



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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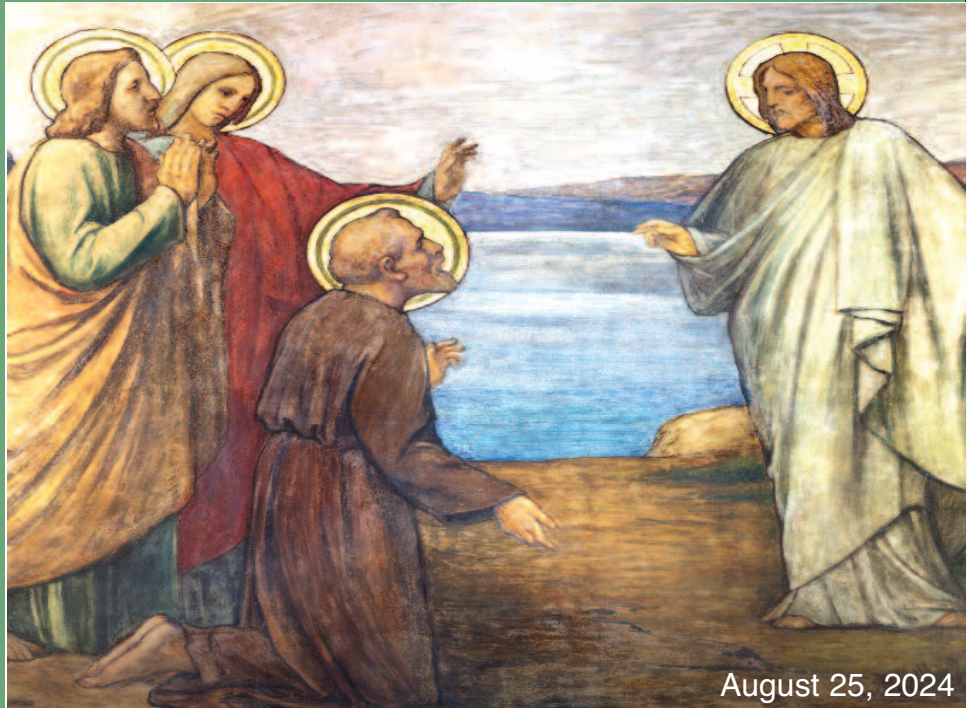
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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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
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.

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

The human story is one filled with broken dreams. Created in the image of God, we can fashion marvelous possibilities of success, fame and pleasure, and spend much of our time and effort trying to make at least some of these dreams come true. But we will always encounter along the way people or circumstances that will shatter those dreams. Our dreams will or will not be realized based on the decisions that we make which determine the course of our lives. We are faced with these decisions every day.

In today's gospel we experience a similar moment of decision faced by Jesus' disciples. Will they continue to follow him in a way that will bind them together as a chosen community – called by name; diverse, yet one people? Their decision will not only bind them to Jesus, but to each other and will also affect each and every day of their lives.

Jesus has already spoken to them about coming down from heaven and having to return there. His listeners certainly understood his claim to be sent by the Father. He says he is the bread that has come down from heaven. But more immediately, he has told them that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood.

And as we listen to the text from John, we are told that many of Jesus' disciples found his teaching too hard asking, "who can accept it?" Later we learn that, "...many of his disciples returned to their former way of life." The Jews, including many of his disciples, took exception to what he had just told them and so they turn away from him.

Jesus doesn't make any attempt to soften his words, to make his message more palatable. No words can do that, for what he says about eating his flesh and drinking his blood is offensive to many of those present and too much for them to absorb. There is nothing logical in what he says, nor is there anything natural or innate in us who hear his words today that will help us understand what he means.

Peter and the Twelve are committed to Christ, they will stay with him because, as Peter puts it, "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." But they only have partial vision at this point, and there is much more to see and believe in Christ. Until Jesus returns to the Father and sends the Spirit, their understanding is partial, their knowledge incomplete.

Jesus is nothing like the Messiah Peter and others are expecting. At this point, Peter believes he knows who Jesus is; but it is only when they receive the Spirit that they will "come to believe." Likewise, Jesus is nothing what we expect and what we believe He is.

We are coming to the end of another summer and we look ahead to the beginning of another year and, perhaps, a different experience of preaching, teaching, praying and worshipping, meeting and sharing, reaching out and serving others. We have been "born from above;" so we see what mere human vision cannot show us. We believe that Jesus is the Word made flesh, God's total act of communication with us. We, too, have come to believe the Jesus is the Holy One of God. But do we truly understand that proclamation of belief?

We are not waiting for God's promise of redemption to be fulfilled. Rather, we are supposed to be living as people who have already experienced the incredible goodness of God... people who have been given a promise and people who are living the dream. But like those in the Gospel today, the decision to listen, to comprehend, to live and to dream, is the difference between understanding and belief.

REMEMBER OUR PARISH

Whenever we contribute to the parish we are mindful and respectful of our Catholic teaching to support the Church. Our parish is blessed by so many who support us. A meaningful way to continue this support is by considering a gift to the parish in your will or trust. Even a small percentage of your residual estate would go a long way in the maintenance of our church. Please remember Sacred Heart in your will or trust. This will help future generations to experience the love of Jesus Christ in our community. If you have any questions about this planning please contact the parish office.

SCHOOL OF PRAYER

Is prayer a one-way street or a real conversation with God for you? If you would like to explore this topic, please join the Community of God's Love, Rutherford's Catholic Charismatic Community, for Session One of their four-part School of Prayer on Thursday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m. The program will be led by Ellen Roller, a certified spiritual director, and will include prayer time. It will take place at Visitation House, 70 West Passaic Avenue, Rutherford. For more information or to register for this free program, call 201-935-0344 or email thecgl@live.com. Each session is independent of the others, so you can participate in as many or as few as you would like.



CALLING ALL SOCCER PLAYERS
AGES 9 TO 14!



SUNDAY SEPT. 22nd 2024

Lyndhurst Middle School (Field)
Page Avenue & Sparta Drive
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Start time 6:00 pm (all ages)

Players will take part in a penalty kick competition with prizes for the local winners by age group and a chance for the overall champion to advance to regional competition.

Come try and kick your way to a championship!

Pre-Register Online linktr.ee/council2396

Pre Registration Deadline September 20, 2024
Walk-ins Welcome

We are Collecting Items for the Lyndhurst Food Pantry

- Unexpired canned goods
- Non-perishable food items
- Toiletries
- Stop & Shop and Shop Rite gift cards

All Donations Welcome!

Donations can be dropped off at registration table.

"In Service to One, In Service to All"

Knights of Columbus, Lyndhurst Council #2396

Have Questions? Feel free to contact us at (551) 587-8402 for more information.



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, Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese, Beans. 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.

FRAUD ALERT - DON'T BE FOOLED

The priests of our parish will **NEVER** send you an email or text asking you to send money or gift cards or your personal information to them. If you receive such a request purporting to be from our priest or staff members, please contact the parish office as soon as possible to alert us and **DO NOT SEND MONEY** or respond to the request.

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, 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 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, 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, Julius Single, Jr., Tina Gentile, John Llewellyn, Joann Di Giovanna

DECEASED: Fedele Marinaccio

ONLINE GIVING AT SACRED HEART

Did you know you can give online to our parish with Zelle, or with a debit or debit card? 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.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

Monday, September 2nd is the Labor Day Holiday. In observance of the holiday the **Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Labor Day** as we give thanks to God for the fruits of our labor. This will be only Mass celebrated on Labor Day. The **parish office will close at 2:00 PM on Friday, August 30th and reopen on Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:00 AM.**

ASSISTANCE TO AN ORPHANAGE

Msr. Reilly has been supporting an orphanage in the Dominican Republic for years. The sisters who run it have a presence at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Convent in Newark. On September 22, the 28th annual fundraiser will be held at the Chandelier, 340 Franklin Avenue, Belleville, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. An invitation is being extended to all parish family members who may be interested in supporting this endeavor. No tickets will be sold at door.

Tickets are \$60 for adults and \$40 for children 12 and under. If you would like to make a reservation, please call 973-204-5514 and leave your name and number. Or you can call, 201-675-5981 and leave your information. Alternatively you can email reillywilliam99@gmail.com.

If you can't attend, you might consider donating to a gift basket which we will be putting together from the Sacred Heart Parish Community.

AUGUST 25, 2024



Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Regalado Samartino

SUNDAY - Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Elizabeth Tynan

10:30 am Rudy & Ador Vargas

12:00pm Michael Samarelli

1:30 pm Maria Luisa Del Risco

MONDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Gabriel Vivas

TUESDAY - St. Monica

12:00pm Albert Alberti & John Valente

WEDNESDAY - St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Julian & Lorenza Duran

THURSDAY - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

12:00pm Eleanor Derby

FRIDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Vincent & Margot Carini

SATURDAY - Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Russ Prokop

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Rita Salhandy

SUNDAY - Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Betty Tynan

10:30 am Thomas C. Purwin

12:00pm James M. Cavalcante

1:30 pm Karen Habluzelt (Living)

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - August 18th

Sunday - \$5,131

Church In Africa - \$1,393

Assumption - \$1,361

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

RCIA - A JOURNEY IN FAITH JOIN THE RCIA TEAM & BE A PARTNER ON THE JOURNEY

The Church extends an invitation to all who wish to become members of the Catholic faith. Those who go through the RCIA process fall under one of the following categories:

- Someone who is of another faith and wishes to convert to Catholicism.
- Someone who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to become a member of the Catholic faith.
- Someone who was baptized in the Catholic Church, but never received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

There is a team from our parish that accompanies and supports all the individuals that go through RCIA process. If you are interested in sharing your faith by joining the RCIA team, please contact Sabina Prendergast at 862-249-1186.



ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE OUR FAITH WITH THE YOUTH OF OUR PARISH FAMILY?

There is no greater gift that you can give to a child than to share your faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Religious Education program is always in need of teachers, aides, substitute teachers, hall monitors, and office helpers.

Are you willing to help our children learn more about the love that Jesus Christ has for them in the 2024-2025 school year?

No special religious education training is required. If you are interested in volunteering, call our parish Catechetical Leader, Ryan Tobiason at 201-935-3094.

THE PERFECT GIFT FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING GIVE A GIFT FROM THE HEART THAT NOURISHES OUR NEIGHBORS!

Make a donation to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry as a gift or remembrance of a favorite loved one. You can obtain a gift card any time of the year, for any occasion, and help the families struggling with food insecurity in the Sacred Heart Community. Please visit the Parish Office, Monday through Friday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM.



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