neatly folded in a separate place.

But today's gospel is only half of the story. If we like mystery stories, neatly packaged with no loose ends, then we can't help but be somewhat dissatisfied with the inconclusive account that we have today: the two disciples see the empty tomb, do not fully understand, and then return home. The story actually continues in the very next passage of the Gospel. Mary will remain, meet Jesus, think he is the gardener and then discover he is the risen Lord when he calls her name. It seems a little strange that these few additional verses were not included in today's reading.

But maybe that's the point.

Mary's faith was born of love, which opened her eyes to see and recognize the risen Lord. It was different for the others. It was still difficult for them to truly believe the stories they were hearing. It was still hard to bring themselves - as much as they wanted to - to believe that the Lord had truly risen, as He said He would. Even when they saw Him, they weren't sure...

What stirred the disciples to believe? Mary Magdalene got the message - she saw with the eyes of faith and believed. The beloved disciple got the message - he saw with the eyes of faith and he believed. Later, Peter, with the other disciples, will encounter the risen Christ themselves. Then they will come to understand the Scriptures about Jesus' suffering and rising from the dead.

Maybe that is how we come to see the risen Christ. Without seeing him we believe Christ is alive and with us. We meet him when we worship with others who are witnesses to his life; we have our eyes opened to the risen Christ when the words of Scripture touch our hearts; we come to know him in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the cup. We also meet him where he has told us he can be found -- in the needy, outcast, stranger, imprisoned, exiled and abused.

Proof of the Risen Christ lies with us. We are the proof that Christ is alive and lives with us still. Like Mary Magdalene and the first disciples, we are His witnesses to all the nations.

WHAT IS THE OCTAVE OF EASTER?

The joy of the initial day of Our Lord's Resurrection is celebrated in the Church for eight days, called the Octave of Easter. Liturgically, we celebrate Easter at highest pitch from Easter Sunday to Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day of the Octave is ranked as a Solemnity in the Church's liturgical calendar, the highest ranking of liturgical feasts. At Masses during the Octave of Easter, as on Sundays, the Gloria, is recited or sung. And at the end of each Mass of the Octave, the double Alleluia is sung at the dismissal. The idea of an Octave of a great feast has its roots in the Old Testament. There are many Jewish feasts that lasted for eight days, for example, the feast of Passover and the feast of Tabernacles. In the Catholic Church, we celebrate eight days of Christmas as well as eight days of Easter. If there is any time to go to daily Mass, the Easter Octave is it! The Gospel readings at Masses during the Octave of Easter include passages from the Gospels that relate various appearances of the Risen Jesus. If you can't make it to the daily Mass, reflecting on these Gospel texts is a wonderful way to prolong the celebration of Easter. Each day during the Octave, we proclaim in the Gospel Acclamation: This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. The Octave of Easter ends on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Sunday of Divine Mercy.

WHY IS THE BUTTERFLY A SYMBOL OF THE RESURRECTION?

Known for its lightness, the fluttering of its wings, and especially its metamorphosis from a caterpillar into something more beautiful and powerful, the butterfly symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The butterfly has long been a Christian symbol of the resurrection, for it disappears into a cocoon and appears dead, but emerges later far more beautiful and powerful than before. The three stages of the butterfly's metamorphoses are symbolic of the three stages in the life cycle of Christ and the Christian. The caterpillar's non-stop eating reminds us of normal earthly life where people are often preoccupied with taking care of their physical needs. The caterpillar's life also reminds us of Jesus' life on earth. Caterpillars then "entomb" themselves in what appears to be lifeless cocoons portraying the crucifixion and burial of Jesus and the death of all humans. The third and final stage is the appearance of a butterfly with jewel-colored wings and the ability to soar, which represents the resurrection into a new and glorious life free of material concerns and restrictions. A major theme in St. Paul's teachings is that "we shall all be changed" (*Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.* 1 Cor. 15:51-52). The Christian hope is that what is sown in the grave as a weak mortal body will be raised an indestructible spiritual body not subject to temptation, sorrow, death, or pain. Through death the spirit will escape – not from its body but from the vulnerabilities and hardships of mortal flesh.



WHY ARE EGGS ASSOCIATED WITH EASTER?

On that first Easter morning, Jesus came to life and walked out of the tomb, and left it, as it were, an empty shell. Thus you see that though an egg seems to be as dead as a stone, yet it really has life in it (the baby chick). This is why eggs are an Easter symbol. In time past, they used to color the eggs red, so as to show the kind of death by which Christ died, - a bloody death.



BI-ANNUAL ROSARY SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE

The Dominican Nuns of Summit NJ will be holding their bi-annual Rosary Sunday Pilgrimage on **Sunday, May 7th at 3:00 PM**. Their yearly 'May Crowning' of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a brief homily, and Benediction will follow the recitation of the Rosary. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know the nuns! Currently the community is comprised of about 20 nuns from the ages of 26-91 with a median age of 36. It is the only cloistered community in the Archdiocese of Newark. **The Rosary Shrine is located at 543 Springfield Ave, Summit NJ. Parking will be available next door at 535 Springfield Ave. For questions: info@summitdominicans.org or 908-273-1228.**

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

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, Margot O'Hara, Maureen Branigan, Patricia Coughlin, Andrea Globis, Laura MacDonald, Ava Romano, Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Hector Cruz

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25:40



NEIGHBORS
HELPING
NEIGHBORS

We are stocking up our Parish Family Food Pantry for Easter and the Spring Season. Can you help us assist our brothers and sisters struggling with food insecurity?

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. Food items can be left near

the shrine of the Sacred Heart in the back of the church.

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

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE



The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH

In Honor of: Margaret Castiglione

Donated by: The Paleologos Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of Susan Kimball

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

PARISH OFFICE EASTER HOURS

In observance of the Easter Holy Days, the parish office will be **closed Holy Thursday, April 6th, through Easter Monday, April 10th.** The office will reopen on Easter Tuesday, April 11th at 9:00am. The priests and staff of Sacred Heart wish all our parish a holy and happy Easter Season!

THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Paschal Candle, a symbol of the light and the hope that the risen Christ brings to the world, *has been generously given to our parish family this year In Loving Memory Of Howard Wartel by His Loving Family.* The Candle 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.

APRIL 9, 2023



MASS
INTENTIONS

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY - HOLY SATURDAY

THE EASTER VIGIL

8:30pm Margaret Castiglione

SUNDAY - EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Mr. & Mrs. Jeremiah Hallahan

10:30 am Lorenza & Julian Duran

12:00pm Scardino, Pereira & Alongi Families

1:30 pm Maria Isabel

MONDAY - Monday Within The Octave Of Easter

12:00pm Helvia Fernandez

TUESDAY - Tuesday Within The Octave Of Easter

12:00pm U.S.A.

WEDNESDAY - Wednesday Within The Octave Of Easter

12:00pm Special Intention

THURSDAY - Thursday Within The Octave Of Easter

12:00pm Arsenio Aromando

FRIDAY - Friday Within The Octave Of Easter

12:00pm Pilar Cantos & Saturnino Cantos

SATURDAY - Saturday Within The Octave Of Easter

9:00am Kathleen Cantanese

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Roberta Johnson

SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Alfonso Demilio

10:30 am Mary English McDede

12:00pm Krizan Peros

1:30 pm Roberta Johnson

STEWARDSHIP

Collection Totals Not Available

At Time Of Publication

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK - ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

The Archdiocese's 2023 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, 89 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:
Our Parish's Goal - \$34,700 -- Paid To Date - \$17,190 (49.54% 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 from the Archdiocese a 2% reduction in our parish assessment expense for the fiscal year. This 2% reduction saved the parish more than \$7,500 in assessment expense last year. The Archdiocese will also rebate back to the parish 50% of the funds received from our parish that exceeds our goal! 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 2023 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.

Knights of Columbus
COUNCIL #2396
Presents
ARRAY OF HOPE
AWAKENING HEARTS

**An Evening of Faith,
Hope and Love**
A Musical Multimedia Experience

Date:
Saturday, May 13th 2023, 7:00pm

Location:
Lyndhurst Middle School
619 Page Avenue
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Ticket price
VIP Tickets - \$50
(Includes VIP seat and one (1) donated general admission seat for a local youth organization in the area.)
General Admission - \$20 each

"It's a multi-generational musical journey of the faith"
-EWTN "Life on the Rock"

"They present the Gospel in technicolor"
-Relevant Radio, "Morning Air"

Ticket link:
Bit.ly/council2396AOH

**Have Questions?
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QR code for ticket link: Bit.ly/council2396AOH

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