



Sacred Heart Church

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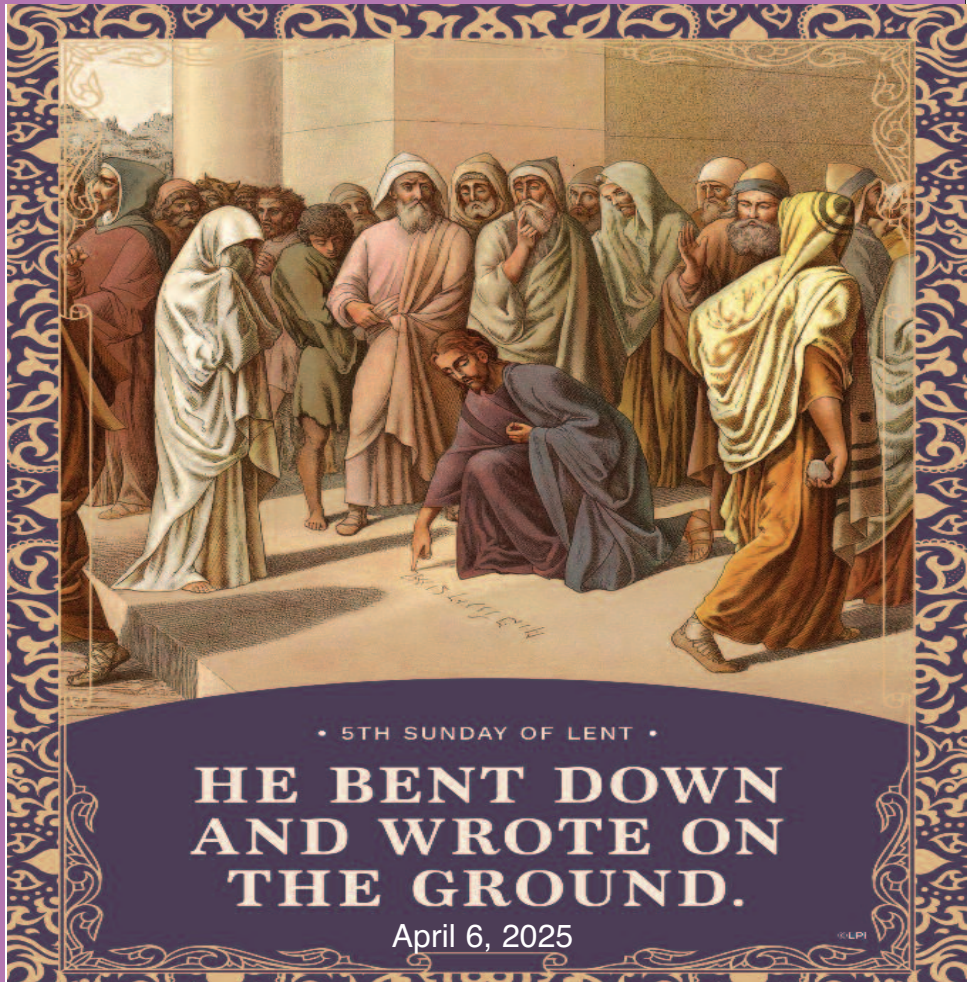
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• 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT •

HE BENT DOWN AND WROTE ON THE GROUND.

April 6, 2025

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
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 OF LENT

This Sunday's Gospel moves from fiction to reality. Last week, we heard Jesus draw a touching picture of His Father through the parable of the Prodigal Son. But today's Gospel passage is from real life. It doesn't deal with imaginary characters in a made-up situation, but with a woman of the region with a bad reputation, caught in the act of adultery. The Pharisees and scribes - the "good guys" - just happened to be in the right place to spy on the lady, and, of course, felt obliged to denounce her. Conveniently, so they thought, they could at the same time embarrass Jesus and undermine His popularity and authority. They were certain that He would lose face, no matter how He handled the situation. It was a no-brainer situation for them! A great stroke of luck.

You wonder, sometimes: when would these people learn not to try to fool Him? They played right into His hands. So often they hid behind the Law and their own self-righteousness to hurt other people, to judge and condemn. But Jesus would not, could not allow them this hypocrisy. His tool was a simple challenge: "Let the man among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone." While the force of those words was sinking in, He stooped down and traced some words in the sand. We are not told what He wrote, but we do know that He touched the vein of honesty in these misguided men and this sent them off, one by one, to look at their own sinfulness. And so He was left alone with the sinful woman, and was free to look deep into her eyes and see her goodness, her shame, and her potential for holiness. To her He said simply: "Has no one condemned you? Neither will I. Go, and sin no more."

This woman was changed forever. Because of Jesus' gentle touch and simple command, she was reborn into new life and became a "new creation."

As we journey through the season of Lent, we are certainly reminded that the mystery of Easter speaks to us of a very different kind of new creation... one that speaks not of failure, but of completion... not of punishment for sinfulness, but of redemption because of it... not of endings, but of new beginnings. God sent His Son in our flesh to teach us finally how to make all things new. Since the first Easter every generation of Christians has received the same challenge. In the spirit and the power of the Risen Jesus we are to renew the face of the earth. And it begins with a simple reaching out to our brothers and sisters.

Today, the Lord gives us a striking example of how we can become "new creations" and "ministers of reconciliation" - not judging, not condemning, not using the Law as a weapon to hurt. Jesus totally upsets the way things "ought to be." He doesn't condemn the sin of the woman, nor the sin of the accusers. The guilty go free. So, too, we are to reach out to those who are lost, to offer compassion, mercy, and forgiveness. And that shouldn't be too difficult if we are mindful always of our own failures and frailty and of how frequently we have cried to the Lord for mercy.

Reconciliation and growth take place in real life situations, with real people - our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers or employers. These may well be persons who hurt us, or offend our sensibilities, or reject our values. But that does not give us the right to condemn them. Jesus challenges us to reach out to them, to welcome them. He expects us to treat them as He has treated us. He wants us to lift them up, heal them, to be beacons of hope for them and to restore their dignity and self-esteem.

Lent reminds us of our weakness, and our sins, and our failures. It reminds of everything that tarnishes or warps Christ's image, whether in the individual or in the community. More importantly, however, it reminds that God really doesn't care about these things. He only cares about us, doesn't judge us and He loves us in spite of ourselves. He reconciles all to himself.

Jesus frees us from our past sin, reanimates the Father's image in us and sets us free. We are now able to overcome sin. We are given life through His word. And we have all become new creations, ministers of that same reconciliation.

Food Pantry Update

We are stocking up our parish family food pantry to help our brothers and sisters in need for Easter and the Spring season.

“Whatever you did for these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”



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.

ANNUAL APPEAL SPECIAL COLLECTION

April 12th & 13th

Your generous support in this collection will help our parish achieve our Annual Appeal goal. The Annual Appeal is a great way to give alms during Lent as it supports many ministries for our brothers and sisters in need across the Archdiocese. Envelopes are available in the pews.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL


Your Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

In Memory of: _____

-  \$50
- \$35
- \$25
- \$20
- \$15
- \$10

Checks payable to: Sacred Heart Church

*You Are Invited To Celebrate With Us
The Week That Changed The World*

*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Mass Schedule*

April 12th - 5:00pm

April 13th

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

1:30pm Misa en Espanol (Spanish Mass)

Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday - April 17th

7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 18th

*3:00pm - Commemoration of the
Lord's Passion & Death*

Holy Saturday - April 19th

8:30pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - April 20th

*The Resurrection of the Lord
Mass Schedule*

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

1:30pm Misa en Espanol (Spanish Mass)

CHRISM MASS

All are invited to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, Newark on the **Monday of Holy Week, April 14 at 8:00 PM.** At this Mass Cardinal Tobin, joined by the priests of the Archdiocese, gather at the Cathedral Basilica. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. Here Cardinal Tobin blesses three oils which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the Archdiocese for the year and the priests present renew their priestly promises.

PASSPORT OUTREACH SERVICES IN LYNDHURST, THURSDAY MAY 1ST

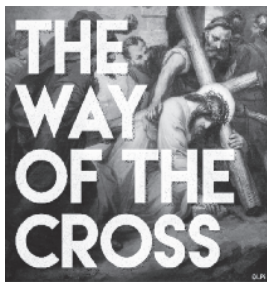
Mayor Robert Giangeruso and Bergen County Clerk John Hogan is extending Passport services to Lyndhurst residents on Thursday, May 1 from 10am to 2pm in the Caucus Room of the Lyndhurst Town Hall, 367 Valley Brook Ave. Accepting Passport Applications (Photos On-Site). Bring checks for payments. For more information email gdesantis@bergencountynj.gov or call 201-336-7057.



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: Mary Juliette Duca, Samuel Barbagallo, Pilar Ramos



BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD

Join us as we reflect on the passion and death of the Lord as a community during the Fridays of Lent. The Stations of the Cross will follow the 12:00 Mass on Friday, Apr. 11

****PLEASE NOTE THAT THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS REPLACES EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING THE FRIDAYS OF LENT****

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.

ANNUAL CALENDAR PARTY SACRED HEART HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION SACRED HEART SCHOOL, 620 VALLEY BROOK AVE MAY 2ND DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

Tickets are Non-refundable, NO ALCOHOLIC Beverages Will Be Allowed

Raffles are scheduled to begin approximately 8:00 PM

Ticket Includes: Sandwich, Potato Salad, Beverage, Coffee, Tea, Dessert

Donation: \$25 per person No One Under 18 Will Be Admitted

Call Patty at 201-803-9580 for tickets

DEADLINE IS APRIL 18th

APRIL 6, 2025



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Marie O'Connell

SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Lenore O'Rourke

10:30 am Phyllis Scelsa

12:00pm Krizan Peros

1:30 pm Fortunata Moreno

MONDAY - Lenten Weekday/St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

12:00pm Lisa & Tony Aromando

TUESDAY - Lenten Weekday

12:00pm Catherine Rullo

WEDNESDAY - Lenten Weekday/St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

12:00pm Julian & Lorenza Duran

THURSDAY - Lenten Weekday

12:00pm Ruben & Natalie Santos

FRIDAY - Lenten Weekday/St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr

12:00pm John Manzo

SATURDAY - Lenten Weekday

9:00am David Vaccari

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Joan Cassidy

SUNDAY - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Arsenio Aromando

10:30 am James & Eleanor Scotti

12:00pm John & Lulu Scardino

1:30 pm Elvira Goris Pena

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection - \$5,946

Catholic Camp. Hum. Dev - \$1,506

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK - ANNUAL APPEAL 2025

The Archdiocese's 2025 Annual Appeal is currently underway. You may have already received at home a letter from Cardinal Tobin explaining the important role the Annual Appeal plays for our Archdiocese. Gifts to the Annual Appeal play a critical role in the delivery of programs and ministries provided by the Archdiocese that are at the heart of the mission of our local Church.

Your gift will assist passing on the faith, ministries that proclaim the Gospel, care for the poor and vulnerable, forming future priests and supporting retired clergy.

**To Date, 60 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:
Our Parish's Goal - \$40,551 -- Paid To Date - \$16,179 (39.90% of Goal)**

****Reminder, we must collect our Parish's Goal in paid gifts by June 30th. If we don't accomplish this, the shortfall will be added as an expense to our budget and must be paid to the Archdiocese.**

If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider your gift to the 2025 Annual Appeal. Envelopes for the Appeal are available in the pews. You can put your gift in them and drop them in the basket at collection time. You can also make your gift online at www.rcan.org/sharing. Please be sure to select Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst so the parish receives credit.

We will have a **special collection the weekend of April 12 & 13** to help us close the gap on our goal.



**Knights of
Columbus**

JOIN US!

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A KNIGHT

*We are Catholic men who
**LEAD, SERVE
PROTECT AND DEFEND***

*We share a desire to be better
**HUSBANDS, FATHERS, SONS
NEIGHBORS AND ROLE MODELS**
And to put charity and community first*

**Knights of Columbus
Lyndhurst Council #2396**

Link Below For More Info
Linktr.ee/council2396

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Supporting
**Sacred Heart Church
Mount Carmel Church
Saint Michael Church**

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2025 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The **days of both Fast and Abstinence** during Lent are **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. *If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.*
The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted and two (2) smaller meals, which added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.
Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2025 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 15, 2025.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*