



# Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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## 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He took the child by the hand and said to her,  
"Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say  
to you, arise!" - Mk 5:41

## 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  
Jul. 14, Aug. 11, Sep. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 10, Dec. 8

## 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.

## Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Our Gospel today presents us with a "story-within-a-story." First, there is an encounter between Jesus and a man named Jairus. But before that story concludes, another encounter takes place. The second encounter between Jesus and a nameless woman runs its course. Then finally we return for the conclusion of the story of Jairus. All three of the Synoptic writers give us their version of these encounters, so we should know that something significant is about to be told.

The story begins as a synagogue official bursts through the crowd and throws himself at Jesus' feet, interrupting the moment. Jairus neither worships, nor comes to dispute or argue theology, but he does fall at the feet of Jesus in a very respectful gesture. His agenda is simple and very urgent: his little daughter seems to be at the point of death and he feels utterly powerless. Jairus has nothing to lose, yet his request is by no means hopeless or despairing. He simply requests: "Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." He seems to know that if Jesus lays his hands on the girl, then she will live. Here is a man of faith; and faith, as we are told over and over in the Gospels, makes miracles.

Mark tells us, "So Jesus went with him." Jesus not only responds immediately, but has reversed roles - Jairus leads, Jesus follows, and they hurry to his home. Here Jesus is exemplifying what he talks about so often: that the leader must become the follower, just as the first must become the last, the master must become the servant, and the teacher must become the learner. There must be no clinging to status nor lording it over others. So Jesus follows Jairus. But just when we are being drawn deeply into this story, there is a sudden interruption.

"There was a woman," the Gospel tells us. She too interrupts Jesus, but not in the same way that Jairus did. She was simply there. She was a woman - and therefore socially insignificant; but she is there, and therefore physically unavoidable. This woman has a similar strategy to Jairus. He knows that if Jesus were to come to his home, his daughter would live; this woman believed that if she only touched his clothes, then she would be well. This faith alone is enough to drive her into action.

Her story is both interesting and pathetic. She had suffered under the care of many physicians, spent all her money, and yet was worse off than when she started - a familiar story, even in today's society. It appears that she is a socially isolated and, perhaps, even an abandoned woman. This woman had nowhere else to go: neither to family, nor to savings, nor to medicine. But she had heard about Jesus, and so she was simply there.

Unlike Jairus, this woman has no name; but more importantly she has no life. Being ritually unclean for twelve years has separated her from people. She is socially dead if not physically dead. To be avoided by everyone is to be rendered utterly isolated. Social death can be almost as real as physical death. Whoever is socially dead might almost, as well, be physically dead, because life can be unbearable in social isolation.

This "dead" woman's faith will restore her to life. In an instant she becomes a public witness to her faith and her courage is acknowledged and rewarded by Jesus, who calls her "my daughter," tells her that indeed her faith has made a miracle, and sends her off in peace - no more fear or trembling, no more worry about being among the living dead, no more guilt about trying to find a way through the religious rules that held her bound tightly. She was free: finally, totally free.

No sooner has the woman been sent on her way than the first, unfinished story picks up again and moves toward its climax. Jairus is suddenly confronted by a delegation of people from his home, reporting that his daughter has died. Curiously, however, Jesus rather pointedly ignores the remark and offers words of encouragement: "Do not fear, only believe." Jairus has just seen belief-in-action, and its power to heal and overcome fear. But Mark says nothing about his reaction; all we know is that along with Jesus and his three closest disciples Jairus hurries back home. Only this time Jesus leads and Jairus follows.

By the time they arrive at Jairus' home, the weeping and wailing had already begun. Jesus declares that the girl was simply sleeping. Going directly to the girl, but accompanied now by her mother as well as her father and the three disciples, Jesus immediately makes physical contact: taking her by the hand, he speaks to her - not words of command or authority, but gentle words of encouragement: exactly the language a gentle, loving parent would use to awaken a child from a deep sleep. as his complete concern.

The story ends with two important statements by Jesus. First, He warns the people not to broadcast this event. Oftentimes, people attracted by the miraculous do not necessarily have the faith that Jesus is seeking. And secondly, He tells the family to give the girl something to eat - emphasizing that she is a real, physical person, not just an illusion; and also involving the family and the entire community in her rehabilitation.

## REMEMBER OUR PARISH

Whenever we contribute to the parish we are mindful and respectful of our Catholic teaching to support the Church. Our parish is blessed by so many who support us. A meaningful way to continue this support is by considering a gift to the parish in your will or trust. Even a small percentage of your residual estate would go a long way in the maintenance of our church. Please remember Sacred Heart in your will or trust. This will help future generations to experience the love of Jesus Christ in our community. If you have any questions about this planning please contact the parish office.

## YOUR COINS FOR CHRIST COUNT! DONATIONS SURPASS \$1,000 YEAR TO DATE

The "Coins for Christ" program, through your generosity, has received more than \$1,000 in donations for our parish family this year. **This ongoing activity** invites our parish family to take a Coins for Christ collection jar home and keep it in the area where you empty your pockets in the evening. **Collection jars are available at the entrances to the church.** Any spare change you have you can put in the jar. Every couple of weeks, simply empty the contents of the jar into a plastic bag and put the bag into the collection basket. Your spare change counts for our parish! Thanks for your continued generosity!!



## Food Pantry Update

**We are stocking up our parish family food pantry for the spring and summer months. Can you help us show the love and hope of Jesus Christ to those living with food insecurity?**

If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated: Cereal, Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Pasta (including Spaghetti), Potatoes (small packages or canned), Vegetables, Coffee (regular and instant), Peanut Butter, and Jelly, Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese, Beans. Food items can be left near the shrine of the Sacred Heart in the back of the church.

Thank you for all of the generous donations. It's only with your help that we are able to keep our food pantry stocked.

*As a reminder, we are unable to package out-of-date food products for distribution to our families.*

## MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN JULY 13TH & 14TH

Our partner for the Missionary Cooperation Plan this year is the Diocese of Zaria, Nigeria. A member of the clergy from the diocese will celebrate Mass with us on July 13th and 14th and will ask for our prayers and financial assistance to help them announce the love of Jesus Christ in their area. Please see below. Thanks for your generosity!

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart,

Greetings from the Diocese of Zaria, Nigeria.

The Diocese of Zaria is situated in Kaduna State, in Northern Nigeria. It was created on the 5th of December 2000 and erected on the 3rd of March 2001. It has a population of about 68,000 Catholics, primarily peasants who live on subsistence farming. Since the creation of the diocese, we have struggled to sow the seed of the faith in an area that is the stronghold of the Islamic religion, which has had a long history of Hausa/Fulani hegemony. As a result of religious persecutions, Christians have often been the target of orchestrated attacks, intimidation, harassment, and burning of places of worship at no provocation. The attacks on Christian places of worship and other civilian targets have continued unabated by the extremist Islamic sect, Boko Haram. The situation is worse because the state does not provide adequate protection for those persecuted. This has caused a mass exodus of Christians from the diocese. With the insecurity in the country, many families have lost their means of livelihood and thus are unable to provide for themselves basic necessities of life, let alone make any meaningful financial contribution to the church.

Despite our precarious situation, we are making giant strides in strengthening the faith among our vulnerable population. We are grateful for the tenacity of our Catholic members in practising the faith. However, more work needs to be done regarding faith formation, rebuilding destroyed churches and rectories, providing quality education for many disadvantaged populations, training priests and catechists for grass-roots evangelisation, and supporting many non-viable parishes.

Your parish's mission appeal is to solicit your prayers and financial support for the struggling church in Zaria Diocese, where Christ still weeps. Your support will help alleviate our plight and bring succour to our parishioners. We look forward to your kind and generous support. May the Lord reward your generosity, bless your families, and reward all you do for the kingdom of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Rev. Fr. Jonathan A. Yabiliyok,  
Mission Coordinator, Diocese of Zaria

**134TH ANNUAL ITALIAN FEAST  
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
Fri., July 12th - Sun., July 14th - 6-11PM  
259 Oliver St., Newark  
Jul. 16th Mass & Solemn Candlelight Procession 7PM**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**SICK:** 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., 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, Ruben Arevalo Gacildone, Helen Dowling, Dr. Leticia Luna, Jeanette Knowlton, Martina O'Connell, Michele Gilmore, Milena Giacchi, Freddy Berrios, Maryann Sheridan, Naham, Rudy Rivas, Tania, Jaime Diaz, Romile Diaz, Brian Oppici, Art Elwell, Robert Schaefer, Eric Dietz, Marion Dietz, Jamie Brown, John Santelli, Julius Single, Jr., Tina Gentile

**DECEASED:** All those from our parish family the Lord called home

**SPRING MEGA 50/50 WINNER!**

**Congratulations to Maria Stone, winner for our Spring Mega 50/50 Raffle. Maria received a check for \$5,000. The winning number was 187.**

**Thanks to all who participated and made this raffle a great success for our parish family!  
Special thanks to Mike & Susan DeFrancesco for providing the tickets and the technical support!**



**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

Do you have a child or grandchild starting or changing school in September? Why not consider Sacred Heart School? We offer a safe and nurturing environment for children Pre-K3 through 8th Grade. Along with their ABCs your child will build character and learn compassion and values. New families considering enrolling in our school should call the school at 201-939-4277 for more details and arrange to make a visit.

**SAINT ANN'S 114TH ITALIAN FESTIVAL - SAVE THE DATE  
Wednesday, July 24th - Sunday, July 28th  
704 Jefferson St., Hoboken  
\*Great Food \*Beer Garden \*Games \*Live Entertainment**

**JUNE 30, 2024**



Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

**Anticipated Sunday Mass**

5:00pm Elizabeth "Betty" Tynan

**SUNDAY - Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Louise & Anthony Radice

10:30 am Manuel & Mercedes Vargas

12:00pm Alma & John Curry

1:30 pm Jaime Mena

**MONDAY - Weekday/St. Junipero Serra, Priest**

12:00pm Pietro Costa

**TUESDAY - Weekday**

12:00pm Diane Perrone

**WEDNESDAY - St. Thomas, Apostle**

12:00pm Grace Dacchille

**THURSDAY - Weekday/Independence Day**

9:00am Rose Emo

**FIRST FRIDAY - Weekday/St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest/St. Elizabeth of Portugal**

12:00pm Alejandrina Ruiz

**FIRST SATURDAY - Weekday/St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr/Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00am Purgatorial Society

**Anticipated Sunday Mass**

5:00pm Michael Makczkowicz

**SUNDAY - Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Grace Dacchille

10:30 am Jackie O' Gorman

12:00pm James M. Cavalcante

1:30 pm Almas del Purgatorio

**STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday - June 23rd

Sunday - \$5,292

Add'l Air Con - \$40

Add'l Assessment - \$15

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

## CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY

The Mass on Thursday, July 4th will be celebrated at 9:00 AM. Join us as we celebrate our country's birthday and give thanks for the blessings of freedom we all enjoy. The parish office will close at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 3rd and reopen on Monday, July 8th at 9:00AM.



Under the direction of Commissioner John Montillo, the Department of Parks & Recreation will be holding the Township's Independence Day Celebration on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 behind the Little League fields on Riverside Avenue. There will be food trucks, novelty vendors and a DJ for your entertainment starting at 6:00 PM.

There will be Patriotic Exercises held at 8:30 p.m. with our "Gala Fireworks Display" following at dusk.

**Music Under The Stars**  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
*The Cameos* 7:00-8:30 pm  
Step by Step 9:00-10:30 pm  
Celebrating the music of Johnny Maestro  
THURSDAY, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
Larger Than Life 7:00-8:00 pm  
Let's Sing Taylor 8:30-10:30 pm  
FRIDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
100 Rock Parade 7:00-8:30 pm  
Queen Flash 9:00-11:00 pm  
SATURDAY, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
Yellow Brick Joel 7:00-8:00 pm  
A Face to Face Tribute Concert 8:30-10:30 pm  
TOWN HALL PARK · DELAFIELD AVE., LYNDHURST, NJ

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**FEAST NEWS**  
JULY 10 | JULY 11 | JULY 12 | JULY 13  
6-10PM | 6-10PM | 6-10PM | 5-11PM

### OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL OF LYNDHURST ANNUAL FEAST - TOWN HALL PARK DISCOUNT RIDE TICKETS

Discount ride tickets are available at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rectory, 197 Kingsland Ave., during office hours (Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 11:30am and 1:00pm - 5:00pm & Friday 8:30am -12:00pm.) Tickets are \$15.00 for a sheet of 18!

## 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 debit 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.