



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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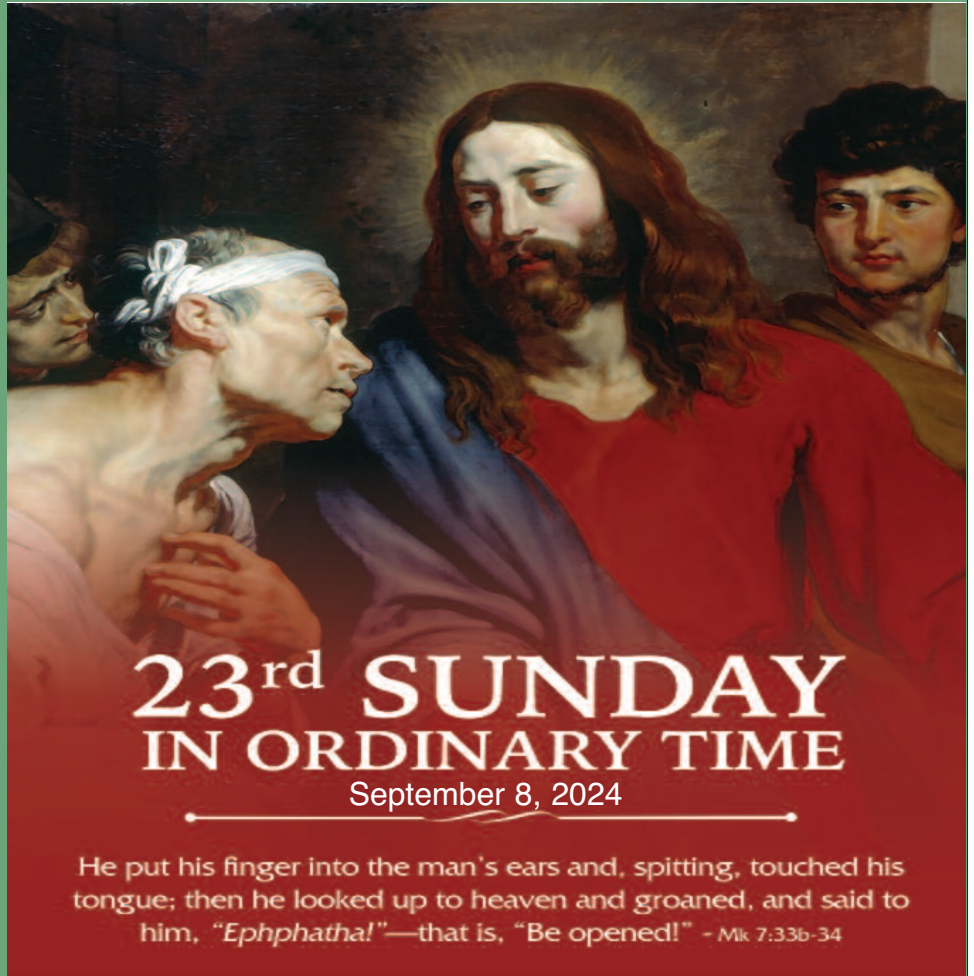
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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 8, 2024

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

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-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

In some ways, what we do at Eucharist every week is a kind of “practice field” for how we should behave when we leave the altar to return to our daily lives as Christians in the world. If we really listen, if we are truly paying attention to what The Word is saying to us, then we will have recognized the true meaning of what we are experiencing; we will truly know the one we seek. And maybe we may be awakened to the fact that what we are hoping for in a messiah and what we actually have in Jesus, are very different indeed!

The cure of the deaf-mute in today's Gospel passage points to something beyond the merely physical - it is much more than just the healing of a person in need. Jesus constantly surrounded himself with those who were the outcasts of society, those "on the fringe" - people whose lives were considered to be less than perfect, less than whole. He embraced those whose eyes could not see, but within whose hearts shined the light of understanding. He touched those whose ears were stopped up tight, and yet were those who heard his message as clear as a bell from deep within their being. And he held close those whom society and religion saw as diseased or sinful, because he was able to look beyond outward appearances to find their inner worth.

Most of us can hear. But the kind of hearing we need for our Christian life is a much deeper reality – it is a hearing that causes a different way of thinking and behaving. A community who has heard the Gospel should behave quite differently as a result of what was heard. Such a community would no longer judge people by the usual standards of the world, or by its own or individual standards. Such a community would not judge at all.

We sometimes need a hearing aid to hear the voices of the poor, the very young and elderly, the abused and neglected, the disenfranchised and outsiders. These outsiders are harder to hear than those who think like us, who act like and who have the same religious and social beliefs as we. Sad to say, we Christians even marginalize our own – we like to put others into neat little “cubby-holes” – to separate ourselves from one another by tacking labels upon one another and thus polarizing each other. It's almost as if our ears are still “stopped up” and we cannot hear anything beyond our own words.

We need to listen. But when we do listen to one another, we need to know how to respond to what we have heard. This is why we gather week after week as a community of listeners and say, through our worship together, "Speak Lord, your servants are listening." This implies that there is still much for us to hear and that no one of us has a complete hold on the total message. We should probably add, "And when we do hear you, our ears will be opened and we will speak plainly about what we have heard."

Christ has touched our ears and opened them to hear the Gospel and having heard it, we have received a whole new way of listening and acting. The deaf man, once cured, speaks "plainly" - and so should we speak and act plainly as witnesses to the Gospel – a way of life that we are still in the process of learning.

If our ears are opened to God's Word, we will hear the cry of those in need, whose voices are ignored because they don't “fit in”; we will hear and speak "plainly" for them when they need our voice. We can keep our ears opened in our own community - and in our world - to hear and respect what others are saying. We can give attention to all those who need good listeners, and when the time comes we will be able to speak to them and for them, with respect. We will then have ears open to the interior voice that speaks to us in the silence of our prayer and quiet moments; the voice that guides, encourages and enables us to be Jesus' disciples in a world of self-imposed, selective deafness.

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS SEPTEMBER 14TH & 15TH

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed in the main vestibule church after all Masses the weekend of September 14th and 15th. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.



SACRED HEART HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEGA 50/50 - DRAWING SEP. 17

Only 200 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is \$50 for the chance to win up to \$5,000. Final prize will be 50% of ticket sales. Winner need not be present to win.

If you want to use a credit card to play you can request tickets online at <https://bit.ly/SHS2024MEGA>.

If you want to use a check, please make it payable to Sacred Heart HSA and include your name, address and phone number and mail it to: Michelle Hering, 166 Central Lane, Secaucus, NJ 07094, Attention: Sacred Heart 50/50. Any questions please contact Michelle at 201-615-2374 or at firedup151@gmail.com



SOCCER CHALLENGE

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, Nino Pansini

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

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

In Honor of: Carmela Ferrara

Donated by: Patty & Joe Pavlica



SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: REEL LOVE

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church is proud to announce the premiere of its monthly, faith-based, family movie night series entitled "Saturday Night at the Movies: Reel Love" at its Parish Hall, 146 Copeland Ave., Lyndhurst on Sat. Sept. 21, 5:00pm. The premiere movie will be a 2011 film, "Courageous" starring Alex Kendrick as a Deputy Sheriff who endures a terrible personal tragedy that causes him to question what is really important to him. Taking comfort in his religion, he vows to become a better parent and a better Christian. Pastor Fr. Ernie Rush will moderate a lively Q&A discussion after the film. Pizza, delicious homemade Meatball Sandwiches and beverages will be available for purchase. Free popcorn. Free Admission. All are welcome! This will be a great monthly series designed to help everyone strengthen their faith. Fr. Ernie hopes to see everyone there!

ASSISTANCE TO AN ORPHANAGE

Msgr. 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.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Joseph & Phyllis Salerno

SUNDAY - Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Elizabeth (Betty) Tynan

10:30 am Charles Dilkes

12:00pm Joseph & Evelyn Famularo

1:30 pm Mabel Machuca

MONDAY - St. Peter Claver, Priest

9:00am Julian & Lorenza Duran

TUESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm John H. Du Bois

WEDNESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Lucy La Pollo

THURSDAY - Weekday/The Most Holy Name of Mary

12:00pm Carmela Ferrara

FRIDAY - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Francis "Donald" Wynne

SATURDAY - The Exaltation of the Cross

9:00am Marcus Belmonte

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Joseph Mayerchak

SUNDAY - Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Jimmy Moretto

10:30 am Pat Leccese & Catherine Leccese

12:00pm Krizan Peros

1:30 pm Sandro Veliz

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - August 25th

Sunday - \$5,854

Add'l Church In Africa - \$30

Add'l Assumption - \$30

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

FUN
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GAMES
PRIZES

SACRED HEART CHURCH

10.26.24 5K RUN WALK

Open to All Ages!
Lyndhurst Recreation Center
862 Valley Brook Avenue
Lyndhurst, NJ US 07071

Registration at 9:00am
Run starts at 10:00am
(comes with a shirt)
Rain or Shine

FOR INFO AND
TO REGISTER ONLINE:
<http://bit.ly/shc5k2024>



Questions?
Email Charlie Sofio at:
sacredheartchurch@comcast.net

OR REGISTER 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: 2024 5K

☐ I am interested in
volunteering at this event.

of People Registering (\$40 each)*: _____ Total amount of money enclosed*: \$ _____

Indicate a shirt size for each entrant (ADULT: S / M / L / XL)*: _____

Full Name*: _____

Address*: _____

_____ Zip Code*: _____

Phone*: _____

Email address*: _____

Name on Credit Card*: _____ Exp Date*: _____

Credit Card #*: _____ Security (CVV) Code*: _____

*Fields MUST be filled out