



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.” - Jn 14:16-17a

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 at 3:00pm
May 14, Jun. 18, Jul. 9, Aug. 13, Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter remind us that God is always with us and always caring for us, no matter where we are or what the circumstance. The first reading tells of how Peter and John went from Jerusalem to Samaria to pray with the people there and call down the Holy Spirit on them. The psalm is our response to God's loving care for us. The second reading tells us that Christ suffered for all of us, righteous and sinners alike. And in the gospel, Jesus tells us that he has not abandoned us. He has sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always.

The first reading emphasizes the importance of preaching the word of God to non-believers and the impact it can have on their lives, as many people in Samaria believed and were baptized. Christians must share the gospel with others, to be ambassadors of Christ to those who do not know Him. The first reading also shows that true faith is accompanied by a desire to be obedient to God's commandments and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, which enables believers to live out their faith and grow in their relationship with God.

Both the gospel and the second reading emphasize the importance of love for Christ. In John, Jesus tells His disciples that those who love Him will keep His commandments, and in 1 Peter, the apostle urges believers to always be ready to defend their faith with gentleness and respect, out of love for Christ. Love is central to the Christian faith, as love for Christ should motivate and guide all of our actions and decisions.

Some folks have a rather harsh image of God. They envision a distant God, ruling over everything and everyone from an on-high vantage point. This God is a ruler and a tester, a judge or an inquisitor, expecting us to live up to a set of rules and regulations or requiring us to pass the litmus test, which weighs our accomplishments against our transgressions. In this perception, Jesus' role was crucial: to go before God and soften His anger over our failures. Seeing Jesus as "Advocate" in this way, he becomes our defense attorney before a fearsome God. A lot of people in our communities still hold these notions of God.

But another perspective is necessary, one that fulfills the hope that Jesus gives us in the Gospel.

In reality, we need the Advocate, not to argue our case to God, but to argue God's case to us. The Advocate that Jesus sends his followers intercedes on God's behalf and reminds us of God's love for us. This Advocate – this Spirit - helps us live Jesus' way of love for others. This Advocate persuades us and enables us to love as he loved and to serve others as He served. Such love will require an enormous amount of courage and a persevering commitment.

Jesus freed His disciples from the tyranny of law. He did this not by abolishing or changing the law, but by dethroning it from its place of primacy, revitalizing it and making it subordinate to love and compassion. This is what we call the law of the Spirit. When our lives are governed not by a network of laws but by the fire of the Spirit that burns within us, then the limitless power of the Spirit is unleashed with incredible force.

The Spirit impels us to live as beloved of God. He tells us "if you love me, you will keep my commandments. My father will love you and we will come to you and make our home within you." The community formed by Jesus was one empowered by the Spirit and the community was where the language of love and compassion was not only spoken but lived.

Jesus shattered all previous conceptions of who God is and what man is meant to be. He reaches out and touches the hopes and fears, the celebrations and desolations of each of us. He is the Incarnation of the compassion of the Father, and He reveals a God who is not indifferent but one who continues to live and breathe within us.

In almost every verse of today's Gospel passage Jesus assures us that we will not be left on our own. He will never abandon us. If we can believe this, then despite the obstacles that we face in life, despite the walls that we may build around ourselves for safety and for protection, and despite the doors that we may lock and hide behind – suddenly, without our even knowing, the Spirit will be present among us, will breathe on us and will bring us His peace.

Mother's Day Blessings

The priests and staff of Sacred Heart Church and School wish all the mothers of our parish family a very happy and blessed Mother's Day. Today as we honor, celebrate, or simply reflect on the woman who gave us birth, or who adopted us into her heart, we thank You Lord, for the gift of our lives and for the gift of our mothers, whether they are still here with us or they are in Your keeping.



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.



"THE GOD MAN"

In Theaters on June 6th ONLY
Who do you say that I am?

In The God Man, filmmaker Darren Wilson turns his focus on the most famous person in history, Jesus Christ. Led by a series of dreams, chance encounters, and impossible timing, Darren follows a spiritual trail that eventually leads to a remarkable conclusion about the nature and character of Jesus.

From the wilds of Alaska, to the slums of Rio, to the tropical beauty of the Caribbean, this sweeping film chases a Jesus who is not bound by rituals and religious dogma, but who is real, alive, and active in the world today. He is not church. He is not religion. He is not hypocrisy. He is Jesus, and he is far better than you can ever imagine.

This is a dangerous film because you can't unsee it and Jesus demands a choice!

Near us, the film will be screened will be at AMC Clifton Commons 16, 405 Route 3, Clifton at 7:00 PM.

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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, 119 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:

Our Parish's Goal - \$34,700

Paid To Date - \$24,824 (71.54% 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.****

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, Margot O'Hara, Patricia Coughlin, Andrea Globis, Laura MacDonald, Ava Romano, Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Hector Cruz, John Du Bois, Ruben Arevalo Gacildone

DECEASED: Virginia Sansevere

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE



The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of Isabel Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of May 14th, 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

BREAD & WINE:



In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

Donated by: Isabel & Jim Cavalcante

MASS CANDLES:



In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

Donated by: Isabel & Jim Cavalcante

**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!*

MAY 14, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

MONDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Isidore

12:00pm Giovanni Cuzziol (Living)

TUESDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Stanley Albanese

WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm U.S.A.

THURSDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Special Intention

FRIDAY - Easter Weekday/St. John I, Pope and Martyr

12:00pm Jean Minervini

SATURDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest

9:00am Isoldi, Navatta & Pretto Families

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Louis & Concetta Liberti & Family

SUNDAY - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Arthur Derby

10:30 am Nicholas Cimicata

12:00pm Pellegrino Bianco

1:30 pm Manuel Noya Gude

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday -May 7th

Sunday Collection- \$5,547

Catholic Home Mission Appeal - \$1,279

Early Assessment Collection - \$913

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

Sacred Heart Church
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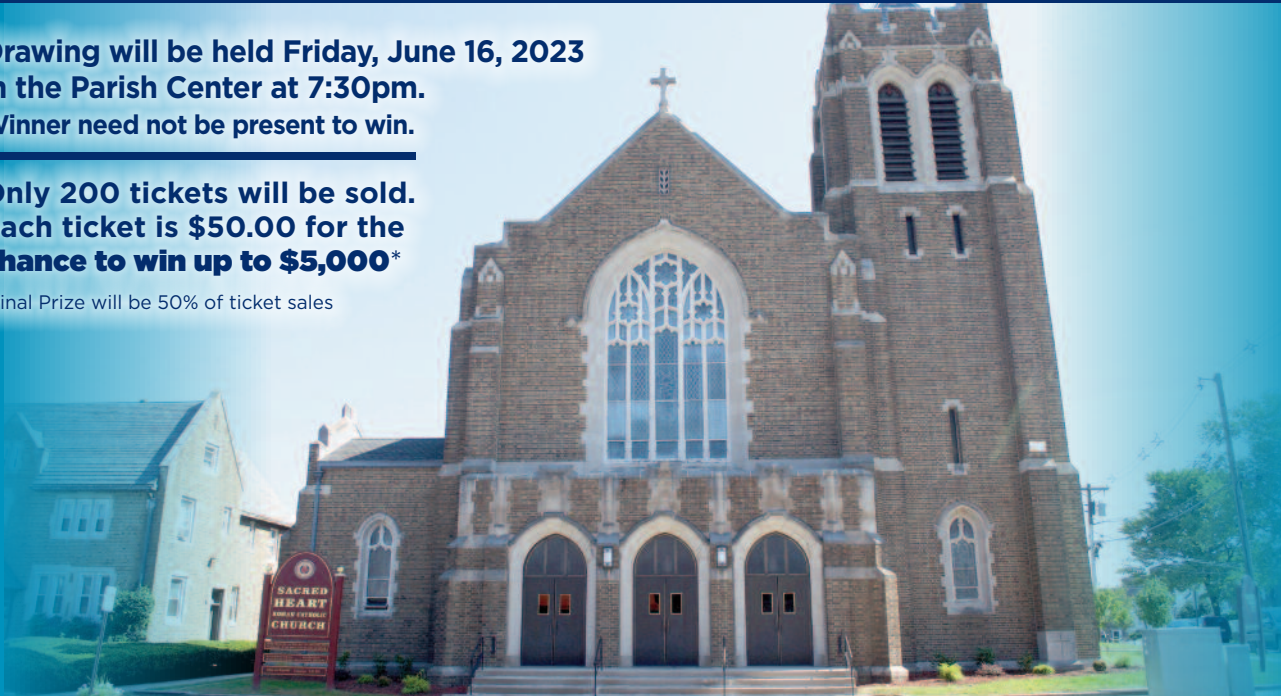
WIN
 UP TO
\$5,000!*

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



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