



# Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

### 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

May 5, Jun. 9, Jul. 14, Aug. 11, Sep. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 10, Dec. 8

### 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The Gospels over the next weeks are drawn from the Gospel of John leading up to Jesus' farewell discourse to his disciples. Although we are just about halfway through the Easter season, these readings take us back to the Upper Room where Jesus shares a meal with his disciples and speaks his final words to them. Very often in John, Jesus describes himself using the words "I am..." - "I am the true vine...I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life...." And when we reflect on the metaphors that he uses to identify himself, we learn more and more about who Jesus is in our lives. We also learn much about ourselves and who we are to be.

"I am the Good Shepherd." There are a number of different reflections one can draw from this short narrative.

It is important for us to remember that this passage was not just a memory that looked back on Jesus' life with his disciples. When Jesus talks about the "Good Shepherd," His intent is to focus both on the role of shepherd as well as on the attitude of the sheep. His view was much broader than simply the powerlessness and helplessness of the flock - rather He was modeling a life-style to which He was inviting all of his followers to share: one of concern and compassion, of service and dedication, one of relentless and abounding love.

Today's narrative would have challenged community leaders, "shepherds," who had failed their burgeoning communities and who had placed themselves above their people or preached a gospel they did not adhere to themselves. During our own time, when some church leaders and local shepherds have dismally failed their flock, it is comforting to hear Jesus' reminder that he would be a faithful shepherd and not abandon us the way the "hired hands" had, those in it for their own profit or power.

But this parable is a challenge to us all: we are to be a reconciling, healing and unifying community. One of the effects of the pandemic was the extraordinary sacrifices and gestures of hospitality shown to those in need by their neighbors. Strangers have become friends because they have reached out beyond the usual confines of their private lives. Isn't that what Jesus encourages us to do -- as he did -- lay down our lives for others? If we are to be Jesus' followers then we cannot be bystanders when others are in need.

Salvation is not simply a private thing.

*We are a community and care of those in need is not just the job of a few professionals. Nor is the care of others just a matter of simply contributing to a "worthy cause". "Laying down our lives for others" means that we are to be willing to give whatever is necessary of our lives to serve others. We are not to be like the "hired hand" who flees when danger, or need threatens others.*

The eruption of God in our lives requires a profound change. We should be encouraged by Jesus' words today. He proclaims God's reign in order to awaken hope and call all people to change their way of thinking and acting. As both sheep and shepherds, we need to rediscover and reinterpret the message of the Good Shepherd in a clear and decisive language that will speak to the world about how we see ourselves as His followers.

**"I know mine and mine know me."** Let us always keep in our minds, hearts and actions the understanding that others will know Him by the way they come to know us.

**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 nurturing 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 bi-annual Rosary Sunday Pilgrimage on **Sunday, May 5th at 3:00 PM. Their yearly 'May Crowning' of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, 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](http://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: Cereal, Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Pasta (including Spaghetti), Potatoes (small packages or canned), Vegetables, Coffee (regular and instant), Peanut Butter, and Jelly. 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.*

**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL**

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City/State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:**

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

**Checks payable to: Sacred Heart Church**



## 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 Aspille, 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, Eric Dietz, Marion Dietz

**DECEASED:** John Scardino

### CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE



The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH**

**In Honor of:** Grace Dacchille

**Donated by:** The Paleologos Family

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of April 21st, 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



**Donated by:** Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

### 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.

**APRIL 21, 2024**



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### 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)

#### MONDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Jean Prestridge

#### TUESDAY - Easter Weekday/St. George, Martyr/St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

12:00pm Nick Aromando

#### WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

12:00pm Thompson & Tiernbey Family

#### THURSDAY - St. Mark, Evangelist

12:00pm Ignacio Espiritu & Roberto Lumbang

#### FRIDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Agata & Rafal Turek (Living)

#### SATURDAY - Easter Weekday

9:00am Grace Dacchille

#### Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Julian & Lorenza Duran

#### SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am William Earl

10:30 am Adam A. Sauser, Sr.

12:00pm James M. Cavalcante

1:30 pm Margarita Pauta

### STEWARDSHIP

April 7th

Sunday - \$5,920

Assessment - \$2,481

Add' Easter - \$1,725

Add'l Holy Land - \$125

Add'l Catholic Camp Hum Dev. - \$30

April 14th

Sunday - \$5,718

Easter Total To Date - \$18,551

## 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 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, 104 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:  
Our Parish's Goal - \$34,720 -- Paid To Date - \$20,079.30 (57.83% 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](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). Please be sure to select Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst so the parish receives credit.

We will have a **special collection this weekend, April 20 & 21**, 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](http://Linktr.ee/council2396)**

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*Supporting*

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



**CALENDAR  
PARTY  
TRICKY TRAY**

**FRIDAY, MAY 3rd**

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**TICKETS \$25.00**  
(non-refundable)

**TICKET INCLUDES**  
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coffee tea and des ert

**DOORS OPEN RAFFLES BEGIN**

**5 30 pm**

**8 00 pm**