



# Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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October 1, 2023

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

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” - Mt 21:32

### 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's passage is the first of three parables that Jesus directs to the religious leaders of his day. They have confronted him, but he turns the confrontation around by proposing a short parable about two exchanges between a father and his two sons. "Which of the two did his father's will?" There are allegorical elements in this parable: the older son is like the leaders of the established religious tradition; the younger represents the outsiders and latecomers. Jesus was fond of "latecomers" - as he noted in last week's parable of the workers in the vineyard - those who have lived apart, but now accept God's invitation through Jesus. Their initial "no" had now become a unqualified "yes".

The response of the chief priests and elders to Jesus' parable betrays them.

Jesus' style is unique. Rather than accuse his opponents of faithlessness or lack of sincerity, he proposes a parable and asks them to answer a question about doing God's will. Their response pronounces judgment on themselves. We, who also have this parable spoken to us, are invited to examine our own response to God. How faithful have we been to the invitation to follow Jesus and live his way of life? Of course we have been baptized; of course we have, in the past, done service to God in our family and at work. But now, how flexible is our spirit? How willing are we to say a "yes" and continue to follow through on our commitment to the message of the Gospel? Each day presents us with new opportunities to serve God and new challenges to our initial "yes."

This must be a daily affirmation... a daily "yes." We still have to be honest and faithful to commitments we have made. A simple reflection of our own lives will indicate the times we have said "yes" and have had others place trust in these commitments. Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with the beatitudes. His message fleshes out what it means to be a beatitude people, a people blessed by God, who have answered Jesus' invitation to become peacemakers, reconcilers; to be gentle spirited, and prophetic witnesses of God's love.

Jesus reminds the chief priests and elders of John the Baptist, who spoke of the nearness of God's reign and called for a change of behavior. Those who listened to John were to accept God's call by yielding good fruit. John told the Pharisees and Sadducees that, no one, no matter how fixed they are in their ways, no matter what their past sins have been, is outside the realm of God's grace. Even the tax collectors and prostitutes can change their minds and their hearts.

We, too, have been called to a change of heart. How many attempts to change have we made and how many times have we been less than successful? It doesn't really matter to Jesus. With this parable that speaks God's Word to us, comes the flame of Jesus' Spirit to quicken our resolve to try again to change what needs changing. We can have hope that, in some small or even large way, change is possible because we have heard God's Word and experienced the living Christ through it.

St. Paul describes Jesus as always being responsive in both word and action to God. He was the one whose promise was never taken back, even when he faced his impending death. And he reminds us today that we are to "have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus."

There are times when we all can feel like outsiders or "latecomers." But God works on His own time schedule, one that doesn't necessarily put in first place those who have been around the longest. Every day, we are being offered an invitation to accept forgiveness and a challenge to forgive. Every day we experience the healing and comfort of a loving Father and we are expected to act in like fashion. Every day we are invited to the banquet and sent forth to share the bounty.

And, as in today parable, our Father waits both for our answer and our deeds.

# 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.

## COME PRAY WITH US 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



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

## COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, October 9th is the Columbus Day Holiday. In observance of the holiday the parish office will close at 2:00 PM this Friday,

October 6th and will reopen on Tuesday, October 10th at 9:00 AM. The Mass on Columbus Day will be celebrated at its regular time of 12 Noon.



## 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)

## PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

*The following deceased have been enrolled in the Sacred Heart Purgatorial Society:*

FERMINA DE ASIS BORG-req.by-Jema, Angelee & Delfin Family

DENNIS COOKE-req.by-David Meredith

JOSEPH J. CUTRUZZULA-req.by-Linda & Joe Cutruzzula

ALMA FARRALES-req.by-Jema, Angelee & Delfin Family

JENNIE GUAGAGNINO-req.by-Sarina Scalici

PAUL ROBERT HORVATH-req.by-Torraca Family

ROSE IUELE-req.by-Agostino Carbone, Paquale & Nina Turano

SHARON KO-req.by-Celeste Cappadona

DOLORES MARINELLO-req.by-June Tannanbaum

NELIDA SERNA OROZCO-req.by-Carmen Rodriguez

ANGELO ZAMPINO-req.by-Oswaldo & Gloria Sanchez



## 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, Theresa Klim, Colleen Branigan, Martina O'Connell, Michele Gilmore, Raymond Santelli, Sr.

**DECEASED:** Clifford Painter

### CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

**In Honor of:** Cecilia Plunkett

**Donated by:** Your Children, Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

**In Honor of:** John Moran

**Donated by:** Brian & Carol O'Keeffe

### AFTER DEATH

#### IN THEATERS ON OCTOBER 27TH ONLY

After Death is a gripping feature film that explores what happens after we die, based on real near-death experiences, conveyed by scientists, authors, and survivors. From the New York Times bestselling authors who brought you titles like 90 Minutes in Heaven, Imagine Heaven, and To Heaven and Back, emerges a cinematic peek beyond the veil that examines the spiritual and scientific dimensions of mortality. It aims to shed light on one of the most profound mysteries of human existence. **In our area the film will be screened AMC Clifton Commons at 3:30 PM and 7:00 PM.**



### 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 Fall and Holiday Seasons. Can you help us assist our brothers and sisters struggling with food insecurity get some needed food?**

**Items needed most, at this time, are:** Cereal, Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Pasta (including Spaghetti), Potatoes (small packages or canned), Vegetables, Coffee (regular and instant), Peanut Butter, and Jelly. 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.

OCTOBER 1, 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-Sixth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

### 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

### MONDAY - The Holy Guardian Angels

12:00pm Clemenn Yurkiewicz

### TUESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Special Intention

### WEDNESDAY - St. Francis of Assisi

12:00pm Joseph Di Lascio

### THURSDAY - Weekday/St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin/Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

12:00pm Frances Klein

### FIRST FRIDAY - WEEKDAY/St. Bruno, Priest/Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

12:00pm Donald & Jesse Tetreault

### FIRST SATURDAY - Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00am Purgatorial Society

### Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Anthony Michael Silver

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

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart  
9:00am Camille & Pat Ferrara  
10:30 am Paolo Cervino  
12:00pm Louise Gimmi  
1:30 pm Jacqueline Llanos

## STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection - \$5,784

Add'l Assessmnt - \$155

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



*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*