



Sacred Heart Church

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January 21, 2024

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

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
Feb. 11, Mar. 30 (8:30PM), Apr. 14, May 5, Jun. 9

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There is a grace present in all of Scripture, a grace that we too often narrowly associate only with scriptural figures. The God of today's Jonah story is the same God we see Jesus reveal to us in the Gospel. Both readings today are tales of mercy, freely given, unlimited and unearned. God, it seems, is free to bestow mercy on whomever God chooses. And that same grace is eternally present and given, just as freely, to each of us.

We call this liturgical year, "the year of Mark," because, for the most part, this is the Gospel we will be hearing these Sundays. And Mark begins his Gospel with the first preaching of Jesus: "This is the time of fulfillment; the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the good news." The time is ripe; it is a gifted and graced opportunity; what people have waited a long time for, is coming to fruition - God is acting decisively on our behalf.

Like Jonah and the prophets, Jesus preached repentance, "metanoia." He invited people to have a change of heart and return to God. He is not only calling for a change in people's attitudes and actions but inviting them to believe that God's presence is actually at hand in all that he says and does. What Jesus is doing and saying is what God is doing and saying. All that follows these first words of Jesus in Mark's gospel will only be an elaboration of this concise proclamation about the presence of the reign of God in Jesus' presence.

But it's important to remember that the Gospels are not primarily the story of Jesus of Nazareth. They are the stories of the apostles' journeys of faith, through many stages of metanoia - learning slowly a new way of thinking, looking back, turning away, utter disbelief, intriguing wonderment, catastrophic disillusionment and despair, self-doubt and self-loathing at having been so gullible... to a final stage of conviction and commitment about something definitive and undeniable: that the hand of God is here... that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

What we have in the Gospels is the testimony of these disciples who were commissioned as witnesses to what they had seen and heard. Our faith/trust/commitment rests on their testimony. We who come eventually to accept what the apostles share of their experiences find ourselves also touched by the Holy Spirit, like a mysterious fire, or a light that burns within. And that brightness is shared around. This is how Christianity works - the sum of it all is often expressed inadequately as 'love'.

Jesus' call to metanoia sets the stage for what we see next, the call of the first disciples. Their response to his invitation is a concrete illustration of the radical change required. "Metanoia" means that a person going in one direction makes a total about face and goes in the opposite. A person responding to the call of Jesus must reorient his/her life; take on a new way of being, rededicate energies and see and judge things from a new perspective.

What the Gospels intend to pass on to us is what the apostles heard in their various ways of hearing and understanding, and with growing understanding of how they became convinced. They're describing their own journeys which were like ours: countless re-starts, flashes of light, moments of wonderment, periods of bitterness, disillusionment and regret, amazing experiences of being born to a new life, over against the cold reality that nothing changes in this world.

It can be all too easy to shirk off the change and new response Jesus may be calling us to make. God's call is a challenge to us to respond to service. Each of us has been called and is being called by name right now. "Come after me..."

We have been invited to participate in important work. The Kingdom is at hand and this indeed is "good news."

SACRED HEART HOME SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION - FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Sacred Heart Home-School Association presents their Annual Spring Auction on Friday, March 22, 2024 at Sacred Heart School, 620 Valley Brook Ave. Tickets are \$15 per person - no one under 18 will be admitted. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Tickets includes one sheet for 1st level prizes, Coffee/Tea and dessert. If you are interested, please call the school office at 201-939-4277 or Patty at 201-803-9580. **Ticket deadline is March 11th.** No tickets available at the door.

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE LONG BRANCH, N.J.

MARCH 8-10, 2024 ---- RESERVE YOUR SPOT!!!

Ladies:

Happy New Year and you are invited to attend our annual women's retreat at Sal Alfonso Retreat House. The registration for our retreat (March 8-10, 2024) is open. The cost is \$300 for the weekend. "The theme: The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Heart. The retreat will offer you an opportunity to get in touch with the hungers within your own heart and how an encounter with the living Christ through prayer, scripture, community and most importantly, the Eucharist satisfies those hungers." Registration is open online!! If you have any questions please call Margaret Dacchille at 201 456 2399. **Space is limited so register as soon as possible.**

YOUR HELP TO MAKE THE FUN IS NEEDED

Our parish's annual St. Patrick's celebration is a significant fundraiser but more importantly it's a fun packed evening with great food, music, and Irish dancers along with raffles and a 50/50. **We're looking for folks to help sell raffle tickets and tickets to the celebration after the Masses on the weekends as well as help in building the gift baskets and setting up the school cafeteria on the March 8th and knocking table and chairs down after the celebration on March 9th. We're also soliciting gift certificates from local vendors, e.g. Restaurants, florists, hair and nail salons, etc.** Letters acknowledging the gifts will be available at the Parish Center. Consider joining us in this endeavor and take advantage of meeting your fellow parishioners. If you are interested in helping please call the parish office at 201-438-1147.

MUSIC FOR MS FUNDRAISER

SAT., APRIL 20TH, REDD'S IN CARLSTADT

Rock to the sound of No Politics band performing classic rock favorites from Eagles, Doors, Grateful Dead, Allman Brothers, Tom Petty, Rolling Stones and More! Doors Open 5pm show at Approx. 8pm. Cash Bar & Kitchen

Tickets are \$20 and are limited. Please reserve yours by March 27th. Call Rosemary at 201-893-7620 for tickets and more details. Proceeds donated to MS Society Walk MS 2024, Team NJ MOM

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 the pantry for the cold winter season. Can you help us assist our brothers and sisters struggling with food insecurity?

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.*

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 FINANIAL 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.** 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 - 201-728-6810, Rutherford - 201-728-6960

ONLINE GIVING AT SACRED HEART

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.

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, John Du Bois, Ruben Arevalo Gacildone, Helen Dowling, Dr. Leticia Luna, Jeanette Knowlton, Colleen Branigan, Martina O'Connell, Michele Gilmore, Raymond Santelli, Sr., Milena Giacchi, Freddy Berrios, Maryann Sheridan, Joann Di Giovanna, Barbara Bagnuolo

DECEASED: Loretta Barbara Magrini

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE



The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST

In Honor of: The Intentions of the Cavalcante Family

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH

In Honor of: Thomas Redner, Happy 2nd Anniversary In Heaven

Donated by: His Loving Wife, Jean

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of January 21st, the following items used for worship in our sanctuary were donated in the memory of a relative or friend or a special intention.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante



BREAD & WINE:

In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante



MASS CANDLES:

In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Your generosity in the second collection next weekend will assist in the Communicating God's Word Campaign.

JANUARY 21, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Giuseppe, Ricardo & Francesco Radicia

SUNDAY - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Noah Abdon

10:30 am Sharon Ko

12:00pm James M. Cavalcante

1:30 pm Alejandrina Ruiz

MONDAY - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

12:00pm Irene Mc Carthy

TUESDAY - Weekday/St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr/ St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

12:00pm Rozalia, Piotr & Stefan

WEDNESDAY - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder & Doctor

12:00pm EWTN/USA

THURSDAY - The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

12:00pm Frank DeSerio

FRIDAY - St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops

12:00pm Thomas Roger

SATURDAY - Weekday/St. Angela Merici, Virgin/ Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Denise Ann Morrone

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Dolores Bodnar

SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Rosetta Murray

10:30 am Jaime Canal

12:00pm James M. Cavalcante

1:30 pm Alejandrina Ruiz

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!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 9, 2024, 6:00 PM

Sacred Heart School Cafeteria

Corned Beef Dinner - Irish Music - BYOB

50/50 Raffle - Drawing at 8:00 p.m.

Gift Baskets Auction -- Tickets for the dinner \$30 for Adults \$10 for kids 12 and under and will go on sale shortly.

In conjunction with this major fund raising event, the parish is requesting donations for gift baskets that will be auctioned off that night. If you're interested in donating a \$25, \$50, or \$75 basket, please drop it off at the Parish Center. If you'd like to contribute new items to make up a gift basket, you can also drop them off at the Parish Center. If you have any questions, feel free to call Sabina at 862-249-1186. Thank you for your generosity which will contribute to the success of this fund raising which will benefit Sacred Heart Parish.



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NEIGHBORS AND ROLE MODELS**
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**Sacred Heart Church
Mount Carmel Church
Saint Michael Church**

THE SECOND ANNUAL ♥️ EARLY VALENTINE CELEBRATION ♥️ DOO-WOP, DINNER AND MORE!

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NOW AT AN EVEN LARGER VENUE (DUE TO LAST YEAR'S SOLD-OUT SHOW!)

Saturday, February 10, 2024

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (Doors open at 6:30 pm)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center

146 Copeland Avenue, Lyndhurst (Spacious Parking!)

Tickets only \$40 (Tickets will not be sold at the door)

Special Valentine's Evening 50/50!

Admission also includes a Delicious Pasta Dinner, Dessert and Beverages (BYOB).
Dancing is Welcomed! * Tables for 8 & 10 Can Be Reserved! * All Ages Invited!

For tickets, please mail your check, payable to "Lyndhurst Girls' Association"
to Donna Shinnick, 617 Lake Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
Seating is Limited. Questions? Call Donna (201) 906-3010

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