



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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SACRED HEART SCHOOL

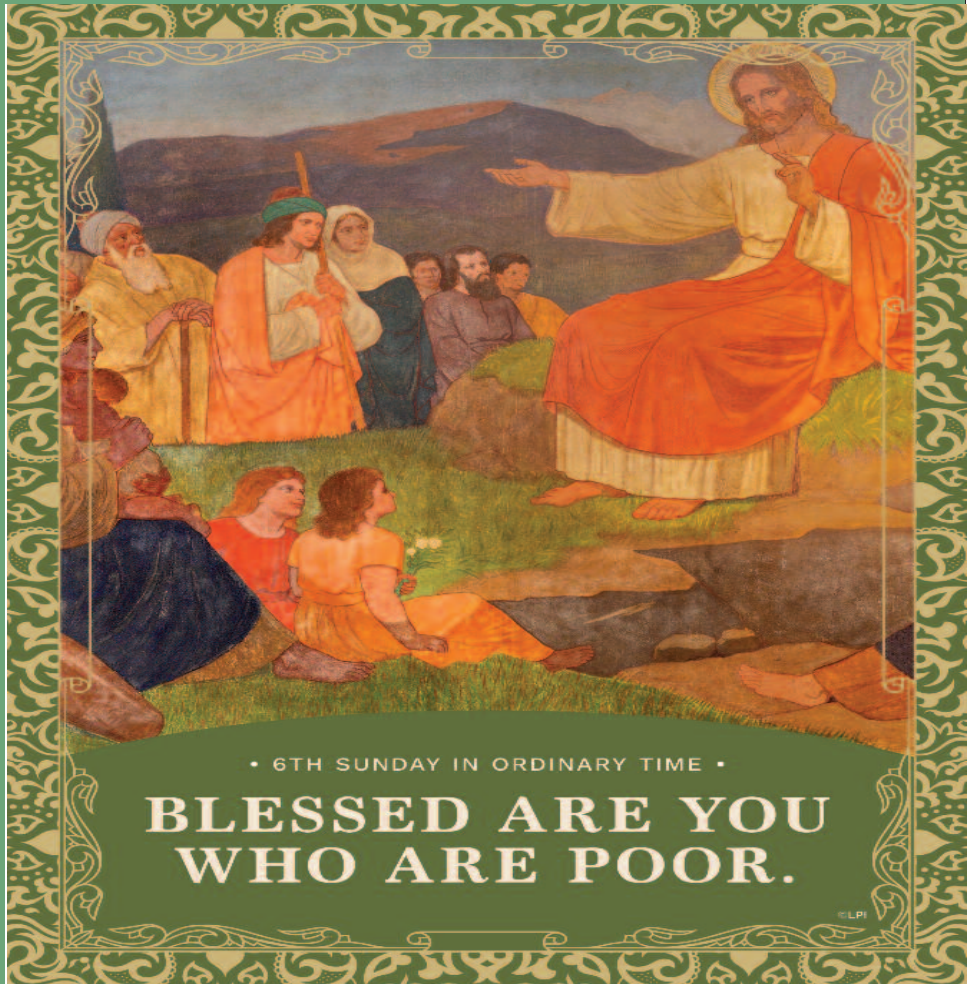
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SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS SCHEDULE

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
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.

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Christian living requires work, lots of sacrifice, discipline and love. It's not easy to be poor, to be merciful, to be meek, to be peacemakers, to hunger and thirst for justice. It requires courage to be persecuted and ridiculed and mocked for being authentic Christians, for being Christ-like. It takes faith and trust in God to admit our own weaknesses and dependence upon one another rather than looking at each other's faults. It takes heroic love.

Today, we listen to the beginning of Luke's account of the "Sermon on the Plain," consisting of blessings and woes that address the real economic and social conditions of humanity (the poor - the rich; the hungry - the satisfied; those grieving - those laughing; the outcast - the socially acceptable). By contrast, the "Sermon on the Mount" found in Matthew emphasizes the religious and spiritual values of disciples called to the kingdom by Jesus ("poor in spirit," "hunger and thirst for righteousness,").

Luke deals with real people in their real-life, day-to-day experiences.

The quality or value of any sermon is only measured by the effect it has on the lives of those who hear it, and on the community of the human family. Keeping the commandments of God, and living according to the Gospel of Jesus is not just a matter of personal holiness or of intellectual or spiritual values. Jesus expects his disciples to share his message with real people every day and in every circumstance. If we are redeemed and sanctified by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, then we, too, are sent by Him to redeem and sanctify our world in His name.

Immediately after listing the "beatitudes," characteristics that identify His followers, Jesus spells out their mission in the world. Continuing the sermon in next week's Gospel, Jesus says: "To you who hear I say love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." Once again, we are challenged not only to follow the Gospel in our own lives, but also to be living witnesses of the Good News for all we encounter on life's journey.

How exactly are we to do this? He says: "share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked, stop condemning and you will not be condemned, forgive and you will be forgiven, give and gifts will be given to you." But woe to you who do not!

The Beatitudes are to be lived, not just listened to. We can't just be satisfied with memorizing these words. We can't just keep them handy in a notebook that we can occasionally refer to. We can't just give them lip-service. We can't just preach them to our children and to our neighbors.

The heart of Jesus' message is that our love is to be "inclusive" - all-inclusive, with no exception. That is probably the most difficult thing about being an authentic Christian. Living the Gospel is a constant challenge. Almost naturally, instinctively, our love and our concern tend to be exclusive. We are comfortable with people who are like us, in color, ethnicity, religion, and economic status. We find it easy to be good to those who like us, those who are attentive to us, those who understand us. But it is very clear that he wants us to exclude no one from our love - not the beggar, the borrower, the adulteress, the leper, the widow, the poor, the orphan, the enemy. Each of us can make our own list of the "most unwanted" - those whom we find most difficult to forgive, to feel sympathy for, to offer compassion to.

Jesus tells us that it makes no difference.

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

There will be a meeting on **Sunday, February 23rd** following the 12 Noon Mass in the Parish Center Dining Room to assemble baskets for our St. Patick's fundraiser. **Anyone who may be interested in helping is invited to join us.** If you have a basket or something appropriate to donate please drop it off at the parish center prior to the weekend of February 22nd.

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 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. Please call the office 201-438-1147 if you would like to help.

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 Foward 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

FEBRUARY 23rd, 1:00-3:00 PM

You're invited!

Please join us



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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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, 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, Andrea Globis, Laura MacDonald, Ava Romano, Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Ruben Arevalo Jacildone, 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: All those from our parish family the Lord has called home

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

In Honor of: Carol Petrillo-Lintz

Donated by: Dolores Petrillo

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of February 16th, 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: Isabel & Jim Cavalcante

BREAD & WINE:



In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

Donated by: Isabel & Jim Cavalcante

MASS CANDLES:



In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

Donated by: Isabel & Jim Cavalcante

WE ARE HIS WITNESSES:

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM CARDINAL TOBIN

As we welcome the New Year, Cardinal Tobin invites all Catholics in the Archdiocese 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.

FEBRUARY 16, 2025



Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY - Weekday/The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

12:00pm Rozalia & Piotr Stefan

TUESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Joanna & Adam Kwapniewski

WEDNESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Zofia & Jozef Turek (Living)

THURSDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Kinga & Greg Skora

FRIDAY - Weekday/St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Lucja & Piotr Kurcon

SATURDAY - The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

9:00am David Vaccari, Sr. & David Vaccari, III

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Melina Sylvestro (Deceased) & Debra Sylvestro (Living)

SUNDAY - Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Patricia Dembowski

10:30 am Marcos & Silvia Urena

12:00pm James M. Cavalcante

1:30 pm Rosa Maggioncalda

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - Feb. 9 - \$4,708

Fuel - \$1,656

President's Day Holiday - Monday, Feb 17th

The Mass will be celebrated at the regular time 12PM on the 17th. The Parish Office is closed 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.

