



# Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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November 10, 2024

## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

### 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  
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.

## Thirty - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sacred Scripture has always revealed a people wrestling with a precarious uncertainty. Narratives all throughout show that one size does not fit all. We can be united in the same covenant or cleansed by the same waters of baptism and yet we can be radically different from our closest neighbor. Case in point is the story of the prophet Elijah's request for water and bread from the widow of Zarephath. He sounds privileged and indifferent to her desperate situation. There had been a drought in the land and as a result she has only a bit of flour and some oil to prepare a final meal for herself and her son. But Elijah's response to the widow echoes God's response to those in need throughout the Bible, "**Do not be afraid.**" Elijah is God's prophet and when he speaks he speaks for God, revealing, once again, that God notices and acts in favor of the needy and outcast.

Today's scriptures single out two women who had much in common: their desperate need and God's awareness of their plight. Unlike the widow of Zarephath, we don't know what happened to the widow in today's gospel. Jesus points her out to his disciples and notes that she gave "from her poverty, had contributed all she had." But we never know if this particular person was later one of the victims of poverty who, in Jesus' time and our own, suffer and die in their want. Was she just one more of the anonymous poor of the world who pass on into obscurity and whose death is barely noticed?

The world of the Scripture stories is not so different from our own. We look at these women today and are reminded of how God came to the need of those in the past and how he continues to do so even now. God is concerned for our present hungers and we who are nurtured and fed by our God are called to turn our attention to those who can be simply overlooked or ignored. Elijah tells us to face our fears and to hope in God. Jesus teaches a new spirituality of giving through word and deed. We are to do as he did. We are to "observe" and tend to those who need our attention, who are not the notables of our world and who do not have the prestige and status that normally attracts the world's eye and favor.

It is important for us to understand the context of today's readings. Just weeks before his death, Jesus has finally made his way to Jerusalem and is in the Temple preaching. Along the journey we have seen him teach the meaning of discipleship. We have witnessed the faith of a blind beggar and the lack of faith of a "rich" young man. We have heard the Lord say that loving God is inseparable from loving our neighbor. And we have watched as he explained that mere ritual and just "following the rules" is not enough – the external show of religion has now been supplanted by a gospel of grace. Using Elijah's story and the example of the widow in the temple, Jesus re-emphasizes his teaching and makes it concrete.

What does all of this have to do with us? We are called to imitate God's hospitality and examine how generous we have been in offering ourselves to God's service – especially to the least and overlooked, like widow of Zarephath who placed her trust in a stranger and the barely-noticed widow of the Gospel who struggled day in and day out to survive in an imperfect world.

If we are going to participate faithfully and meaningfully in the world, we need to respond to the reality lived by the majority of earth's inhabitants – one of poverty and exclusion.

This is our response to the graciousness of God who comes to the aid of the vulnerable. We have no need to fear because "The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed." (Psalm 146)

## Food Pantry Update

We are stocking up our parish family food pantry for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. 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. **Frozen turkeys can be brought to the parish center Mon - Fri 9:00 - 4:00. Please don't leave them in 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.

### THE GIVING TREE BRING SOME CHEER TO SOMEONE IN NEED

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 23rd & December 1st** 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 8th** 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.

Monday, November 11th is the Veteran's Day Holiday. The Mass on Veteran's Day will be celebrated at its regular time of 12 Noon in the church. Observance of the holiday the parish office will close on Friday, November 8th at 2:00PM and will reopen on Tuesday, November 12th at 9:00AM. May God bless all our veterans for the sacrificing some of their freedom to defend our freedom!

## A GREAT DAY AT THE 5K HEALTHY HEART HEALTHY SOUL 5K WALK-RUN A SUCCESS

Our parish family was blessed with beautiful weather as **108 runners and walkers** gathered at the Recreation Center on Valley Brook Ave for Sacred Heart's Annual Family Fun 5K Walk-Run on the morning of October 26th. Everyone enjoyed a morning of fun whether it was striving for a "personal best time" running or taking a walk with family or friends. Afterwards many participants took the opportunity to socialize and catch up with others that they don't see regularly. **Thanks to the generosity of all who participated and our generous sponsors of this event the parish made a profit of \$9,294.**

**We thank and bless: the Lord** for giving us the perfect weather for our event, the **5K Committee: Mike DeFrancesco, John Khin, Sabina Prendergast, Lou Stellato and Patty Uykan** for giving of their time, talent, and treasure without which this event could not have been possible, **Victor Giordano** for giving his time and talent to DJ at the event, **Sal Russo** for leading us in the National Anthem, the **Lyndhurst Police Department and Emergency Squad** for their help with the race course and keeping us safe during the event, the **Lyndhurst Parks Department** for their help and hard work with coordinating the use of the Recreation Center, and **ALL who gave their time and talent to volunteer at the event. We thank and bless all who supported the 5K by coming out to run or to walk and all those who came to support a runner or walker and those who just came by to have a morning of fun with us.**

**We thank and bless the sponsors listed below** who helped to make this event such a success:

**BCB Bank**

**Nazare Memorial Home, Inc.**

**Ippolito Stellato Funeral Homes, Inc**

**Kessler Rehabilitation Center of Lyndhurst**

**In Memory of Navatta & Isoldi Family**

**Villa Italia**

**Vinnie Mootz**

**Knights of Columbus, Lyndhurst Council #2396**

**Sierra Coffee Group**

**Boost Fitness**

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**Plaid Motors Auto Body**

**Ridgehurst Auto Parts**

**ShopRite of Lyndhurst**

**Stew Leonard's of Clifton**

**Stop & Shop of Lyndhurst**

**The Bogle Agency, Inc**

**Please patronize them and thank them when you do!**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2024**

**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, Francesco 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, John Llewellyn, Joann Di Giovanna



Thirty-Second Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

**Anticipated Sunday Mass**

5:00pm Jack, Natalina & Joseph Navatta

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

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart  
9:00am Faithful Departed  
10:30 am Julian & Lorenza Duran  
12:00pm John Matino, Sr.  
1:30 pm Ramon Vargas

**MONDAY - St. Martin of Tours**

12:00pm Denise Ann Morrone

**TUESDAY - St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**

12:00pm Santa Di Zengo

**WEDNESDAY - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

12:00pm Betty Tynan

**THURSDAY - Weekday**

12:00pm Lynn Brew

**FRIDAY - Weekday/St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

12:00pm Dr. Nestor Marcia & Eufroconia Cantos

**SATURDAY - Weekday/St. Margaret of Scotland/St. Gertrude, Virgin/ Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00am Zofia & Jozef Turek (Living)

**Anticipated Sunday Mass**

5:00pm Marita Carucci

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

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart  
9:00am Betty Tynan  
10:30 am Philip Infrante  
12:00pm James M. Cavalcante  
1:30 pm Bertha Falla

**DECEASED:** John J. Castiglia, Sr., Nancy Fiore

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

During the week of November 10th, 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

**THE PARISH FAMILY OF SACRED HEART INVITES YOU TO FIESTA GUADALUPE**

In Honor Of The Patroness Of The Americas  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024 1:00 PM**  
**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

**STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday - Nov. 3  
Sunday - \$6,035  
Assessment - \$1,396  
All Saints - \$891

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## CHRISTMAS

# MEGA 50/50

WIN  
UP TO  
**\$5,000!**\*



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 13, 2024  
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. BY MAIL/BASKET

Fill out the attached 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

### 2. ONLINE (Credit Card Only)

Visit [https://bit.ly/SHC\\_2024\\_CHRISTMAS\\_MEGA](https://bit.ly/SHC_2024_CHRISTMAS_MEGA)



or Scan this code on your  
smart phone to order online!

Your tickets will be mailed to you.

Any questions please email Charlie Sofio at: [sacredheartchurch@comcast.net](mailto:sacredheartchurch@comcast.net)

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