



# Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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November 5, 2023

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

“As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.” - Mt 23:8-11

### 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  
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 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Over the past few weeks we have seen Jesus in contention with the “chief priests and elders of the people,” now he takes on the Pharisees, Sadducees and scribes. Religious leaders do not come off too well in today's first and Gospel readings. The reading from Malachi is an indictment against religious leaders who have been guilty of violating their responsibility as teachers. They have not observed God's ways and have taught falsely. They failed in their roles as leaders and teachers.

But the scriptures speak not only to certain religious leaders, but to all believers. As such, these readings hit very close to home. We all must search our consciences not because we have committed similar crimes, but because we all fall short of the ideals we profess and teach. We certainly are aware of our responsibilities to teach by word and example. Yet as we reflect at the end of a day on how well we lived up to what we profess and teach, we know we all fall short.

Jesus is not accusing the scribes and Pharisees of not knowing their religion. They knew it very well. They were even good at teaching it to others. In Jesus' time, the teachers of Torah fell into two broad categories: those who took a very strict interpretation of the religious law and those who were broad interpreters. The strict teachers made religious observance very difficult for the ordinary person who lacked both the education and time to learn and practice all the minutiae these teachers emphasized. Thus, the strict interpreters could easily point an accusing finger at those around them, the common folk, who in their ignorance were constantly breaking the rules. They did little to lighten the religious burdens they taught - in fact, they provided still more loads for an already oppressed people to carry. As a result, they made it sound as if God were exacting and demanding. On the other hand, those who gave a broad interpretation had a more pastoral approach.

In today's passage Jesus addresses the Pharisees and their strict interpretation. He accuses them of taking a position they themselves do not follow. Nor, he says, do they do anything to relieve the heavy burdens they have imposed on others.

The Gospel of Matthew was written around the year 90 for a Christian community that had many Jewish converts. They struggled with their former Jewish leaders and their own past, so this narrative strongly states the conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees, perhaps even over-emphasizing the conflict. The Evangelist may have wanted to help the community make a final break from the old religious influences and more fully embrace Jesus' teachings and ways - or, he may simply have preserved Jesus' teaching about hypocrisy because of the leaders in his own community.

Hypocrisy didn't die out with some of the Pharisees; it is always around. And it can be present in a strict interpretation of religion and it can manifest itself in a "pastoral" approach to religion, as well. When Jesus turns to his disciples and says, “As for you....” he is looking at us as we profess our faith today. The way we live and how we treat others will either support or undermine the message we are trying to communicate. Actions really do speak louder than words. If we are to love God with all our heart, soul and mind and our neighbor as our self, then total dedication to the Gospel message is required - in all aspects of our lives — words and actions; in church and in the market place.

Who we are and what we are is less important than what we are called to do. Jesus has breathed His Spirit into each of us and we each are part of the community of God's people... a community that is ever-changing, ever-diverse and ever-growing. All of us are called to practice what we preach: we must do what we can to lighten the loads that weigh on people (especially excessively restrictive or burdensome religious laws) and the “officials” among us must not let the respect and honor we receive because of our titles and roles, go to our heads. The name of the game is Service. If our lives conform to what we teach, that will be enough. God will take care of the rest.

## 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.

### THE PERFECT GIFT FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING

Make a donation to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry as a gift or remembrance to a favorite loved one. You can obtain a gift any time of the year, for any occasion, and help the needy families of the Sacred Heart Community. Please visit the Parish Office, Monday thru Friday, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM.

### LYNDHURST GOLDEN BEAR SPIRIT NIGHT



FIREWORKS AND BONFIRE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH



Commissioner John Montillo

invites you to attend the Third Annual Golden Bear Spirit Night celebrating all of the Department's Recreational sports programs, High School athletics, clubs, and all of the volunteers and Coaches that make them possible. We will be celebrating with a Bonfire and Fireworks on Wednesday, November 8, 2003 from 6PM to 9PM at the Little League Fields on Riverside Avenue. The night will also feature the Lyndhurst High School Band, 17 Big Band, and DJ Bobby! There will be vendors selling food and desserts as well.

### FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

Under the direction of Public Affairs Commissioner Karen Haggerty & Health Coordinator Janine Barone the Lyndhurst Health Department will be holding a Flu Clinic on **November 8th from 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM at the Lyndhurst Municipal Annex, 253 Stuyvesant Ave** (corner of Stuyvesant & Tontine Ave). **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED and can be made by calling 201-804-2500.**



## LYNDHURST APARTMENTS NEED

There are several members our parish family who are looking for apartments to rent in Lyndhurst. If you or someone you know has available rental property, please call the parish office 201-438-1147.

### 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*



**Our Parish Family Food Pantry food distribution date for Thanksgiving is November 18th.**

**We are stocking up the pantry for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Can you help us assist our brothers and sisters struggling with food insecurity to have a happier Thanksgiving?**

**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.

### *Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them*

Historically, November is the month when Catholics stop to remember their deceased loved ones and to pray for all the faithful departed.

The Book of Remembrance has been placed near the Statue of the Sacred Heart. The names written in the book are included in our prayers and intercessions during the whole month of November. All are encouraged to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends in the Book of Remembrance. Please use both sides of the page.

### VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY



In observance of the Veteran's Day Holiday the parish office will be closed Friday, November 10th. The Mass will be celebrated at it's regular time of 12 Noon in the church.

**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, 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., Milena Giacchi, Freddy Berrios

**DECEASED:** Rafael Sanchez

**CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE**

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH**

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

**Donated by:** Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

**HURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**

**In Honor of:** John Csapo

**Donated by:** The Paleologos Family

**THE PARISH FAMILY OF SACRED HEART INVITES YOU TO FIESTA GUADALUPE**

**In Honor Of The Patroness Of The Americas SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023**

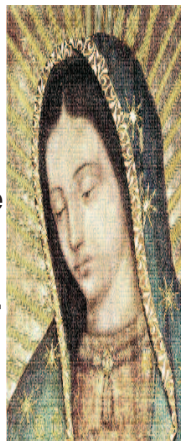
**FOLLOWING 1:30 PM SPANISH MASS SACRED HEART SCHOOL CAFETERIA 620 VALLEY BROOK AVE**

**Join us as we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe with GREAT MUSIC and FOOD with a LATIN FLAIR, raffles and other entertainments.**

**Tickets will be sold after the Sunday Masses or call the parish office 201-438-1147**

**Adult \$25.00 Children \$10**

**MASS on the FEAST DAY, Tuesday December 12 12:00 Noon - English & 7:00 PM - Spanish**



**FRIDAY ADORATION**

During these most troubling times, join us this Friday for some quiet moments in adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will begin immediately after the 12:00 PM Mass.

**NOVEMBER 5, 2023**



**Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time**

5:00pm Faithful Departed

**SUNDAY - Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time**

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Faithful Departed

10:30 am Marcelino & Ester Samartino

12:00pm John Csapo

1:30 pm Alfonso Lino Zamudio

**MONDAY - Weekday**

12:00pm Faithful Departed

**TUESDAY - Weekday**

12:00pm Faithful Departed

**WEDNESDAY - Weekday**

12:00pm Faithful Departed

**THURSDAY - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

12:00pm Faithful Departed

**FRIDAY - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

12:00pm Faithful Departed

**SATURDAY - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop**

9:00am Lorenza & Julian Duran

**Anticipated Sunday Mass**

5:00pm Sheridan Family

**SUNDAY - Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Raquel Gonzalez

10:30 am Irene Mc Karty

12:00pm John Matino

1:30 pm Carlos Ruiz Trigo (Living)

**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!

# Sacred Heart Church CHRISTMAS MEGA 50/50

All Proceeds Benefit Sacred Heart Church

**Ticket  
Price  
\$50**



Only 200 tickets will be sold.  
Each ticket is \$50.00 for the  
chance to win up to \$5,000\*.

Drawing will be held on December 15, 2023  
in the Parish Center at 7pm.  
Winner need not be present to win.

\*Final Prize will be 50% of ticket sales

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## 2 WAYS TO PLAY!

### 1. ONLINE (Credit Card Only)



[https://bit.ly/SHC\\_2023\\_CHRISTMAS\\_MEGA](https://bit.ly/SHC_2023_CHRISTMAS_MEGA)

or Scan this code on your  
smart phone to order online!

### 2. BY MAIL/BASKET

Fill out this ticket request form and return with your check made payable to Sacred Heart Church. • Place in the **basket** or **mail** to:

Sacred Heart Church  
324 Ridge Road • Lyndhurst, NJ 07071  
Attention: MEGA 50/50 Raffle

Full Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Phone Number to be put on each ticket if different than above. (please print clearly)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount of money enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Security (CVV) Code\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Fields **MUST** be filled out

Your tickets will be mailed to you.

Any questions please email Charlie Sofio at: [sacredheartchurch@comcast.net](mailto:sacredheartchurch@comcast.net)

# 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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