



# Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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July 30, 2023

## 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

### 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  
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.

## Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

We all look for good deals. We search for products with the best track records. We'll spend countless hours visiting different merchants, comparing prices all so that we may get the most for our money. We want our investments to yield good interest, our stocks to produce the highest return. But every now and then there comes a situation that is beyond any "bargain," worth every dollar, and worth any risk. So we should be able to understand the importance of today's Gospel parable.

The parable stories of the treasure in the field and the pearl merchant point to the fact that seeking the Kingdom of God and doing the will of the Father call for personal sacrifice and total commitment. One does not simply add this pearl to a collection or simply purchase one more parcel of land. Everything must be sold in order to buy. An absolute fresh start is to be made. The Gospel cuts into one's life and one must decide. Jesus brings compassion and healing but he also brings a call to responsibility that is not without its consequences. We are accountable for the gifts that God has given us.

Some basic questions we should be asking ourselves today in the light of the Gospel message:

**How do we use the gift of life itself?** Do we reverence it in all its forms? Do we protect the fragility of life in those who are weakest, most helpless, most defenseless? Do we protect this gift in ourselves by taking good care of our own health and avoiding the things we know can be harmful?

**How do we use the gift of time?** Do we try to make each of our days productive? Do we try to avoid wasting time on useless things? Do we try not to postpone or put off until tomorrow or next week or next month things that could and should be done today?

**How do we use the gift of faith?** Do we bury it, neglect it, and do little or nothing to increase it? Are we attentive to presence of the Spirit in every aspect of our lives? Are we attentive to that presence in the lives of others?

And finally, the important question focuses on **how we are changed by what we believe.** How will the thoughts, words, actions and decisions of our daily lives give evidence of a faith that is alive, vigorous, and fruitful.

These are difficult times for people the world over. All of us have been touched by suffering and death in ways we never could have imagined. We all share the horror and can feel the pain. We look for moments when the Light of Truth might shine through the current darkness and it becomes more and more difficult to proclaim the goodness of God and to be witnesses to this great gift of faith.

It is time for all of us to dig up the treasure that we may have buried so that we can bring a lighted candle into the common cloud of darkness that we all now seem to share. There has never been a time when we have needed to do this more.

Christians can sometimes speak too casually about "belonging to Christ" or of "following Jesus." But the parables of Jesus warn us that kinship with him should not be lightly presumed. **A disciple of Jesus is one who has pondered his words and translated them into action.**

Jesus' final question to his disciples is just as powerful today as it was then: **"Do you understand all of these things?"**

# ONLINE GIVING AT SACRED HEART

## \* EASY \* FAST \* SECURE \*

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.

## 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. Call the school at 201-939-4277 for more details.

## MASS BOOK FOR 2024 OPEN

The Mass Book for Mass intentions for 2024 is open. Mass on a weekday or Saturday morning are available for a \$10 stipend and Saturday evening or Sunday Masses for a \$20 stipend. If you would like to arrange for a Mass intention please come to the parish office, 615 New Jersey Ave, 9:00 - 4:30 Monday to Friday.

## HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201)407-3256.

The phone numbers for the County Prosecutors within the Archdiocese are:

Bergen - (201) 646-2300

Essex - (973) 621-4700

Hudson - (201) 795-6400

Union - (908) 527-4500

## FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY

The First Friday devotion and the First Saturday devotion arose from separate private revelations. The First Friday devotion is associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, while the First Saturday devotion is associated with the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The devotions are similar in that they call on the faithful to "stand in the gap" by doing penance for sinners, and both give a special promise of Divine assistance at the hour of death, that is, the promise of dying in a state of grace and therefore obtaining heaven.

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION:

Typically nine consecutive Fridays in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alcoque (1647-1690), a French nun in the Visitation Order, and gave her the special task to spread devotion to His Most Sacred Heart at a time when religion was growing cold in the hearts of mankind. For those who did this faithfully, he made what St. Margaret Mary referred to as the "Great Promise".

"I promise you in the unfathomable mercy of my heart that my omnipotent love will procure the grace of final penitence for all those who receive communion on nine successive first Fridays of the month; they will not die in my disfavor [the grace of final repentance], or without having received the sacraments, since my divine heart will be their sure refuge in the last moments of their life."

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION:

Typically five consecutive Saturdays in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The practice of the First Saturday devotion was requested by Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, multiple times starting in 1917.

She said to Lucia, the oldest of the three children:

"I shall come to ask . . . that on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world."

Years later she repeated her request to Sr. Lucia, the only one still living of the three young Fatima seers, while she was a postulant sister living in a convent in Spain:

"Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at very moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me, and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

Here at Sacred Heart, you can attend Mass at 12 Noon on Fridays and 9:00 AM on Saturdays. Following the Mass on First Saturdays, the devotional prayers and rosary are prayed as a community. Confession is available at 4:00 PM on Saturdays.



**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, Perpetua Aspille, 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, Helen Dowling, P. Darmiento, Elyse & Lauren Branigan, Dr. Leticia Luna, Jeanette Knowlton

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

**CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE**

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



**SUNDAY, JULY 30TH**

**In Honor of:** The Intentions of the Cavalcante Family

**Donated by:** Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

**ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE OUR FAITH WITH THE YOUTH OF OUR PARISH FAMILY?**



Our Religious Education program is always in need of teachers, aides, substitute teachers, hall monitors, and office helpers. Are you willing to help our children learn more about the love that Jesus Christ has for them in the 2023-2024 school year? No special religious education training is required, just the desire to help our children learn more about the love Jesus Christ has for them. Call Ryan Tobiason at 201-935-3094 for more information or if you would like to volunteer.

**100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH BUILDING**

2024 will mark the 100th Anniversary of our current church building and the 122th Anniversary of our parish. We would like to have some special events to commemorate this time in the life of our parish family. If you would like to be a part of the committee that will be putting together the events please fill out the information below and drop it in the collection basket or call the parish office at 201-438-1147.

**100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**JULY 30, 2023**



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Anticipated Sunday Mass**

5:00pm Silvia del Carmen Breton

**SUNDAY - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart  
9:00am Gabriella De Propriis Ricci  
10:30 am Roberta Johnson  
12:00pm James M. Cavalcante  
1:30 pm Alberto Centenaro

**MONDAY - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

12:00pm John B. Descalzi

**TUESDAY - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

12:00pm George Brew

**WEDNESDAY - Weekday/St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop/St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

12:00pm Angela Fernandez

**THURSDAY - Weekday**

12:00pm Anthony & Josephine Di Lascio

**FIRST FRIDAY - St. John Vianney, Priest**

12:00pm Marcos Cruz & Theresa Stone

**FIRST SATURDAY - Weekday/The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major/Blessed Virigin Mary**

9:00am Purgatorial Society

**Anticipated Sunday Mass**

5:00pm Geri Riley

**SUNDAY - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart  
9:00am Ruben Arevqlo Gacildone (Living)  
10:30 am Sal Russo, Sr.  
12:00pm Roberta Johnson  
1:30 pm Josefina Alvarez

**STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday - \$6,346

Retired Priest Collection - \$1,477

Add'l Assessment - \$100

Add'l Air Conditioning - \$50

Add'l Peter's Pence - \$20

# Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst

## Stewardship of Time And Talent Volunteer Sheet

Our parish is brought to us by the love and mercy of the Lord and by our stewardship. We are called to be good stewards of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure given to us by God to make His presence a reality in our community. To paraphrase the gospel, don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another  
as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in giving of my time and talent in the following ways (please check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Group            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exrtaordinary Mininster   | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir Member              | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Pantry                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Cleaning              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter                   | <input type="checkbox"/> General Repairs & Maintenace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Choir Organist | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Choir Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                  |

I would like to enroll my child:

- |                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Choir |
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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

My Signature below gives my child permission to participate in the activity indicated

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket.  
Thank you for your generous stewardship for our parish family!**