



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2023

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.” - Mk 13:35

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We turn to God with anxious eyes this Advent. Advent asks some very basic questions: do we still trust that God is in charge, is faithful to us and will finally draw us into a loving and lasting embrace? The answer to these questions is a reminder to us that we are indeed the people in whom God has invested much. For God has taken flesh among us; Jesus is our sign that God will not give up on us. He is the moment in the cycle of our downward spiral that allows God's mercy to step in.

But Advent doesn't begin with cheery anticipation of the birth of Christ. Nor does the beginning to the new church year start with typical new year's celebrations. Instead, we are called to sobriety and discernment, rare commodities in the mall scenes, as Jesus' warning sounds in our ears, "Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake!" No, this gospel isn't from the beginning of Mark's Gospel, instead chapter 13 is near the conclusion; it's part of the farewell discourse and a chapter away from Jesus' arrest.

In our First Reading, Isaiah asks: "Why do you let us wander, O Lord from your ways and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?" He answers his own question by proclaiming: "No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him... You are our Father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands."

And while this recalls the past actions of God, it does so not for the sake of nostalgia, but to help us look to the future with hope. We don't just extend our present condition into the future; the way things are now doesn't control how they will be. Present circumstances may offer no evidence of future fulfillment; but during Advent we learn to hope.

Today's gospel is a stark and sober one, leaving little doubt that the master is returning to the house to assert his authority. We are not awaiting the birth of a little baby, but the coming of Jesus, the master, who unexpectedly breaks into our routine in the middle of the night when we may be dozing off, or fully asleep - and our usual routine is shattered when God enters our world.

Lest we are ever tempted to think otherwise, Advent reminds us that, while God has kissed the earth with his presence, much remains broken, unfulfilled and in darkness. We see plenty of evidence around us of the dark night. If we have learned anything during this very turbulent year of 2023, it is that we need not be told how late, how long and how dark our wait has turned out to be. We need help. Not just to protect us from the night so we can huddle together in mutual support and encouragement. We need courage to keep the light of hope, love and service to neighbor aglow in us so we can face down the spirit of despair and continue to work in the night to be a beacon of hope to others.

This is the King who leads us towards others, as we accept the challenge of incarnating God's presence on earth - as courageously and as lovingly as He did. This is the King who beckons: "Come, blessed of my Father..."

How long is the night? Very long. How dark is it? Very dark.

Yet Isaiah's words ring true: *"No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you, doing such deeds for those who wait for him."* We are indeed children of the Light. We are told to 'be alert, stay awake.' Our staying awake and being attentive to the world around us can alert us to the already-arrived and still-coming of Christ. Most importantly, these days provide us with *the reassurance that God comes now*, in the people and events that shape our lives.

Understanding this, we will discover - even in this age - moments when the darkness withdraws and the true light shows itself; when the hungry are fed; wrongs righted; peace breaks out where war has raged; forgiveness allows a new beginning; death is faced down by serene faith and fractured families reconciled.

Come, Lord Jesus - Be Our Light, Our Joy And Our Peace!

**CHURCH BELLS
CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE**



The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

In Honor of: The Intentions of the Cavalcante Family

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

In Honor of: The Coyne & Ambrose Families

Donated by: Mike & Joan Coyne

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

In Honor of: Jack O'Brien

Donated by: Mike & Joan Coyne

**CHRISTMAS
FAVORITES AT THE
CATHEDRAL BASILICA**

Navidad Latina 2023

Thursday, December 7th 8:00 PM

52nd Annual Candlelight Carol Sing

Wednesday, December 13th 8:00 PM &

Thursday, December 14th 8:00 PM

Doors open 1 hour before the concert

Freewill Offering

**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

**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.

At Christmas our thoughts naturally turn to those friends and members of our family who shared their faith with us and helped to make each Christmas so special. If you would like to remember your deceased relatives or friends by donating Christmas Flowers and Decorations used to decorate the Church of the Sacred Heart throughout the Christmas Season, just fill in the form below and put it in a plain envelope marked "CHRISTMAS FLOWERS" and drop it in the collection or return it to the parish office at your convenience.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

Your Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

In Memory of: _____ Other: \$ _____

_____ \$50

_____ \$35

_____ \$25

_____ \$20

_____ \$15

_____ \$10



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, 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, Colleen Branigan, Martina O'Connell, Michele Gilmore, Raymond Santelli, Sr., Milena Giacchi, Freddy Berrios, Maryann Sheridan, Joann Di Giovanna

DECEASED: John O'Brien

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

18TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Under the direction of Mayor Robert Giangeruso, Lyndhurst will host its Annual Holiday In The Park at Town Hall Park on Delafield Ave. **Sat., Dec. 9, 5:30-8:30 PM (Rain Date Dec. 10)**. Tree Lighting at 7 PM. Performances by Lyndhurst High School Corale, The Belle Tones Song & Dance Review, Holiday Victorian Carolers, Art of Dance. Fun Horse & Carriage Rides, Trackless Train, Photos with Santa. Live Nativity, Toy Soldiers, Candy Cart. Complimentary refreshments include coffee, egg nog, cookies, hot apple cider and donuts. Food and beverages also available for purchase.

THE GIVING TREE

REMINDER: This is the last weekend to select a tag from the Giving Tree. All gifts need to be returned by no later than next Sunday, December 11th so they can be delivered on time.

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.

DECEMBER 3, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Louise Paolazzi

SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Patrick & Carmela Ferrara

10:30 am Peter & Mathilde Favaro

12:00pm Anthony F. Pereira

1:30 pm Panchita De Lino

MONDAY - Advent Weekday/St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Maria Matos

TUESDAY - Advent Weekday

12:00pm Nydia Toro

WEDNESDAY - Advent Weekday/St. Nicholas, Bishop

12:00pm Special Intention

THURSDAY - St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Angel & Jenny Pagan (Living)

Anticipated Holy Day Mass

5:00pm June Ann Palafox-Viado

FRIDAY - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00am Thomas Nice

9:00am Anita Louise Carbone

12:00pm John Z. Klim

7:00pm Wilbert Sanots

SATURDAY - Advent Weekday/St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin

9:00am John Anthony Aiello

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Ernest Steven Ramirez (Living)

SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Virginia Pezzolla

10:30 am Michael Samarelli

12:00pm Joaquin Caamano

1:30 pm Familia Barone

STEWARDSHIP

November 26th

Sunday - \$5,333

Add'l Assessment - \$20

THE PARISH FAMILY OF SACRED HEART INVITES YOU TO FIESTA GUADALUPE

In Honor Of The Patroness Of The Americas

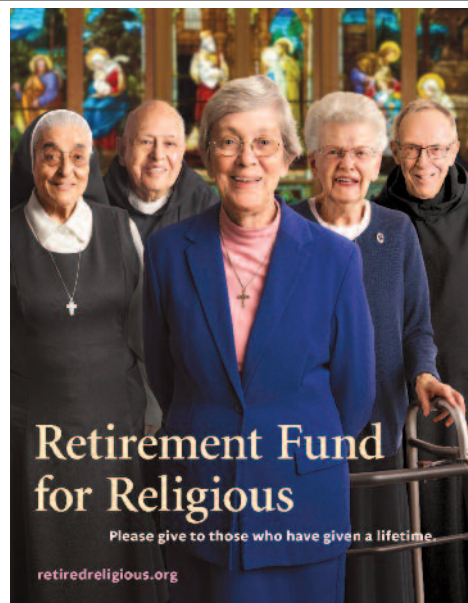
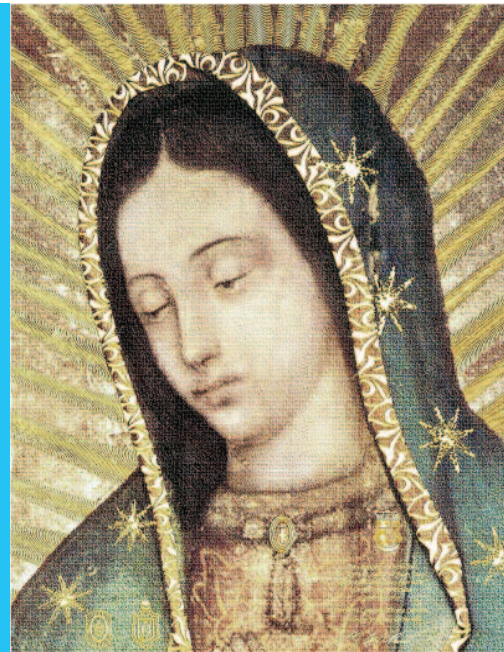
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023
FOLLOWING 1:30 PM SPANISH MASS
SACRED HEART SCHOOL CAFETERIA
620 VALLEY BROOK AVE**

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



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime

retiredreligious.org

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Your generosity in the second collection next weekend will assist: The Retirement Fund for Religious. This is our opportunity to give back to those men and women who have given a lifetime! Thanks for your generosity!



Food Pantry Update

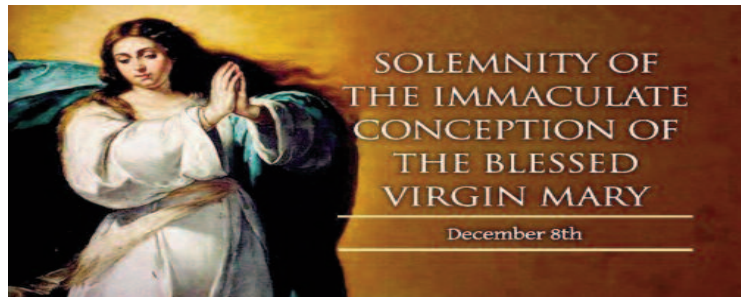
"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25:40

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 merrier Christmas?

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



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8th

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday, Dec.8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of the United States. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses begin on Thursday, Dec. 7th at 5:00 PM and continue on Friday at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, and 7:00 PM.

HOPE

On this first Sunday of Advent, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity; let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. Over this Advent, we pray that hope would rise up in our spirits in a tangible and life-giving way.

