



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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September 24, 2023

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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
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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gospels for the last few weeks have brought back to mind the stories of the first disciples: how they were called from among ordinary people; what they were called to do; and what Jesus told them they could expect by preaching the "Good News of Salvation." As in all passages of the Scriptures, this ongoing re-telling of the episodes of Christ's life is part of our Tradition, part of our history as Christians and part of our history as a community of believers.

But it is also part of our call to discipleship. Like the first followers of Jesus, we too are called to His mission. Over the last few weeks, we have heard about our own role in bringing that mission to others: to proclaim to the whole world that Our Father loves us all, that He forgives us, and that He is waiting to embrace us with open arms, if only we let Him. The urgency of the message is just as clear now as it was when Christ first proclaimed it. Fulfilling our role as disciples must begin with giving permission to God to work through us. Our roles might not be clear at this time but with consistent faith - and trust in Him - we know that it will become clearer.

Jesus was, for all practical purposes, a man with a dream - and the secret to success in the Christian life is sharing Christ's dream for his people. We are His people - called to bring His healing touch to all we meet, as only we can. It may not be easy. Perhaps it was never meant to be easy.

The parable in today's Gospel has much to teach us about God and about ourselves. The heroes of the parable are not the laborers but rather the vineyard owner. He is a stand-in image for God, and the good news of the Gospel is that we have been blessed by the extreme generosity of the Spirit of God.

The parable rudely upsets our picture of God and our idea of what's fair and what's not. It tells us that our human standards are useless in measuring God or attempting to understand Him.

Jesus told the parable of the vineyard workers to illustrate God's generosity. He gives us the opportunity to understand that God's nature is to be overwhelmingly generous, extreme beyond the rational rules of exchange. But it shocks the human sense of fair play and justice - "equal pay for equal work..." The parable has but one purpose, to teach us about the nature of God's love. All other lessons are not as important to the story as that one.

Discipleship is an interplay of gift and response. It is not simply a focus on social justice but on the unexpected generosity of God, who gifts whom he will and when he will. Discipleship is never earned, only given. And all that is asked of the one called is a response, however and whenever the call comes.

The Gospel is absolutely clear in reminding us that our discipleship should be marked by a generosity which overflows into compassion and justice, gentleness, forgiveness and reconciliation. It is Jesus who breaks down the barriers that separate us, who abolishes the law with its commands and precepts, and who brings together those who are near and those who are far off, to give all of us full access to the Father in the one Spirit.

Obviously, this is not a simple challenge. It really is a lot easier to throw our weight around and to be very rigid in demanding obedience and giving others only what they deserve and so often we do just that in the name of Jesus. So often, our representation of Jesus to our brothers and sisters - and to the world in general - is one of an uncompromising lack of concern for persons, and a willingness to put the "status quo" in the highest regard.

But the Lord tells us that we need to take on the mind of God, who does not think as man thinks and whose ways are not man's ways. We need to think "out-of-the-box" in terms of our relationships with each other. We need new models for growth, new methods to bring the Good News to others. We can no longer rely on fate, or tradition, or the threat of eternal damnation. We must touch the most fundamental needs of people's humanity, and help them to see how uniquely the gift of Jesus and His Gospel fulfill those needs. Together we must find new ways to assure that the people of the earth will always experience the extraordinary generosity of our common God.

We carry on his ministry in the world of today. We do what Christ did: we preach the Good News of the Kingdom; we heal the sick; we forgive the sinner; we spend time alone with God in prayer, we serve in his vineyard. We are his hands and his feet and everything we do, we do in his name. The parable of the vineyard is the Lord's call to all those who have received Him in word and sacrament to share generously with all men and women what they themselves have received. We all share equally in the task, whether called early or late in the day, to build up the kingdom of God in this world.

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.

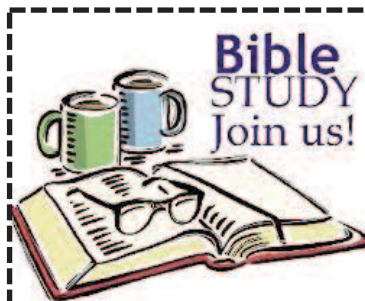
1. You can give to the parish through the Zelle online payment system offered through most major banks. When you create the Zelle payee for the parish, please use the parish email address: sacredheartchurch@comcast.net.

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.

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS NEXT WEEKEND

From Bethlehem, the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, comes Bethlehem Handicrafts. The Christian community there takes great pride in creating unique olive wood handicrafts from the Holy Land. Bethlehem Handicrafts financially supports many Christian families in our Savior's land by their sales, improving the economic and social conditions of these families. These items will be on display in the main vestibule of our church this weekend. Won't you please be a part of changing lives with your purchase?



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

**Join Fr. Theemas
Monday Evenings
7:00 - 8:00 PM
Oct. 16th - Dec 11th
Parish Center
Dining Room**

Join us as we explore
and study together the

Psalms. \$15 fee to cover the cost of materials. A minimum of 15 people is needed to have the study. Please make your check payable to Sacred Heart Church.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

BI-ANNUAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

The Dominican Nuns of Summit NJ will be holding their bi-annual Rosary Sunday Pilgrimage on **Sunday, October 1st at 3:00 PM**. Their yearly 'Blessing of the Roses', a brief homily, and Benediction will follow the recitation of the Rosary. **This is an excellent opportunity to get to know the nuns! 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.

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 or e-mail 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. or call 1-888-921-2667 (Mon. - Fri. 8:30AM - 8:30PM)

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

**Saturday October 14, 2023 - 12 Noon
Sacred Heart Shrine On Ridge Road
Next To The Rectory**

The world is at a crossroad. Join us as we pray for our country, our church, our families, and our world. For more information contact MaryAnn at 201-939-8438

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

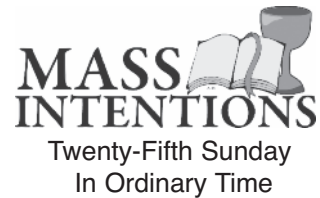
Sat., Sep. 23 4PM - 11PM

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

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, 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, Theresa Klim, Colleen Branigan, Martina O'Connell, Michele Gilmore



Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Louise Gimmi

SUNDAY - Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Angela P. Garofolo
10:30 am Intentions of Isaac Sagastume (Living)
12:00pm Domenico Tulipani
1:30 pm Deanna Giuliano

MONDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Joseph & Evelyn Famularo

TUESDAY - Weekday/Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

12:00pm Anthony & Caroline Naviello & Joann Fescoe

WEDNESDAY - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

12:00pm Lorenza & Julian Duran

THURSDAY - Weekday/St. Wenceslaus, Martyr/St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions. Martyrs

12:00pm Ernesto Santiago

FRIDAY - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

12:00pm Joseph Di Lascio

SATURDAY - St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9:00am Tomasa Alvarez de Marte

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Macolata Ritacco & Pasquale & Sando Fusaro

SUNDAY - Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Joseph & Josephine Lombardi
10:30 am Pasquale Leccese
12:00pm Dominick Palmieri
1:30 pm Juan Bautista Agudelo

DECEASED: Bernadette Lynch, Joseph Gumina, Jimmy Moretto

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of the Cavalcante Family

Donated by: Isabel & Jim Cavalcante

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

In Honor of: Mike & Betty McCabe

Donated by: Brian & Carol O'Keefe

**CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR
SATURDAY. SEPTEMBER 30TH
10AM - 4PM SCHOOL GYM**

Sacred Heart School is hosting a Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, September 30th 10am - 4pm. The event will be held in the school gymnasium at 620 Valley Brook Ave. There will be hundreds of items for purchase, raffles, and food. All are welcome!



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 _____

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection - \$6,186

Add'l Assessmnt - \$165

Add'l Catholic University - \$80



Achtung Achtung Damen Und Herren !!

Attention Attention

All Fun Lovin' "Oompahs & Oomahs" !!

*Saturday, October 28 Following the 5:00 Mass
Sacred Heart Parish Family Oktoberfest Fundraiser*

Menu -- Guten Appetit

- * Cucumber Sald * Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage * Soft Pretzels **
- * Potato Panckes With Apple Sauce or Sour Cream **
- * Bratwurst & Sauerkraut **
- * Chicken Schnitzel (Chicken Cutlet) * Spaetzle & Gravy **
- * Coffee * Tea * Soft Drinks * Desserts * BYOB **

** Raffle * Music * Fellowship **

Tickets

Adults \$30 Children 12 & Under \$10

*Tickets sold following the Saturday Evening &
Sunday Masses in the Main Vestibule of the Church
Or Mon. - Fri. 9:30 - 4:00 Parish Office*



*In Honor of
St. Francis
Sunday,
October 1st*



*All are invited to bring their pets
to the Sacred Heart Church Parking Lot
after the 1:30 PM Mass on the 1st
to receive a special blessing*