



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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October 8, 2023

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce it’s fruit.” - Mt 21:43

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

Today's Scripture Readings focus on the Kingdom of God and those who claim to possess it. Isaiah raised his prophetic voice to warn the people of Israel that if they did not tend the vineyard of the Lord more carefully they would bring forth sour grapes, and ultimately lose their inheritance.

Jesus gave the same warning to the religious leaders of His day. He reminds them that they are not the "owners" of the vineyard, merely its stewards. And He said specifically that unless they were careful, the kingdom would be taken from them and given to others who would produce a rich harvest.

Jesus' warning was meant for us as well, and points to some very powerful questions: How carefully are we tending the Vineyard? What accounting will we make for our stewardship?

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

We must somehow shut out and overcome the contemporary spirit that undermines the structures of Christian idealism, weakens our convictions, and tends to isolate our lives from the light and power of the Spirit. This can only begin with a clearer understanding that true ownership is nothing more than being true stewards of the tasks given us by the Lord. It is He Himself who urges us to tend the vineyard more carefully, and to bring forth the good fruit of peace and justice. And it is the ancient yet ever new voice of Paul who reassures and urges us, united fully with all believers across the world to: "Dismiss all anxiety from your minds...present your needs to God...then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds, in Christ Jesus."

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.

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, October 9th is the Columbus Day Holiday. In observance of the holiday the parish office is closed 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.

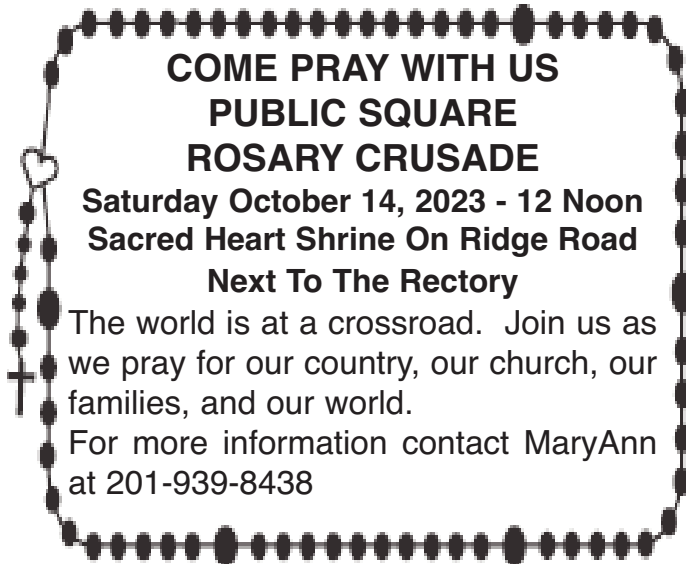


COME PRAY WITH US PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

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



RESPECT LIFE MONTH

radical
solidarity



to be courageously pro-woman,
promoting a choice that truly protects,
accompanies, and supports
women and their children

Our Blessed Mother exemplified radical solidarity in coming to the aid of her cousin, Elizabeth. Let us invoke her help and intercession.

Prayer for Radical Solidarity

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord.
Amen.

**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: _____

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, 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: All from our parish family the Lord has called home.

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of the Cavalcante Family

Donated by: Isabel & Jim Cavalcante

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

In Honor of: Madeline & Gennaro Ferrara

Donated by: Patty & Joe Pavlica

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

In Honor of: Kathy Bolcar Cordes

Donated by: Brian & Carol O'keeffe

LAUDATO SI REFLECTION

How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties? (Laudato Si', paragraph 120)

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 8, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-Seventh Sunday
In Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY - Weekday/(Columbus Day) St. Dennis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs/St. John Leonardi, Priest

12:00pm Laura Manning

TUESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Lorenza & Julian Duran

WEDNESDAY - Weekday/St. John XXIII, Pope

12:00pm Barbara Ruzika

THURSDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Stella Barmiento & Angela Meister (Living)

FRIDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Special Intention

SATURDAY - Weekday/St. Callistus I, Pope/Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Billy De Pasquale

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Sando Fusaro & Maria Liguori & Family

SUNDAY - Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Pat Zimmermann

10:30 am Anthony Di Lascio

12:00pm Margaret & Salvatore Albanese

1:30 pm Fernando & Celia Torres

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection - \$6,051

Assessment - \$2,267

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



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*



REKINDLING EUCHARISTIC AMAZEMENT

A PARISH MISSION WITH THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY | NOV 27 - 29, 2023 | 7 PM

MONDAY, NOV 27:

"ST. FRANCIS & THE EUCHARIST"
ADORATION & BENEDICTION

TUESDAY, NOV 28:

"EUCHARISTIC CONVERSION"
ADORATION & CONFESSION

WEDNESDAY, NOV 29:

"OUR LADY & THE EUCHARIST"
CLOSING MASS

PRESENTED BY THE FRANCISCAN
FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL
ST. MICHAEL FRIARY, PATERSON, NJ



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