



# Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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August 27, 2023

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” - Mt 16:19

### 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.

## THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There have been many great religious figures in history. Their followers in all the world's major religions (Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, etc.) would count Jesus among the list of holy and great religious leaders. Even people who belong to no religion would say the same. So, there can be plenty of responses today to Jesus's question, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" What's important for us, though, is that we have a clear idea of what our answer may be to that question.

At the heart of the Gospel message is the challenge to articulate who we believe Jesus to be and to lose ourselves in the concern for others. If we truly love every other person as Jesus has loved us, then we don't look at risk, or color, or public opinion, or all of the other excuses for walking away. This is easier said than done.

Peter was the first disciple to acknowledge openly that Jesus was the promised Messiah. "Who do you say that I am?" he was asked. "So, what do you think?" But when Jesus puts his question to Peter he isn't asking about public opinion. He is inviting a conversion of heart from his disciples, a confession of faith that results in a lifetime commitment and a changed life.

"You are the Christ," Peter answered (Mt. 16:15-16). And then came Jesus' strange reply in which He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He is the Christ. Why? Why not spread the news as quickly as possible? Perhaps Peter and the others hadn't yet come to understand who the Messiah really was.

Peter was right about Jesus being the Messiah, "the Christ." But what he did not get was the kind of Messiah Jesus would be, one who would not rise above our suffering but who would join us in it. Little by little and over time, Peter and the others come to realize that this Jesus, this Messiah, is very different from the one they were looking for.

"On this rock I will build my church." Matthew is the only evangelist to use this technical term, which derives from the Hebrew word qahal, or "assembly" of the people of Israel. Weak and frail as Peter is, even the forces of death will be powerless. This phrase in today's Gospel is testimony to the continuity of community and its life in Jesus. The community is distinctive because it truly understands who Jesus is.

We can begin to see how practical and contemporary this is. To one degree or another, we try to shape the Messiah according to our own preconceptions. We tailor His image to fit our own desires and our own concerns. We refuse to let Him come into our lives on His terms. We try to shape Him to fit our own images and prejudices.

But in order to truly understand Jesus it may be necessary to relinquish certain things we want to cling to - certain attitudes, or certain habits or certain ideas. It may be painful, even agonizing to do so. This is called conversion of heart. But until this conversion occurs no amount of faithful church attendance, no amount of theology and no amount of complacent religiosity will open the door to Jesus.

So, what then do we really think?

Thomas Merton once wrote that the only way in which we can at last understand who God is and enter into the possession of the reality of God (which lies at the very roots of our existence) is to stop talking about it, grasp the reality and lay our hands on it by just living it out in our daily lives.

Only then will we truly come to know who Jesus is, and who we really are.

## 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.

## LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE

The Labor Day holiday is Monday, September 4th. Join us as we give thanks for the fruits of labor at the 9:00 AM Mass on Labor Day. This will be only Mass celebrated on the holiday.

In observance of the holiday the parish office will close at 2:00 PM on Friday September 1st and reopen on Tuesday, September 5th at 9:00 AM.

## BERGEN VOLUNTEER MEDICAL INITIATIVE

Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative provides free, high-quality healthcare to working, uninsured adult Bergen County residents. BVMI receives no reimbursements from insurance companies and does not charge patients for services provided. BVMI relies primarily on contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations.

If someone in your household is working your income is:

1 person household to \$36,450 annually/ \$700 weekly

2 person household to \$49,300 annually/ \$945 weekly

3 people household to \$62,150 annually/ \$1,195 weekly

4 people household to \$75,000 annually/ \$1,442 weekly

you may qualify for this free service. Call 201-342-2478 to learn more and see if you qualify. Visit [www.bvmi.org](http://www.bvmi.org)

BVMI always welcomes doctors, nurses, medical professionals, social workers, people who can translate Spanish or Korean, people with administrative skills to volunteer a few hours a month in the clinic. To learn more about volunteering contact Elaine Posner at 201-518-8488.

## MOBILE MVC UNIT COMING TO TOWN

Under the direction of Mayor and Public Safety Commissioner Robert B. Giangeruso and Chief Richard L. Jarvis, the Lyndhurst Police Department Community Policing & Outreach Unit is excited to announce that the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's Mobile Unit will be in the township on **Tuesday, August 29, 2023 from 10 am – 2 pm** in the parking lot near the Little League fields on Riverside Ave.

## ATTENTION EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN SEP. 2024

The COOPERATIVE ADMISSIONS EXAMINATION **will be given on Friday, November 10, 2023**. Application forms and Handbooks for this test and a listing of all Catholic High Schools and their admission requirements are available from MCS/CTB. Visit their website [www.njcoopexam.org](http://www.njcoopexam.org) or e-mail [support@coopexam.org](mailto:support@coopexam.org). The **make-up test will be administered on Saturday, November 18, 2023** at selected locations.

For questions or to obtain a registration form please visit [www.njcoopexam.org](http://www.njcoopexam.org). or call 1-888-921-2667 (Mon. - Fri. 8:30AM - 8:30PM)

## 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.

## 31ST ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN HONOR OF MARIA SS. ADDOLORATA (OUR LADY OF SORROWS)

**Holy Family Church, 28 Brookline Ave, Nutley  
September 21 - 24**

Games, Rides, Super 50/50

Nightly Entertainment

Italian & Filipino Food Specialities

Thu., Sep. 21 6PM - 10PM - Healing Mass 7PM

Fri., Sep. 22 6PM - 11PM

Sat., Sep. 23 4PM - 11PM

Sun., Sep. 24 12PM - 9PM - Mass 12PM



## 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:** Dolores Marinello, Chiara Tulipani

### CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH

**In Honor of:** Albert Alberti, Happy Birthday In Heaven

**Donated by:** His Loving Family

## PRAY FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Pope Francis has established September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical Laudato Si', which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow", inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream." (Amos 5:24) In his message for the World Day of Prayer 2023, Pope Francis invites us to "the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator." This World Day of Prayer also falls at the beginning of the Season of Creation, which runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

AUGUST 27, 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

### Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Robert Csapo

### SUNDAY - Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Anita Carbone

10:30 am Lorenza & Julian Duran

12:00pm Frank DeSerio

1:30 pm Marina Sieira Garcia & Amador Castelo Rodriguez

### MONDAY - St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Albert Alberti & John Valente

### TUESDAY - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

12:00pm Eleanor Derby

### WEDNESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Vincent & Margot Carini

### THURSDAY - Weekday

12:00pm John Z Klim

### FIRST FRIDAY - Weekday/St. Louis/St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

12:00pm Special Intention

### FIRST SATURDAY - Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Purgatorial Society

### Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Michael Anthony Ryan

### SUNDAY - Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Peter Amato

10:30 am Elena Gache & Lina Ramores

12:00pm John Michael Gray

1:30 pm Amador Castelo Rodriguez

## STEWARDSHIP

Collection Totals Not Available

At Time Of Publication

Reminder: We need \$7,900 in the Sunday Collection to cover our budgeted expenses. Thank you! for your continued generosity!

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## 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:

- |                                       |   |
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| <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!**