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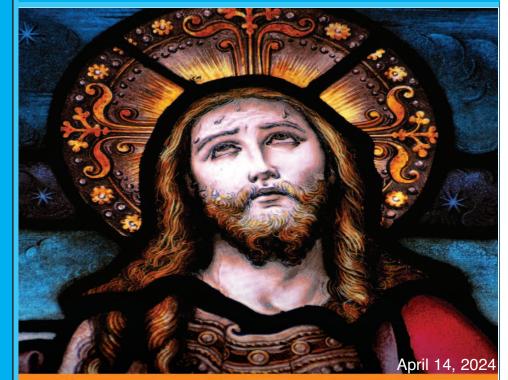
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Sacred Heart Church

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are

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 9:00am in the church, Saturday: 5:00pm in church (Anticipated Mass of Sunday) Holy Days & Holidays: As announced in Bulletin SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:45pm Upon request following the 12:00pm Mass Daily: 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 at 3:00pm Apr. 14, May 5, Jun. 9

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The resurrection appearances of Jesus are filled with surprises and mystifying details. His friends do not recognize Him. He appears through locked doors. He has broken out of a tomb, but carries the wounds of His dying. He speaks of peace and forgiveness. He promises the gift of His Spirit. He sends His disciples to change the world.

This week's Gospel opens with the tail-end of the Emmaus story. Two of Jesus' disciples had just come to recognize and experience the Risen Lord. He had been there in their ringing ears as He taught them the Scriptures once again. He had been there in the burning of their hearts. He had been there in their newly-opened eyes as they shared a meal.

So they rush back to Jerusalem to tell the others about their extraordinary encounter. Maybe it was just to hear themselves repeat the sequence of events and the gradual dawning of their own Resurrection-consciousness or the heartache of watching Him suffer and die and the hope and joy of Resurrection Peace.



As they tell their story, the Risen Lord is suddenly among them once again. They are still "terrified" and "amazed" but Jesus comes to them again with a word of Peace.

Luke is often called the "evangelist of mission." His Gospel points out in vivid detail how people's lives are turned upside-down and inside-out from being self-focused to living lives for others. He continually reminds us that we are all called to self-transcendence and that the meaning of discipleship is mission and witness.

The Risen Christ offers His Peace and tells them that they are to be His "witnesses" and to preach His name to all nations.

The word "witness" brings many images to mind, and I suppose that the word can take on a rather unpleasant and threatening sense for some of us. But witnessing to our faith in Jesus Christ means allowing the Gospel message to permeate our minds, hearts and lives in such a complete way that people around us will know clearly who we are and what we believe.

The Emmaus story is a beautiful description of the way the early church was transformed by accepting the Risen Lord in their lives. It is the Risen Lord who takes the initiative, pulling them out of their confusion and unbelief. The two disciples had left the others, devastated by all that had happened. But now they run to tell the others what had happened. They are overcome with joy because he has again become present in their lives. A new life is beginning for them.

What we have now is something wonderful and life altering and Jesus is just as present to us now as he was in the upper room and to the Emmaus travelers and the disciples. He reminds us that he is the same yet there is something very different about him. What he did for them he does again. This is how our hearts can burn with excitement within us. And the "witness" we give will not simply end in the breaking of the bread, but by standing compassionately with our brothers and sisters, and quietly inviting them to believe by the example of how we live our lives.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Do you have a child or grandchild starting or changing school in September? Why not consider Sacred Heart School? We offer a safe and nuturing environment for children Pre-K3 through 8th Grade. Along with their ABCs your child will build character and learn compassion and values. New families considering enrolling in our school can visit Monday - Friday during the hours of 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Call the school at 201-939-4277 for more details.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration Fridays, 12:30 - 3:00 pm

"Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jn 20:15

Like Mary Magdalene, we many times are searching for intimate communion with Jesus but fail to discern His presence in our lives, even when He is very close to us. Don't miss this opportunity to spend some intimate time in adoration *and be in the real presence of our risen Lord!*

BI-ANNUAL ROSARY SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE

The Dominican Nuns of Summit NJ will be holding their biannual Rosary Sunday Pilgrimage on **Sunday, May 5th at 3:00 PM.** <u>Their yearly 'May Crowning' of the Blessed</u> <u>Virgin Mary</u>, a brief homily, and Benediction will follow the recitation of the Rosary. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know the nuns! Currently the community is comprised of about 20 nuns from the ages of 26-91 with a median age of 36. It is the only cloistered community in the Archdiocese of Newark. The Rosary Shrine is located at 543 Springfield Ave, Summit NJ. Parking will be available next door at 535 Springfield Ave. For questions: info@summitdominicans.org or 908-273-1228.

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.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The annual tradition continues this year of honoring couples married 5, or 25, or 50 years with Mass at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark on May 5th at 12:00 PM for 5 and 25 year Anniversaries of Catholic Marriage and on June 2nd at 12:00 PM for 50 year Anniversaries.



Cardinal Joseph Tobin will celebrate the Masses. **Deadline** to register for the May 5th Mass is April 25th and for June 2nd Mass is May 23rd. To register, please call the parish office at 201-438-1147.

Food Pantry Update

We are stocking up our parish family food pantry for the spring and summer 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: <u>Cereal, Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Pasta (including</u> <u>Spaghetti)</u>, <u>Potatoes (small packages or canned)</u>, <u>Vegetables, Coffee (regular and instant)</u>, <u>Peanut Butter</u>, <u>and Jelly</u>. Food items can be left near the shrine of the Sacred Heart in the back of the church.

Thank you for all of the generous donations. It's only with your help that we are able to keep our food pantry stocked.

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

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 Buco, 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, Patricia Coughlin, Andrea Globis, Laura MacDonald, Ava Romano, Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Ruben Arevalo Gacildone, Helen Dowling, Dr. Leticia Luna, Jeanette Knowlton, Colleen Branigan, Martina O'Connell, Michele Gilmore, Raymond Santelli, Sr., Milena Giacchi, Freddy Berrios, Maryann Sheridan, Naham, Rudy Rivas, Tania, Jaime Diaz, Romile Diaz, Brian Oppici, Art Elwell, Robert Schaefer

DECEASED: Rosemary Corrao, Elizabeth "Betty" Tynan

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH

In Honor of: Barbara Bagnuolo **Donated by:** The Paleologos Family

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of April 14th, 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:

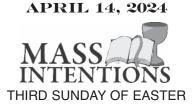
In Honor of: James M. Cavalcante

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STATUE OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AVAILABLE

Looking for a home for an outdoor statue of the Immaculate Heart Mary with an outdoor grotto included. Statue is approximately 26 inches tall and approximately 9 inches wide. Grotto is approximately 35 inches tall and 17 inches wide.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please call Sandy Kaufman at 551-482-0502 for more details.



Anticipated Sunday Mass 5:00pm George Delnevo

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart 9:00am June Conzo 10:30 am Mary English Mc Dede 12:00pm James M. Cavalcante 1:30 pm Celeste Knipe (Living)

MONDAY - Easter Weekday 12:00pm Pilar Cantos & Saturnino Cantos

TUESDAY - Easter Weekday 12:00pm Alfonso Demilio

WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday 12:00pm Rocco Rodden

THURSDAY - Easter Weekday 12:00pm Elsa Garcia

FRIDAY - Easter Weekday 12:00pm George Frank Lubertazzo

SATURDAY - Easter Weekday 9:00am Jaime Canal

Anticipated Sunday Mass 5:00pm Teresa Rella

SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart 9:00am Chiara Kate Lubertazzo 10:30 am Jaime Canal 12:00pm James M. Cavalcante 1:30 pm Celeste Knipe (Living)

STEWARDSHIP

March 31st Holy Land - \$1,743 Easter - \$15,251

April 7th

Easter Total To Date - \$16,491

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 2024

The Archdiocese's 2024 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 Archdicoese. 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, 81 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal: Our Parish's Goal - \$34,720 -- Paid To Date - \$17,030.30 (49.05% 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 2024 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 20 & 21** to help us close the gap on our goal.

