



# Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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May 12, 2024

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. - Mk 16:19-20

### 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.

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

During these weeks between Easter and Pentecost we have a chance to reflect more deeply on the difference Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension make on our lives. We read from the Book of Acts to see how the early church struggled and survived during its first critical days. This early Christian community was mission-minded, wanting to go out immediately to tell others the good news. But Acts begins with a strange message by the risen Christ to his disciples. He tells them to wait.

They had gone through some tough times. They watched their Lord and Master betrayed, arrested and executed. This brought them to the edge of despair. They had heard from others that He indeed had risen, but still they doubted and were afraid. Then, finally, they experienced His risen presence for themselves in utter joy. They felt that they were now ready to get on with the business of proclaiming the Good News.

Instead they are told to "wait for the promise of the Father." This had to be another upheaval of emotions for the disciples.



Truth be told, the disciples really weren't ready to go off spreading the news of his resurrection. The disciples are told to stop a moment, take a breath, and wait for God's promise to be fulfilled. That's a difficult lesson to learn. God's promise will come at God's timing and not one's own. They need to break free of their limited view, their prejudices and their tendency to misinterpret the meaning of Jesus' life. For all of this to happen they will need help. They must acknowledge their dependence on God (and one another) and wait patiently and hopefully. Waiting for the Spirit is a reversal of their usual mode of operating.

We too are to be witnesses to Jesus by the integrity of our lives and the commitment to his Gospel. And like the first disciples, we too need to wait for the gift of the Spirit who will always sustain us when the going gets rough.

The Ascension sounds like a conclusion and in some ways it is. It ends one way the disciples have come to know Jesus. But the Ascension is also a bridge to another, new and surprising way that the disciples will come to know Jesus. This new experience of his life with them will be known by the presence and activity of the Spirit in their lives. The Ascension is an in-between time, when one period is ending and a new one is about to begin. But not quite yet.

We need not be afraid to wait. The Lord has promised to send his Spirit who will guide us into the Truth. Whatever conflicts we may encounter along the way, we can be sure that the Spirit is in each of us, leading us together into the truth. This will not be easy. Sometimes it will be painful. But if we let ourselves be guided by the Spirit of Truth we shall be led a little deeper into the mystery of divine love and experience the joy of the Gospel burning within us. The Ascension story is a mission given to us. Pentecost is our rebirth in the Spirit.

This is the driving force behind all of our activity.

## BEWARE OF SCAMS

Please be alert to scammers who claim to be Fr. Theemas or Fr. Cesar asking for money or gift cards. It's been reported that scammers claiming to be parish priests are calling, emailing, or texting people asking for money, gift cards or favors. **Don't be fooled. If you have any doubt about a message you receive from "one of our priests", please call the parish office directly at 201-438-1147.**

## Mother's Day Blessings

The priests and staff of Sacred Heart Church and School wish all the mothers of our parish family a very happy and blessed Mother's Day. Today as we honor, celebrate, or simply reflect on the woman who gave us birth, or who adopted us into her heart, we thank You Lord, for the gift of our lives and for the gift of our mothers, whether they are still here with us or they are in Your keeping.



## A Prayer for Mom on Mother's Day

Dear Lord,

Today I turn to you to give you thanks for my mother. With your own gift of life, she bore me in her womb and gave me life. She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me to walk and talk. She read to me and made me laugh. No one delighted in my successes more; no one could comfort me better in my failures. I am so grateful for how she mothered me and mentored me, and even disciplined me.

Please bless her, Lord, and comfort her. Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen her when she is down and give her hope when she is discouraged.

Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, give my mother the graces she most needs and desires today. I ask you this, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior forever and ever.

Amen.

## 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, 123 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:**

**Our Parish's Goal - \$34,720**

**Paid To Date - \$25,631.30 (73.82% 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** to help us close the gap on our goal.

## PAY IT FORWARD PROGRAM

**Sacred Heart Parish has partnered with BCB Bank to raise some need funds for our parish.**

The Pay It Forward 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 FINANCIAL 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

## 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 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, Martina O'Connell, Michele Gilmore, Milena Giacchi, Freddy Berrios, Maryann Sheridan, Naham, Rudy Rivas, Tania, Jaime Diaz, Romile Diaz, Brian Oppici, Art Elwell, Robert Schaefer, Eric Dietz, Marion Dietz, Jamie Brown, John Santelli

**DECEASED:** All those from our parish family the Lord has called home

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of May 12th, the following items used for worship in our sanctuary were donated in the memory of a relative or friend or a special intention.

#### MASS CANDLES:



**In Honor of:** David Vaccari

**Donated by:** The Vaccari Family

### CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

#### SUNDAY, MAY 12TH

**In Honor of:** Joseph & Evelyn Famularo

**Donated by:** Robert & Mary Hero

#### MONDAY, MAY 13TH

**In Honor of:** Fannie Marino

**Donated by:** Brian & Carol O'Keeffe

#### SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

**In Honor of:** John (Jack) O'Brien

**Donated by:** Brian & Carol O'Keeffe

### BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be passing out baby bottles this weekend that you could put your spare change for Good Counsel Homes. Good Counsel Homes provides housing and support for moms and babies in crisis pregnancies. Baby bottles are due back on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16th. Baby bottles can be put in the collection basket.



MAY 12, 2024



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

#### Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Barbara Moretto

#### SUNDAY - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Joseph J. Pavlica, Jr.

10:30 am Julian & Lorenza Duran

12:00pm Conrad Petrillo & Petrillo Family

1:30 pm Olga Moscot & Linda Torres (Living)

#### MONDAY - Easter Weekday/Our Lady of Fatima

12:00pm All Nurses & Aides at Hackensack Hospital (Living)

#### TUESDAY - St. Matthias, Apostle

12:00pm Aubert Family

#### WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Isidore

12:00pm Special Intention

#### THURSDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Special Intention

#### FRIDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Robert Levine

#### SATURDAY - Easter Weekday/St. John I, Pope and Martyr

9:00am Jaime Canal

#### Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Teresa & Manuel Dominguez

#### SUNDAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Russ Prokop

10:30 am Fr. Patrick O'Reilly

12:00pm James M. Cavalcante

1:30 pm Rosa Chilan

### STEWARDSHIP

May 5th

Sunday - \$5,154

Assessment - \$2,241

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

Sacred Heart Church  
**SPRING**  
 MEGA 50/50

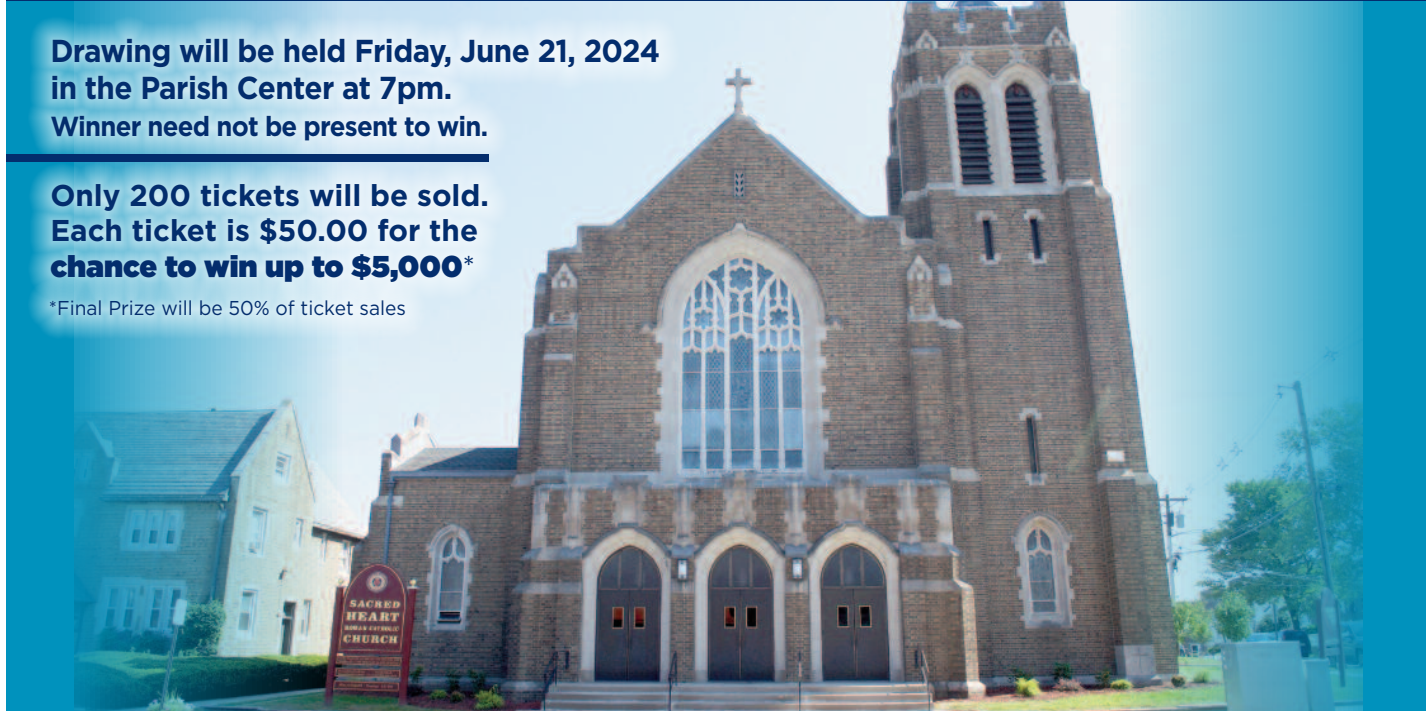
WIN  
 UP TO  
**\$5,000!**\*

All Proceeds Benefit Sacred Heart Church

Drawing will be held Friday, June 21, 2024  
 in the Parish Center at 7pm.  
 Winner need not be present to win.

Only 200 tickets will be sold.  
 Each ticket is \$50.00 for the  
 chance to win up to \$5,000\*

\*Final Prize will be 50% of ticket sales



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**2 WAYS TO PLAY!**



**1. BY MAIL/BASKET**

Fill out the attached ticket request form and return  
 with your check made payable to Sacred Heart Church

Place in the **basket** or **mail** to:

Sacred Heart Church  
 324 Ridge Road • Lyndhurst, NJ 07071  
 Attention: MEGA 50/50 Raffle

**2. ONLINE** (Credit Card Only)

Visit [https://bit.ly/SHC\\_2024\\_S-MEGA](https://bit.ly/SHC_2024_S-MEGA)



or Scan this code on your  
 smart phone to order online!

Your tickets will be mailed to you.

Any questions please email Charlie Sofio at: [sacredheartchurch@comcast.net](mailto:sacredheartchurch@comcast.net)

Full Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

- Name and Phone Number to be put on each ticket if different than above. (please print clearly)
1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount of money enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Security (CVV) Code\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Fields MUST be filled out