



# Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

### 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

All three of the Liturgical Readings for this week focus specifically on the notion of service and ministry. There is enough in the passage from Acts to remind us of how far we still are from being the community Christ intends us to be. In our second reading, Peter calls each of us to look at ourselves. He reminds us of the dignity of our call to service and the dignity of the community to which we are called to serve. Today's Gospel is a scene from the Last Supper. Scripture tells us that Jesus did two things that night which define the sacramental nature of "service." He commissioned his disciples to bring His healing power of forgiveness, allowing us to reconcile ourselves with one another and with God and He showed by example what it means to be compassionate and to minister to one another.

From its earliest moments, the Christian community was asked to select some of its own members for the ministry of service, so that the apostles could concentrate on prayer and the ministry of the word. (Acts 6:4) This fits a pattern for the early church. The priests would serve the community by being persons dedicated to prayer, teaching and presiding at Eucharist. Members of the laity, both men and women would take ownership of the other aspects of their community life.

According to scripture scholars, the First Letter of Peter was written between 70-90 A.D. to the Christian communities located in five provinces in Asia Minor, and addresses the difficulty of living the Christian life in a hostile, secular environment that upholds different values and subjected the Christian community to ridicule and oppression. The author reminds the people to let themselves "be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." And he assures them that they are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own."

The Second Vatican Council gave us the opportunity to rediscover this original model of church. More and more lay men and women have been invited to use their gifts and charisms for the service of the community of believers. More and more, the laity understands that they are the Church. Ordained clergy, priests and deacons, along with religious men and women, do have special roles within the community, but they are servants, and they alone are not the Church. We have come to understand that our faith rests not in the organization that we call "church" but in the Person of Jesus who gathers this community - this church - together.

Jesus is "the way" to God. In truth, Jesus' passion is for the utter authenticity of people's lives and His way of loving is also the way for us to live.

He is "the truth" we can trust. He has taught us about God's nature and we trust what he has said about God's abundant mercy and forgiveness for us is true. If someone preaches another "truth" about a harsh, avenging and exacting God, we ought to reject that message. Instead, we trust that Jesus Himself is the truth about God. And living Jesus' life will be how we become what God intended for us.

He is "the life" that we share. Jesus is not just a model on which we base our lives. Rather, He is "the life." When He tells his disciples, "I am going to the Father," He promises that He will come back to take them to Himself. As we approach Pentecost we yearn again for the Spirit that Jesus promised will take us to Himself, unite us with Himself and empower us to live the life He lived. This Spirit is His life for us and it quickens our own spirits, enlivening us so we can proclaim that His is "the life" that is now within us.

In today's narrative Philip speaks one famous sentence recorded for all time: "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." These words sum up the entire purpose and direction of the human journey. They articulate the basic longing of our hearts to see God, to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him. They reflect the longing of those whose spiritual needs are met in the church and those whose needs are not. Philip speaks for all of us when he says to Jesus: "We really only need one thing - to see God. Show us how to do that, and that will be enough!"

Jesus answered with words that are equally critical for us: "*Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me?*"

## 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!*

### 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 the Spring and Summers Seasons. 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 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](mailto: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](http://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.

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## 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.

### 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, 117 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:**

**Our Parish's Goal - \$34,700**

**Paid To Date - \$24,284 (69.98% 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.\*\***



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

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

During the week of May 7th, 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: Anita Louise Carbone  
At Rest With The Lord

Donated by: Diane Lotito

**CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE**

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

**SUNDAY, MAY 7TH**

In Honor of: Roger Casey

Donated by: Brian, Carol & Kathleen O'Keeffe

**MAY 7, 2023**



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Anticipated Sunday Mass**

5:00pm Ferrara & Pavlica Families

**SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Theresa Muldoon

10:30 am Manuel & Mercedes Vargas

12:00pm Varacalli Family

1:30 pm Manuel Noya Gude

**MONDAY - Easter Weekday**

12:00pm Anthony Scardino, Sr.

**TUESDAY - Easter Weekday**

12:00pm Lorenza & Julian Duran

**WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday/St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church/ St. Damien de Veuster, Priest**

12:00pm Herminia Mendez

**THURSDAY - Easter Weekday**

12:00pm Maria D'Angelo

**FRIDAY - Easter Weekday/Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs/ St. Pancras, Martyr**

12:00pm Conrad S. Petrillo & Petrillo Family

**SATURDAY - Easter Weekday/Our Lady of Fatima**

9:00am Francis X. Foss

**Anticipated Sunday Mass**

5:00pm Susan & Jack Fraser

**SUNDAY - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am James M. Cavalcante

10:30 am Lorenza & Julian Duran

12:00pm Jerry Agresti, Sr.

1:30 pm Bertha Falla

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Sunday - April 30th**

Sunday Collection- \$4,866

Add'l Assessment Collection - \$52

Add'l Holy Land - \$20

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

**KOFC** COUNCIL #2396  
Knights of Columbus 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 another given away to local youth organizations)  
General Admission - \$20 each  
Family Package - Starting at \$50

**"It's a multi-generational musical journey of the faith"**  
-LWTN "Life on the Rock"  
**"They present the Gospel in technicolor"**  
-Relevant Radio, "Morning Air"

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

**Ticket link:** [bitly/Council2396A0H](https://bitly/Council2396A0H)

[www.arrayofhope.org](https://www.arrayofhope.org)

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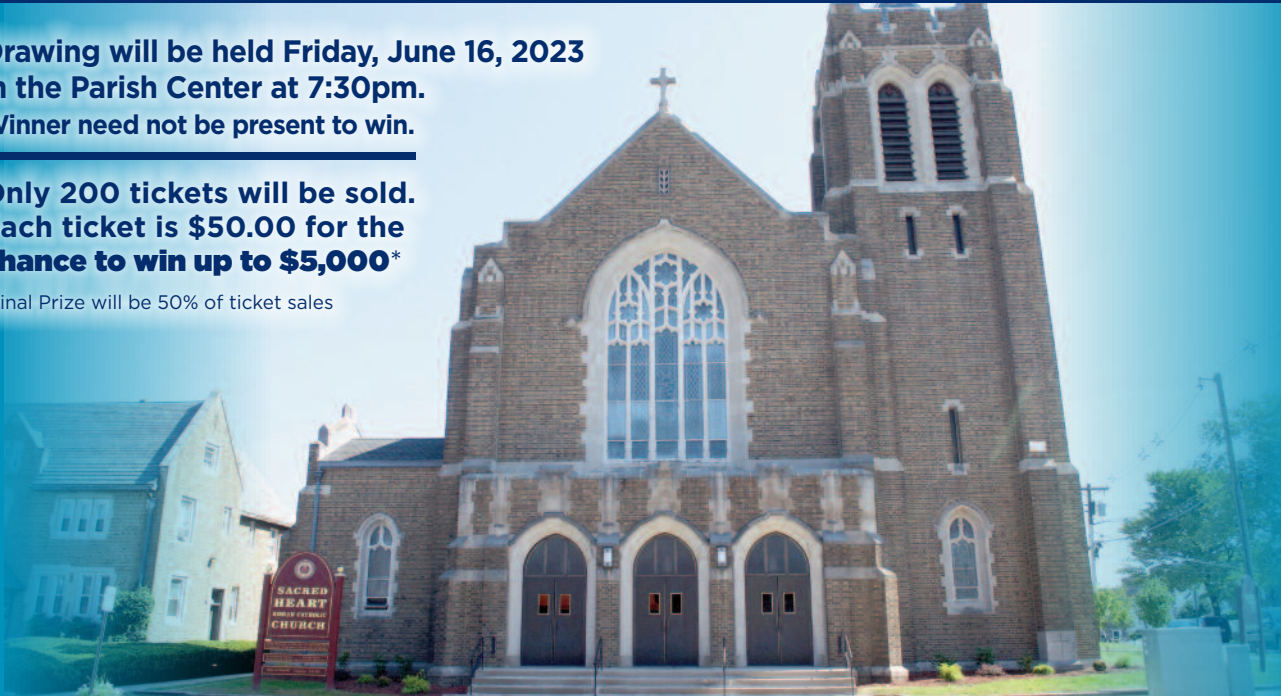
WIN  
 UP TO  
**\$5,000!**\*

All Proceeds Benefit Sacred Heart Church

Drawing will be held Friday, June 16, 2023  
 in the Parish Center at 7:30pm.  
 Winner need not be present to win.

Only 200 tickets will be sold.  
 Each ticket is \$50.00 for the  
 chance to win up to \$5,000\*

\*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/SHC\\_2023\\_S-MEGA](https://bit.ly/SHC_2023_S-MEGA)



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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Security (CVV) Code\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Fields MUST be filled out