



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The resurrection appearances of Jesus are filled with surprises and mystifying details. His friends do not recognize Him. He appears through locked doors; He has broken out of a tomb, but carries the wounds of His dying. He speaks of peace and forgiveness. He promises the gift of His Spirit. He sends His disciples to change the world. But things really didn't turn out the way the disciples had planned.

They had traveled with Jesus for almost three years, had observed many wonderful things and probably expected more of a "return on their investment." With all his miracles and victorious confrontations against the religious authorities, with the crowds flocking to him, he looked like a winner to all of those who followed him. They had secretly hoped to sit in glory with him when he came into his earthly kingdom.

We tend to think that it was easier to believe "back then," and we find it difficult to believe that the first disciples could have been so far off track. But if we listen carefully, we can hear in stories like today's Gospel passage, that they had the same daily struggles we have. We may be far removed from Jesus' first followers, but like them, we too struggle with life and death, love and forgiveness. We are sometimes lost on the same road. We ask the same questions to life's disappointments as they did, "Why?"

All of the Gospel stories are about real issues. They speak to what's on our minds and what troubles our hearts. They strengthen us when we doubt. These stories are not only for the good days and celebrations of our lives. They are also for when we face darkness, when life feels threatening, when the darkness seems overpowering and we are afraid of losing our bearings. God speaks to us through these stories, they are our light in darkness, our compass for when we feel lost.

Every Resurrection appearance story is accompanied by a mandate, a call - a challenge to commitment. Through his death and resurrection, Christ is asking if we are willing to carry on in the "real world" of human beings, according to his teachings, his understanding of God, his love for people.

On the first Easter evening, the disciples were huddled in fear behind locked doors. Now they are witnesses. He is risen from the dead and now they need to start all over again. When he appears to them this time, he shocks them to attention by his presence, and they are overcome by their amazement and joy. Now they are more attentive. They have moved from simply being "followers" and can now be called "disciples." For that is what they are. They are listeners, learners, beginners. And one cannot become a "witness" unless one listens and learns.

Like the travelers on the road to Emmaus, each of us has been called to witness to Christ's call to Life. Each of us has been nourished in the breaking of the bread, and each has been sent to feed one other and to nourish and be nourished through community. We are each challenged to proclaim to the world that our God is a God who takes life with absolute seriousness. This is a God who enters fully into suffering and death and does not allow it the final victory. We do this just by living our daily lives as best we can. We become witnesses to the Gospel message by listening to the Word of God, by living changed lives and by voicing our faith.

We, indeed, live in a wounded and broken world and unfortunately the severest of wounds are those which are self-inflicted. A large part of this is our lingering failure to become what Jesus obviously had in mind: truly a people united by faith, becoming a community in which we each have been called to "tend to one other," to be attentive, to pay attention.

St. Francis of Assisi used to say to his followers, "Let us begin again to serve the Lord God, for up to now we have done nothing." It is never too late to start over again, for we too, like the first disciples, have been guilty of missing the mark. We are guilty of being way off track. Yet, the final words of today's Gospel are aimed at no one other than ourselves. Our eyes have been opened and our hearts are burning because we are truly "the witnesses of these things."

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!*

"A FATHER'S HEART"

In Theaters on May 1st ONLY

On the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, Monday, May 1, 2023, *A Father's Heart: The Miracles of St. Joseph Today* will be released exclusively in theaters across the country. It will be preceded by a short film produced by The Knights of Columbus, *Our Liberator: St. Joseph and the Priests of Dachau*.

A Father's Heart: The Miracles of St. Joseph Today

What do we know about the real St. Joseph? In *A FATHER'S HEART*, the filmmakers search over five continents for the people whose lives have been transformed by this mysterious man. Husband of Mary. Foster-Father of Jesus. Protector of the Church. Patron of the Dying. Terror of Demons. From radical conversions to impossible cures; from the rebuilding of broken marriages to aid to the dying - this compelling documentary film reveals just who St. Joseph is and how he acts in the world today.

Our Liberator: St. Joseph and the Priests of Dachau

In the spring of 1945, the Roman Catholic priest inmates of the Dachau Concentration Camp sensed that the Allied victory in the Second World War was imminent. They also believed, however, that the Nazis would never allow them to leave the camp alive. Miraculously, Dachau was liberated by Allied troops on April 29, right before their execution. **Near us, the film will be screened will be at AMC Clifton Commons 16, 405 Route 3, Clifton at 7:00 PM.**

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.**



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Lyndhurst Council #2396

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Living your Faith with Courage

Hosted by Mary Mother of Mercy Youth Ministry

SUNDAY
APRIL 30TH

SAINT JOHN PAUL II
YOUTH RETREAT CENTER
499 BELGROVE DRIVE,
KEARNY NJ

DROP OFF 11:00 AM / PICK UP 4:00 PM

LUNCH INCLUDED

FREE TO ALL 7TH & 8TH STUDENTS FROM
SACRED HEART SCHOOL AND THE CCD PROGRAMS OF THE
LYNDHURST PARISHES OF SACRED HEART,
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL, AND ST. MICHAELS

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 60 REGISTRANTS

REGISTER BY APRIL 26, 2023

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YOUR COINS FOR CHRIST COUNT! DONATIONS SURPASS

\$2,000



The "Coins for Christ" program, through your generosity, has received more than \$2,000 in donations for our parish family. **This ongoing activity** invites our parish family to take a Coins for Christ collection jar home and keep it in the area where you empty your pockets in the evening. **Collection jars are available at the entrances to the church.** Any spare change you have you can put in the jar. Every couple of weeks, simply empty the contents of the jar into a plastic bag and put the bag into the collection basket. Your spare change counts for our parish! Thanks for your continued generosity!!

Faith. Academics. Service. Catholic Schools SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2023-2024 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.

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, Patricia Coughlin, Andrea Globis, Laura MacDonald, Ava Romano, Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Hector Cruz, John Du Bois

DECEASED: George Delnevo

CHURCH BELLS

CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE



The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH

In Honor of: John Gretkowski

Donated by: The Girls at Chandels

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

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?



NEIGHBORS
HELPING
NEIGHBORS

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 to our families.

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.

APRIL 23, 2023



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Jean Prestridge

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Anthony & Lucy Di Lascio & Family

10:30 am William J. Szymanski

12:00pm Josephine Chiarella

1:30 pm Josefina Alvarez

MONDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

12:00pm Madeline & Gennaro Ferrara

TUESDAY - St. Mark, Evangelist

12:00pm Ignacio Espiritu & Roberto Lumbang

WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Special Intention

THURSDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Lorenza & Julian Duran

FRIDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr/St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

12:00pm Adam A. Sauser, Jr.

SATURDAY - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

9:00am Mary Foss

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Pellegrino Di Bianco

SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Barbara Ruzika

10:30 am Ernesto Santiago

12:00pm Joseph Mayerchak

1:30 pm Josefa Marino Lustres

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - April 16th

Easter To Date - \$15,637

Sunday Collection- \$5,061

Add'l Assessment Collection - \$1,30

Add'l Holy Land - \$35

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

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, 107 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:
Our Parish's Goal - \$34,700 -- Paid To Date - \$21,749 (62.68% 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

**Have Questions?
Contact Us:**
Council2396@gmail.com
(551) 587-8402

Ticket link:
Bit.ly/council2396AOH

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-EWTN "Life on the Rock"

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