



Sacred Heart Church

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July 21, 2024

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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
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.

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The warning of Jeremiah, speaking on behalf of God, bemoans those "shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture." The "shepherds" that Jeremiah is referring to are Israel's rulers. The nation's rulers, along with the priests and prophets, were supposed to play a role in helping the nation fulfill its vocation as God's people. Yahweh had carefully and lovingly shepherded Israel and Judah. But those whose duty it was to be His instruments were, for the most part, a huge disappointment. Without good and righteous leadership, the very covenant between God and the people had suffered.

These rulers had not protected the frail and powerless. Poor leadership had brought disaster to the nation, for when Jeremiah was writing these words, the Babylonian captivity had already begun. Eventually, the royal line would end and the nation would be taken into exile. Before it was over, Jerusalem and its temple would lie in ruins.

Even if we want to avoid reflecting on this first reading, the issue of God indicting the shepherds of the flock will not allow us to do so.

Today we face a similar dilemma to that which confronted Jeremiah.

When national or political leadership is defective, when our public discourse on the economy, terrorism, immigration, health care, racism, xenophobia, sexual orientation, violence, and poverty sinks to name-calling, vilifying and finger-pointing, the consequences for ordinary people are disastrous. It becomes easy for us to feel that we are in a desert, devoid of civility, searching the horizon for a path to moral rectitude.

Despite the gloomy conditions that Jeremiah highlights among God's people, the reading has a breath of hope – and for this we can be grateful. While the rulers are blamed and threats are leveled against them, there is a promise for a brighter future. God will step in to "gather the remnant," to bring them back from exile. To accomplish this renewal, God promises to appoint shepherds who will fulfill their appointed office faithfully.

But He promises even more. A special shepherd will be sent, "...I will raise up a righteous shoot to David." A new time is coming, despite the present distress. God promises not to abandon the people, but to renew them and form a new community with faithful leadership. This promise to the people is fulfilled in Jesus. He personifies God's compassion for both the disciples - who will shepherd in Jesus' name - and for the people - who need to be gathered together and raised up. Jesus is more than a shepherd; He is God's compassion made flesh.

The compassion of Jesus the Shepherd is as intense now as it has always been for the needs of the crowds. He has not forgotten them; he has not forgotten us. He speaks to us all. *Each of us has shepherding responsibilities to family, the young, the needy and to society in general. All of the baptized are sent out to speak and act in Jesus' name.*

Our world and our church need healing and renewal. Each of us can play a part in this moment's potential for growth, by finding ways to speak to one another and to care for one another in His name. For only He can heal and renew what has been so wounded. Only He can help us face what divides and destroys our communal bonds. Only He can feed us and heal us so that we can face what assails our lives as citizens and disciples, be witnesses to hope and continue to preach, teach and heal as He did.

This is our mission. Evil hurts us and scandal shocks us, but these have no authority over our power for goodness. And it is precisely our commitment and our fight for goodness, enriched by love and guided by virtuous leadership, that empowers us to acknowledge sin, dwell in hope, and accept the greater purpose of our lives and of our faith in Jesus Christ.

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.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration Fridays, 12:30 - 3:00 pm



"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering."

- Pope Benedict XVI

During Eucharistic Adoration, the faithful pray to Jesus Christ, who is present in the Eucharist. The

Eucharist, also referred to as the Blessed Sacrament, is typically kept in the tabernacle in our church.

While it is true that you can pray to God anywhere and that He is always within you, it is especially powerful to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. In the presence of the Eucharist, we pray to the power and sacrifice that it represents — the body of Jesus, who gave His life so that we may live. It is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity that is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE VALID?

If you were married civilly, that is not in the Catholic Church before a priest or deacon, it might not be a valid marriage. Some couples believe that a marriage before a Justice of the Peace or a non-Catholic minister is valid. For a marriage to be valid in the Catholic Church, the marriage must be in a Catholic Church or Chapel and officiated by an authorized Catholic priest or deacon along with 2 witnesses. (There are limited interfaith exceptions with proper permission.)

We invite you to speak with one of our priests if there are any questions or if indeed you wish to validate your marriage. The process can be very simple and your marriage will now be blessed by the Church.

MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT

Can one person really make a difference? Come join the Community of God's Love, Rutherford's Catholic Charismatic Community, to watch the 2023 film "One Life" to see an inspirational answer to that question. Based on the life of British humanitarian Nicholas Winton, this film depicts how "Nicky" Winton helped rescue hundreds of predominantly Jewish children from Czechoslovakia in a race against time before the Nazi occupation closed the borders. This movie and pizza event will take place on Friday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m. at Visitation House, 70 West Passaic Avenue, Rutherford. For more information, call 201-935-0344 or email thecgl@live.com. Free will offering. No registration necessary.

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 Buco, 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 Aspile, 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, John Llewellyn

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

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of July 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: Philip Coiro



Donated by: The Coiro Family

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201)407-3256.

The phone numbers for the County Prosecutors within the Archdiocese are:

Bergen - (201) 646-2300 Essex - (973) 621-4700
Hudson - (201) 795-6400 Union - (908) 527-4500

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**

JULY 21, 2024



Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Silvia Urena

SUNDAY - Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Giovanni Antico & Brian Antico
10:30 am Grace Dacchille
12:00pm James M. Cavalcante
1:30 pm Almas del Purgatorio

MONDAY - St. Mary Magdalene

12:00pm Ann Michna

TUESDAY - Weekday/St. Bridget, Religious

12:00pm Florence Pavlica

WEDNESDAY - Weekday/St. Sharbel Makhuf, Priest

12:00pm William Readie

THURSDAY - St. James, Apostle

9:00am Gabriel Vivas

FRIDAY - Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00pm Patrick Roberts

SATURDAY - Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Layanna Rose Smiley (Living)

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Julian & Lorenza Duran

SUNDAY - Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Michael La Pollo
10:30 am Grace Dacchille
12:00pm Andrew L. Mastellone
1:30 pm Alberto Centenaro

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - July 7th
Sunday - \$5,926
Assessment - \$2,155

Sunday - July 14th
Sunday - \$5,249
Diocese of Zaria, Nigeria - \$2,495



GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Catholicpalooza 2024 Saturday, July 27, 2024
Williams Center: 15 Sylvan St, Rutherford, NJ 07070
12:30pm - 11:00pm

Join us for the second annual Catholicpalooza traveling music festival, sponsored by Motherboards and Young Catholic Professionals North Jersey! This year's festival will feature over fifteen Catholic musicians and other artists, both local and from across the country. See performances by artists such as Hallowed, E-Knock, Marisel, Thursday, and many more. There will be several Catholic vendors and businesses to check out, including Motherboards, The Martyrs Walk, and Arthouse2B. Check out our Instagram @Catholicpalooza as more updates and artists are announced. Catholicpalooza 2023 sold out fast, so get your tickets before they're gone at: catholicpalooza.com



ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE OUR FAITH WITH THE YOUTH OF OUR PARISH FAMILY?

There is no greater gift that you can give to a child than to share your faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Religious Education program is always in need of teachers, aides, substitute teachers, hall monitors, and office helpers.

Are you willing to help our children learn more about the love that Jesus Christ has for them in the 2024-2025 school year?

No special religious education training is required. If you are interested in volunteering, call our parish Catechetical Leader, Ryan Tobiason at 201-935-3094.

THE PERFECT GIFT FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING GIVE A GIFT FROM THE HEART THAT NOURISHES OUR NEIGHBORS!

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



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.

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.