



# Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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November 19, 2023

## 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” – Mt 25:21

### 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  
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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gospel stories always have inherent and important questions: what kind of people are we; what kind of people will we be? As we near the end of another liturgical year we acknowledge that in the realm of faith, our leader is - now and always - Jesus Christ, who remains the perfect example of how power is a gift that is to be used for service.

Soon we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King, followed immediately with the beginning of the Season of Advent. During these last weeks of the liturgical year, the theme woven throughout the Gospel readings is that of preparedness. Traditionally, we tend to view this state of readiness in terms of the "final times", the end of the world or Judgment Day - the time when The Lord shall come when we least expect.

The "useless" servant of this week's Gospel takes his place with the five foolish virgins, the wedding guest who gets thrown out of the wedding banquet for lack of a proper attire, the rich young man too wrapped up in himself to answer the Call and the laborers who work all day long only to get the same pay as those hired at the final hour. These are those who didn't prepare well, those who didn't prepare at all, or those for whom there seems to be no place in the kingdom.

And we wonder about these folks, but these are not bad people. These are not malicious people. Yet somehow they don't measure up. Again, we ask ourselves what is Jesus saying to us? What is the common denominator, if any, among those who do not seem to qualify for the Kingdom?

It seems to me that Jesus is concerned, in each case, with our understanding of the kingdom not just the Kingdom to come at the end of time, or the Second Coming but for the Kingdom present within and among us, here and now. The invitation to discipleship is one that is a call to build up The Kingdom in the here and now, and is not determined by our own qualifications or our own merits. The invitation is at once both Gift and Challenge.

St. Paul tells us that we are not of the night or of darkness, but that we are children of the light and children of the day. And with this wonderful affirmation comes a disturbing warning: the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. The question we need to ask ourselves is not how well we are prepared for His coming but how well prepared we are to make an accounting of our use of the gifts we have received.

It might very well be what Jesus is saying to us in today's Gospel parable. So often we want to "play it safe." We bury our gifts instead of using them for the sake of the kingdom, for the sake of our brothers and sisters with whom we share this planet. We revel in our own freedom, in our faith, in the gifts of grace... but we keep them to ourselves. We are content to sit back comfortably and let someone else do the work and fight the battles. We blind ourselves to those moments in our lives when The Lord taps us on the shoulder and asks for an accounting. We might protest, along with the servant who buried his talents, that we didn't do any wrong, that we didn't hurt anyone, that we just minded our own business. The parable suggests that Gospel living and loving require risk taking. We have to think about how we can keep our discipleship from becoming a freeze-dried package put on a high shelf for safe keeping.

The Lord taps us on the shoulder and asks for an accounting. The gifts of grace are not to be hoarded. They are not personal rewards. They are like seeds to be brought to flower, like yeast to permeate the whole mass, like light to drive out darkness. The parable reminds us that the faith we treasure is not frail or easily contaminated by taking it out into the market place and investing it. Instead, Christ has given us a gift that can withstand the tests the world throws at it. We are encouraged by this parable to take risks and take our faith with us into the affairs of daily life: work, school, shopping, social events and into the public forum where we must witness to what we believe.

If we are willing to be simple bystanders, we may well merit for ourselves the very harsh words of condemnation that end today's Gospel story.

**CHURCH BELLS  
CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE**



The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**

**In Honor of:** The Memory of Rev. Robert M. Brennan

**Donated by:** Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST**

**In Honor of:** Kathleen Hopkins

**Donated by:** Barbara Wynne

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND**

**In Honor of:** John Ambrose

**Donated by:** Mike & Joan Coyne

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD**

**In Honor of:** John Valente, Happy Birthday in Heaven

**Donated by:** His Loving Family

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH**

**In Honor of:** The Intentions of Richard Breedlove

**Donated by:** Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH**

**In Honor of:** Joseph J. Pavlica, Jr.

**Donated by:** Patty & Joe Pavlica

**PAY IT FOWARD  
PROGRAM**

**Sacred Heart Parish has partnered with BCB Bank to raise some need funds for our parish.** The Pay It Forward Program gives us the opportunity to earn donations based on the number of supporters who signed up for the program. If we have 20-50 members, BCB will contribute 0.20% of the cumulative account balance, 51-75 members 0.30%, 76+ members 0.40%.

**A minimum of 20 members is required**

**\*\*NO DONATIONS ARE WITHDRAWN FROM CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNTS, ALL DONATIONS COME DIRECTLY FROM BCB.**

**\*\*ALL PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BY THE BANK.**

**\*\*THE CHURCH WILL NOT KNOW WHO HAS REGISTERED UNLESS YOU DECIDE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH US.**

See the brochures at the entrances to the church for more details. You can also contact BCB directly if you have questions about the program or want to open an account. Please remember to tell them you want to support Sacred Heart Church in Lyndhurst.

Lyndhurst Branch - 734 Ridge Road, 201-728-6810

Rutherford Branch - 190 Park Ave, 201-728-6960

**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 Christmas is December 16th.**

**We are stocking up the pantry for Christmas and the winter season. 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.*

*You Are Most Cordially Invited To  
Begin Thanksgiving Day In Your Father's House*  
Join your parish family for the Eucharist (derived from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning "thanksgiving") **offered at 9:00 AM on Thanksgiving Day** in humble gratitude for the abundant blessings our loving and faithful God bestows on us.

**THE GIVING TREE**

Just before you know it Christmas will be upon us, which means it is time for the annual **Sacred Heart Giving Tree.** Please help those in need have a merrier Christmas by taking a tag and purchasing a **new gift.**

You will have between **November 25th & December 3rd** to select a tag. Please make sure the gift is wrapped and the tag is securely fastened to the gift so the contents can be easily identified. **All gifts need to be returned under the tree by no later than Sunday, December 10th** so they can be delivered on time.

Thank you again for your generosity and overwhelming response to this wonderful project.

**For security reasons, we are asking that all gifts be brought to the church on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings only** so that volunteers can pick them up promptly and store them in a secure area.



**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, 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, Maryann Sheridan

**DECEASED:** Joseph J. Gallo, Sabino T. Iovino, Denis Guidone

**SACRED HEART HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY - FRIDAY, January 12, 2024**

Sacred Heart School, 620 Valley Brook Avenue

**Doors Open 5:30 pm**

No Tickets at Door.

**Raffles scheduled to begin Approximately 8:00-8:15 pm**

**No one under 18 will be Admitted**

**NO ALCOHOLIC Beverages Allowed**

**\*\* Kitchen Will Be Open \*\***

**\$15 per person (nonrefundable) Deadline January 4th**

**Ticket includes: 1 sheet for 1st level prizes, coffee/tea/dessert**

**For tickets or more information call Patty 201-803-9580**

**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**



**NOVEMBER 19, 2023**



**Thirty-Third Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**

**Anticipated Sunday Mass**

5:00pm Kearney Family

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

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Joe Orlando

10:30 am Anthony Guerriero

12:00pm Antoinette & Michael Di Preta

1:30 pm Souls In Purgatory

**MONDAY - Weekday**

12:00pm Alfonso Demilio

**TUESDAY - The Presentation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:00pm Donna & Pasquale Accola

**WEDNESDAY - St. Cecilia, Virgin and  
Martyr**

12:00pm Conrad A. Episcopo

**THURSDAY - Weekday/St. Clement I,  
Pope & Martyr/St. Columban,  
Abbot/Blessed Miguel Agustin  
Pro, Priest & Martyr/  
Thanksgiving Day**

9:00am Scardino, Pereira &  
Alongi Families

**FRIDAY - St. Andrew Dung-Lac Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs**

12:00pm Special Intention

**SATURDAY - Weekday/St. Catherine of  
Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr/  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00am Anthony Guerriero

**Anticipated Sunday Mass**

5:00pm Jack, Natalina & Joseph Navatta

**SUNDAY - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Rocco Paolazzi

10:30 am Nicholas Toulon

12:00pm Marily Nagler

1:30 pm Amador Castelo Rodriguez

**STEWARDSHIP**

Collection Totals

Not Available

At Time Of Publication

# 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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