



Sacred Heart Church

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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. 9, Mar. 2, Apr. 19 (8:30pm), May 18, Jun. 1

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.

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

There is a hunger in the human mind and heart for certainty in every aspect of life. We want to be sure. We want to be safe. We want to be successful. In the midst of this day-by-day struggle there is also the search for religious certainty. Our mind asks about the existence of God, about the meaning of life and death, about life after death. Inevitably we are faced with a choice that requires a leap of faith. Faith is not an intrinsic property of human nature. It is more fundamental.

All three readings today have a similar theme. They all recount individuals being called to the service of God. In the first reading, when the Lord said to Isaiah who lived some 700 years prior to Christ's birth - "Whom shall I send?", he replied, "Here I am, send me."

Likewise, in the second reading, St. Paul recounts that after Jesus had appeared to many other individuals, He appeared to Paul himself. And finally, in the gospel, Peter, James and John are convinced Jesus is the Messiah after their boats are overwhelmed and their nets are splitting because of the number of fish they caught.

Each of these three passages tells of the different ways in which the loving presence of God challenged people's lives. A burning ember on the lips of Isaiah, a brilliant light blinding Paul and Peter, James and John having their boats almost sink under the weight of the fish they caught. Each of the passages tells of the unworthiness each of the characters felt with the call to mission.

The important point common to all three is that it's not the call that counts. It's how each person - Isaiah, Paul, Peter, James and John - react to their calling. These men accepted the invitation despite their sense of unworthiness and despite their fear of the unknown.

Confronted by the challenges of life today and a culture often in opposition to the Gospel, modern-day disciples of Christ can easily resort to moralistic preaching. But to be a community in witness requires an experience of the surprising, forgiving and overwhelming love of God. It requires a leap of faith. Only then can we all say, "Here I am, send me."

The truth is God has called each of us. Maybe we didn't hear his voice as did Isaiah. Maybe we didn't experience some life-changing conversion like Paul or witness a miraculous sign like the first apostles. But in reality neither do most other people. Sometimes we don't remember or don't even recognize God's invitation. There is no guarantee of success for those who accepted God's invitation, at least not in the usual ways we measure it.

In a world that is increasingly more fragmented, without trust and torn apart, giving ourselves over into God's hands, learning to follow Christ, to find God in our daily lives and to truly live the life of discipleship is no easy feat. It is only when we allow our own ordinariness and unworthiness to be transformed by the hand of God, that we will be able to enter into the grace-filled living to which people of every age have been called.

Any transformational experience requires a giving up of something, both tangible and intangible, to make room for something new. Those who were called in today's readings faced many difficulties. At times they were under intense pressure. They knew what it was to be consumed by a cause, a purpose, a force larger and more powerful than themselves.

We too are called. We walk the same walk. The pressures and the difficulties we have are real. And the choice we face requires that same leap of faith.

How do we respond?

Food Pantry Update

We are stocking up our parish family food pantry to help our brothers and sisters in need during the cold winter months. Can you help us make winter a little warmer for those struggling 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. Note that great vegetable and fruit prices can be found at Lidl's and Aldi's. 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 our brothers and sisters struggling with food insecurity without you!**

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 7th and knocking table and chairs down after the celebration on March 8th.** 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.

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.

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

THIRD ANNUAL VALENTINE CELEBRATION DOO-WOP, DINNER AND MORE!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

7:00PM - 10:00 PM (DOORS OPEN 6:30PM)

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH CENTER
TICKETS \$40 NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

WITH

FOREVER YOUNG

ONE OF NJ/NY'S PREMIERE GOLDEN OLDIES
DOP WOP SIX-PIECE BAND

PRESENTED BY

LYNDHURST GIRLS' ASSOCIATION &
LYNDHURST BOY SCOUTS

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE LIBBIE LINDSAY LITTLE
HOUSE FOR LYNDHURST GIRL SCOUTS AND FOR
THE LYNDHURSTCUB SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS AND
VENTURE CREW

Admission includes a delicious pasta dinner, dessert
and beverages (BYOB)

For tickets mail your check payable to the
"Lyndhurst Girls' Association" to Donna Shinnick,
617 Lake Ave, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
Questions? Call Donna 201-906-3010

SACRED HEART HOME SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION - FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Sacred Heart Home-School Association presents their Annual Spring Auction on Friday, March 21, 2025 at Sacred Heart School, 620 Valley Brook Ave. Tickets are \$20 per person - no one under 18 will be admitted. Doors open at 5:30 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 12th.**

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 Aspile, Anne Montillo, Margot O'Hara, Andrea Globis, Laura MacDonald, Ava Romano, Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Ruben Arevalo Gacildone, Helen Dowling, Dr. Leticia Luna, Jeanette Knowlton, Michele Gilmore, Milena Giacchi, Freddy Berrios, Maryann Sheridan, Naham, Rudy Rivas, Tania, Jaime Diaz, Romile Diaz, Robert Schaefer, Marion Dietz, Jamie Brown, John Santelli, Julius Single, Jr., Tina Gentile, John Llewellyn, Patricia Anne Coughlin, Cathy Horoieski

DECEASED: Martina O'Connell, Philip Prester

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

In Honor of: Joseph Pavlica, Jr.

Donated by: Patty & Joe Pavlica

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

In Honor of: Joseph & Evelyn Famularo

Donated by: Robert & Mary Hero

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of February 9th, the following items used for worship in our sanctuary were donated in the memory of a relative or friend or a special intention.

BREAD & WINE:

In Honor of: Pavlica & Ferrara Families



Donated by: Patty & Joe Pavlica

WE ARE HIS WITNESSES:

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM CARDINAL TOBIN

As we welcome the New Year, Cardinal Tobin invites all Catholics in the Arcfdiocese of Newark to read **We Are His Witnesses**, his pastoral letter outlining new pathways for the future of the Archdiocese. Rooted in Pope Francis' call for pastoral conversion, missionary discipleship, and synodality, the letter reflects on our shared journey of faith and calls us to embrace renewal, collaboration and missionary outreach. This multi-year initiative will guide us in shaping a vibrant, hopeful future for our Church community. Read **We Are His Witnesses** and join this journey of faith as we respond to Christ's call to be His witnesses in the world.

Please read Cardinal Tobin's Pastoral Letter at www.RCAN.org. The letter is in English and Spanish.

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Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Louise Paolazzi

SUNDAY - Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Julian & Lorenza Duran

10:30 am Joseph Pavlica, Jr.

12:00pm John Manzo

1:30 pm Elvira Goris Pena

MONDAY - St. Scholastica, Virgin

12:00pm Helen Sammartino

TUESDAY - Weekday/Our Lady of Lourdes

12:00pm Phyllis Scelsa

WEDNESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Barbara Ruzika & Phyllis Scelsa

THURSDAY - Weekday

12:00pm David Vaccari, III &

David Vaccari, Sr.

FRIDAY - Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

12:00pm Wiktorja & Czeslaw Turek

SATURDAY - Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Sam & Ita Deo

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Carol Petrillo-Lintz

SUNDAY - Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am John Richards

10:30 am James M. Cavalcante

12:00pm Frank DeSerio

1:30 pm Karen Habluzelt

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - Feb. 2

Sunday - \$5,953

Assessment - \$2,333

President's Day Holiday - Monday, Feb 17th

The Mass will be celebrated at the regular time 12PM on the 17th. The Parish Office will close on Fri., Feb. 14th at 2:00 PM and will reopen Tue., Feb. 18th 9:00AM.



COME AND LISTEN

“COME TO ME ALL WHO ARE TIRED
AND BURDENED AND I WILL GIVE
YOUR REST” Matthew 11:28

ARE
CARES & WORRIES
WEIGHING YOU DOWN?

COME & LISTEN
ONE WORD COULD CHANGE
YOUR LIFE.

**Mondays & Thursdays
8:00pm in Parish Center
(former Convent)**

Enter through the
parking lot entrance

**CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS
AND YOUTH (ages 13 & older)**

Free babysitting will be available

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 8, 2025, 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.

