



Sacred Heart Church

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February 23, 2024

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

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.

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is a continuation of Luke's "Sermon on the Plain." After listing the "beatitudes" - characteristics that identify His followers - Jesus gives His listeners a road map outlining how they are to live out their lives as His followers. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Give to all who ask. Do to others as you would have them do to you. Stop judging. Stop condemning. Forgive." This is the path each one of us must follow. This is the journey of faith on which we find ourselves day after day.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged. Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners."

But let's face it. This is one of the most difficult teachings that we have received from Jesus on the practical living out of our faith. When we examine our own relationships, both with God and with our neighbor, we certainly realize how difficult it is for us to imitate the love of Jesus and put this into practice.

St. Paul tells us "we bear the image of God," and we are called to forgive and not retaliate. We are called to be merciful, not vengeful. This is real heroism, and we are all called to it.

At the heart of our faith is a spirit of mercy leading us to acknowledge that it is God's love and goodness that provides so abundantly for all of our needs. This should be the springboard to caring for our brothers and sisters and sharing with them what we ourselves have been given.

There is no way we can claim to love God without being accountable to loving and serving others, who themselves are unique reflections of the presence of God. "We must feed hope through the force of gestures, instead of placing our hope in gestures of force. And we must at all costs shun any propaganda that instills fear of other people in the public mind." (Pope Francis, *Hope*, Random House, 2025)

This is the only way we can actually bear the image of God.

The real question is not whether love begins at home. It's what we do with it — how far we are willing to change ourselves and the world around us. But before we dismiss this as too much to bear, we had better admit that the present policy we are following is getting us nowhere. This is why we must take to heart the last line of today's gospel, "The measure by which you measure shall be in turn be measured out to you." The Christian life is not about measuring one thing against another, or one person against another. It's about imitating God, about being merciful to others because God is merciful.

Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

Before we say that this is impossible, we had better think again — especially when we realize that the alternative is disaster.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

*The following deceased have been enrolled in the
Sacred Heart Purgatorial Society :*

BOBBY BARRY-req.by-The Capiello Family
LUCIANA CABRERA-req.by-1st Community
Bergenfield
DAVE DENIN-req.by-Sip & Swirl
JOSEFA C. DOMINGO-req.by-The Khin Family
ELVIRA GORIS PENA-req.by-Arceli Vargas,
Ryan Tobiason
KAREN HABLUZELT-req.by-Carmen
Rodriguez
JERRY JONES-req.by-The Trasso Family
JOSE LOPES-req.by-Maria Fernandes
ALBERT MARQUARDT-req.by-The Trasso
Family
MARTINS FAMILY-req.by-The Martins Family
MENDEZ FAMILY-req.by-Josefina Mendez
REGINA MADDALENE NESPER-req.by-Patty
Neubert & Debbie Brown
ANA RIVAS-req.by-Doreen Pace
MARIO SANTANGELO-req.by-Maria Torraca
PHYLLIS SCELISA-req.by-Joe Kollar
PETER SINACORE-req.by-Barbara Perrette
SOULS IN PURGATORY-req.by-The Martins
Family
MARCOS LUIS URENA-req.by-Ana Carmeci
MILAGROS ZAMBRONA-req.by-1st
Community Bergenfield

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.

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!**

As a reminder, we are unable to package out-of-date food products for distribution to our families.

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



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

620 Valley Brook Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
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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, 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, 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

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of February 23rd, 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

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.



FEBRUARY 23, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Agata & Rafal Turek

TUESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Armando Pereira

WEDNESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Renee & Daniel Turek

THURSDAY - Weekday/St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Julian & Lorenza Duran

FRIDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Laura Manning

FIRST SATURDAY - Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Purgatorial Society

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Anthony Sofio

SUNDAY - Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Rosemary Marranzino

10:30 am William Feeney

12:00pm Anna Navatta (Living)

1:30 pm Elvira Goris Pena

STEWARDSHIP

Collection Totals Not Available
At Time Of Publication

Reminder: We need \$7,900 in the Sunday Collection to cover our budgeted expenses. Thank you



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.

