



Sacred Heart Church

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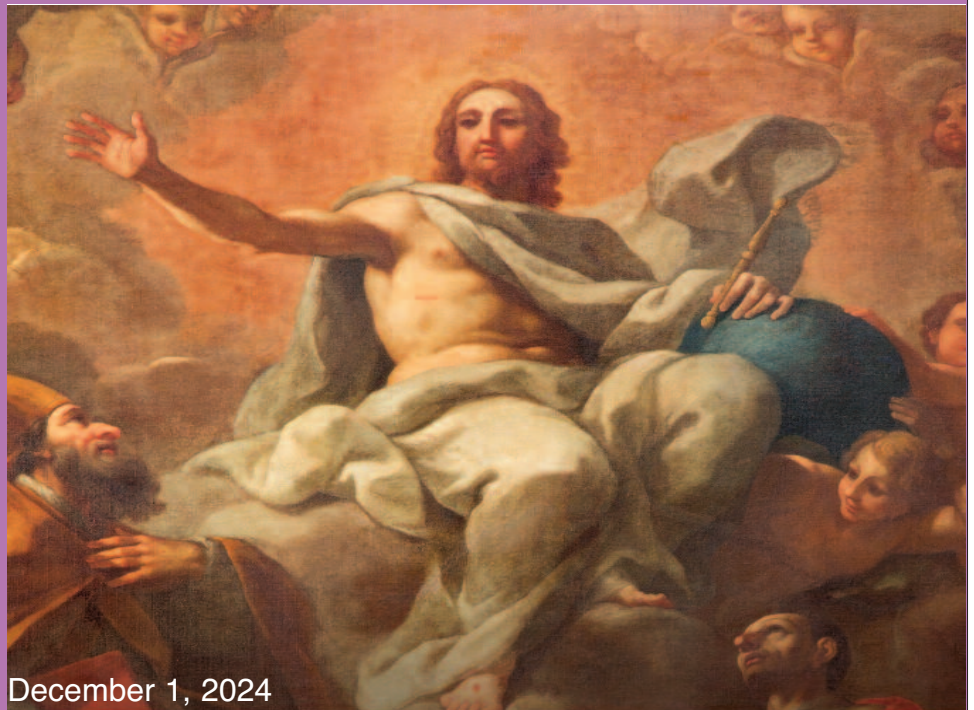
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December 1, 2024

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28

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. 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we begin to move into the season of Advent, we transition from the darkness that will precede the end of the world to the darkness that hovered over the world at its beginning. Surprisingly, this darkness holds within it the promise of dawn as we anxiously await the rising sun. This is a season of expectation and of hope. It is a time for us to listen again to God's promise of deliverance and reconciliation. It is a time for us to be reassured of His relentless love for each and all of us, and for our planet. Now is the time for us to listen to voices of Advent.

They are diverse and from extremes - voices of pain, voices of warning, voices of hope and voices of fulfillment. They are voices of information and voices of divisive misinformation, voices of quiet promise and voices of fretful anticipation. That is just the way Advent is, filled with contradictions and extremes. It is a season to celebrate the promise of Christ's coming, his arrival and the expectation of his return. Can we hold it all together? Maybe we can't. It is just the way the season is. It is just the way life is.

If we truly listen to the voices of Advent, maybe they will help balance all the seeming contradictions. Better yet, maybe they will throw off balance what we have so carefully tried to keep balanced. Our ordered lives need the disorder of Advent so that we can put aside our biased concepts of order and be more open to the new order God wants to bring to our lives this season. We should let the voices speak, embrace them in awareness and experience the transformation they offer us. If anything, Advent promises a change both for us and our world, a change beyond anything we ourselves can envision or bring about on our own.

There is an abrupt entrance into the season of Advent. The Scriptures today are both reassuring and a bit scary.

Jeremiah begins by inviting us to take ownership of our past and present weaknesses and put hope in his message that God is coming to heal us, not based on our own goodness, but on the justice of God. What God has promised, God will do.

The world Luke describes is falling apart, with cosmic signs and a warning to us: "Be vigilant at all times, pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

"Be vigilant at all times." This is not exactly a very pleasant phrase to be heard as we prepare for the holidays during Advent. Jesus used variations of the phrase at various times during his ministry. And it has been interpreted in many different ways: "be watchful," "be careful," "stay awake," "keep on your toes," "listen up!"

But during Advent, the most salient interpretation of the phrase "be vigilant and pray at all times" is one of "paying attention" - that one be attentive to the presence of God at each moment of life, to make the most of all opportunities, and to prepare for the Kingdom already present in this world.

But being vigilant, praying constantly and simply listening is not nearly enough. The message of Advent is a call to action and responsibility - a call to grow in sensitivity and awareness and to take an active role in alleviating the pain and suffering in the world around us. Advent is the season of expectation but it is also very much a season of the present moment, because God is already in our midst, calls to us and continues to stay with us, even as we cry out: "Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus, Come!"

Food Pantry Update

We are stocking up our parish family food pantry for the Christmas holiday and the winter 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. **Turkeys and hams can be brought to the parish center Mon - Fri 9:00 - 4:00. Please don't leave them in the church.**

First Annual Benefit Concert for Good Counsel Homes

Friday, December 6 5:30 - 9:30

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center
146 Copeland Ave, Lyndhurst

\$40 Adults \$25 Children (12 and under)

Price Includes Buffet, Dessert and Beverages

No Alcohol Permitted

For more info or tickets call Mt. Carmel 201-935-1177

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This year, December 8th is a Sunday so the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is moved to **Monday, December 9th.** It is a **Holy Day of Obligation.** **Masses on Monday will be at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12 Noon, and 7:00 PM.**

THE GIVING TREE BRING SOME CHEER TO SOMEONE IN NEED

You have **this weekend** 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.

HOLIDAY FAVORITES AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA IN NEWARK

Navidad Latina 2024 - Thu., Dec. 5th at 8:00 PM

The Cathedral Spanish Choir, under the direction of Olfary Gutierrez, joins forces with singers and instrumentalists from other Latin American communities of the Archdiocese to present a program of Christmas music.

Free Will Offering

The 53rd Candlelight Carol Sing - Wed. Dec. 18 & Thu. Dec. 19 at 8:00 PM

The ambiance of candle light and seasonal decor, along with the Cathedral Choir, organ, instrumentalists and thousands of participants combine to create an event not to be missed. Free Will Offering

The Messiah by George Frederick Handel - Sun. Dec. 22 at 7:00 PM

The New Jersey Symphony - Jeannette Sorrell, Conductor & Montclair State University Singers - Heather J. Buchanan, Director. Tickets are required and range in price \$29 - \$105. For tickets or more info visit njsymphony.org/messiah or call 1-800-255-3476.

SACRED HEART HOME SCHOOL ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY

Friday, January 17th, Sacred Heart School

Doors Open: 6:00PM Raffles Begin 8:15-8:30PM

No Alcoholic Beverages Will Be Allowed

Kitchen Will Be Open

Ticket includes: one sheet for 1st Level Prizes. Coffee, Tea & Dessert. Call Patty at 201-803-9580 or the school at 201-939-4277. Ticket Deadline Jan. 6th. \$20 Donation per person. No one under 18.

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: 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, Robert Schaefer, Eric Dietz, Marion Dietz, Jamie Brown, John Santelli, Julius Single, Jr., Tina Gentile, John Llewellyn, Joann Di Giovanna

DECEASED: Brian F. McCarthy

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of December 1st, 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

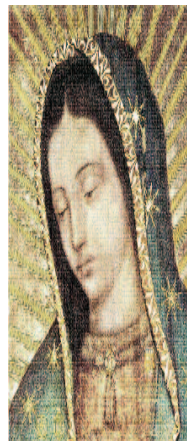
Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

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
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**



DECEMBER 1, 2024



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Celia Kearney & James M. Kearney

SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Betty Tynan
10:30 am James M. Cavalcante
12:00pm James M. Cavalcante
1:30 pm Francisca De Lino

MONDAY - Advent Weekday

12:00pm Rosemary Groszman

TUESDAY - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

12:00pm Anthony F. Pereira

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

12:00pm Julian & Lorenza Duran

THURSDAY - Advent Weekday

12:00pm Carmela & Patrick Ferrara

FIRST FRIDAY - Advent Weekday/St. Nicholas, Bishop

12:00pm Angel & Jenny Pagan (living)

FIRST SATURDAY - St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00am Purgatorial Society

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Rocco Conzo

SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am May Henderson Mc Nally
10:30 am Peter & Mathilde Favaro
12:00pm James M. Cavalcante
1:30 pm Almas del Purgatorio

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Nov 17 - \$5,350
Add'l Assessment - \$40
Add'l World Mission - \$10
Add'l Fuel - \$10

Sacred Heart Church CHRISTMAS MEGA 50/50

All Proceeds Benefit Sacred Heart Church

**Ticket
Price
\$50**



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. ONLINE (Credit Card Only)

 https://bit.ly/SHC_2024_CHRISTMAS_MEGA



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

2. BY MAIL/BASKET

Fill out this 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

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

Your tickets will be mailed to you.

Any questions please email Charlie Sofio at: sacredheartchurch@comcast.net

ENCOUNTER GOD IN OUR MIDST

A PARISH MISSION WITH THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY * DEC 2 - 4, 2024 * 7 PM

MONDAY, DEC 2:

“ENCOUNTER GOD’S LOVE”
ADORATION & BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY, DEC 4:

“ENCOUNTER GOD’S HEALING”
ADORATION AND PROCESSION

TUESDAY, DEC 3:

“ENCOUNTER GOD’S MERCY”
ADORATION & CONFESSION

PRESENTED BY THE
FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT FRIARY,
NEWARK, NJ



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