



Sacred Heart Church

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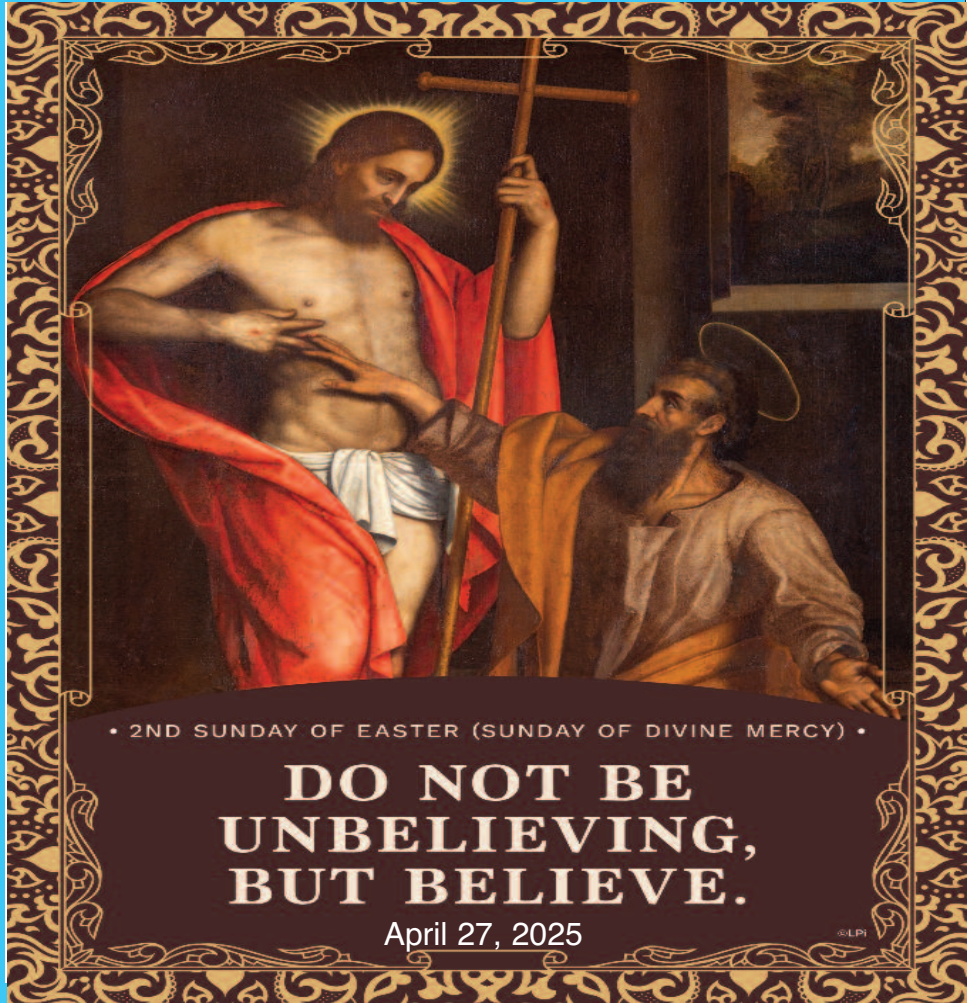
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SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS SCHEDULE

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 18, Jun. 1, Jul. 13, Aug. 10, Sep. 7, Oct. 19, Nov. 9, Dec. 7

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Aftershocks are very disconcerting. They keep us living on the edge. They give us a radically new outlook on the permanency and security of physical things. They unclutter our lives very swiftly, effectively, and sometimes very painfully. They open our eyes and let us see how fragile we really are.

We are now invited to celebrate the Fifty days of Easter - fifty days because this one event cannot be captured in a single day - fifty days to let the aftershock of this incredible event vibrate in our minds and hearts and spirits. The aftershocks of Christ's Resurrection should loosen up the tight grip of our self-centeredness and hard-heartedness. They should shake us up, and rock the foundations of the fortress we have built for our complacency, our prejudice, our fears, our spitefulness, and our passing judgment on others. They should open our hearts and remind us once again that even after 2000 years there is so much left to do.

The impact of Easter, in the early Church, and hopefully again in our time, is for believers to gather, to be together to contemplate the mystery of the Lord's resurrection, to let it touch minds and hearts, and to reaffirm for us, once again, that we do not live - we cannot live - in isolation.

The special sense of Community brought about by the Resurrection was very tangible in the apostolic church. We read about common living, sharing of common goals and goods, and a great concern that none of the believers should be left alone or in need.

The Gospel incident with Thomas also highlights this same sense of community. The disciples gathered together, partly in fear and wonder, and partly because they needed each other's support. When Jesus appeared to them, He offered them His gift of peace, and urged them to make mutual forgiveness the very first sign of their faith in the resurrection.

Thomas was absent on that occasion, so when he joined them they shared their experience of the Risen Lord. Interestingly, Thomas not only doubted the reality of the event, but he would not accept the testimony of his brothers. Imagine how frustrating and almost insulting that must have been for the other apostles.

Thomas was so sure of himself. He would not be touched by their communal witness; he insisted on personal, direct proof. Only when Jesus invited him to touch the wounds of His hands and feet, did Thomas proclaim his faith. And Jesus simply says: "Blessed are they who have not seen, yet have believed."

There's a very important lesson here about the role of the community. Many, many people insist on personal proof; they will not learn from their brothers and sisters; they want somehow to touch the mystery of God directly. They want to "own" the mystery, to be the champions of the truth - as they see it.

Jesus reaches out to all of us as he did Thomas and reminds us all: "Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believe." Jesus wants us to be together with those who share their faith, so that we can be strengthened, consoled, and nourished. The Risen Lord clearly invites all of us to be evangelists, to give powerful, personal and communal witness to our faith, and so to lead many others out of the prison of their aloneness into the joy-filled, peace-filled, and forgiveness-filled community of faith that is the reality of Church.

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus means much more than just believing that He has come back to life. It means that He has overcome death forever; that in His humanity He has moved to a state of existence that is beyond space and time. It means that we dispense with childish, earthbound images of Jesus as having a shiny body suspended somewhere in space, floating triumphantly somewhere between heaven and earth.

As we look toward Pentecost, let us pray that the Spirit of the Risen Lord breathe into our hearts a burning desire to be faithful witnesses to His Easter Light and Joy. Let us pray that our fears and anxieties may give way to the peace and comfort that only hope in Him can bring.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 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 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!*



The parish has received several gently used infant christening garments. If you know anyone who may need one, please have them contact the parish office at 201-438-1147.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL

Your Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

In Memory of: _____



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

Checks payable to: Sacred Heart Church

CELEBRATE THE JOY OF THE SEASON

Easter is not just a day, it is an entire season. "The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as on 'great Sunday' [St. Athanasius]" (Ceremonial of Bishops, n. 371). The first eight days of Easter (The Octave of Easter) are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord and the double "Alleluia" with its ancient and beautiful chant closes every liturgy. The daily Scripture readings always includes a passage from the Acts of the Apostles (as the Church relives Her early history and shares it with the newly-baptized.) and from the "Paschal Gospel," that of St. John. On the fortieth day of the Easter Season, the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated, and the nine days from the Ascension to the Vigil of Pentecost (the original "novena") are an intensive preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Easter Season comes to a close on Pentecost Sunday, which commemorates the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles, the birth of the Church, and Her mission to every tongue and people and nation.



BI-ANNUAL ROSARY SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE

The Dominican Nuns of Summit NJ will be holding their bi-annual Rosary Sunday Pilgrimage on **Sunday, May 4th 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 22 nuns from the ages of 26-92 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.**

Food Pantry Update

"Whatever you did for these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

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. *Note that great vegetable and fruit prices can be found at Lidl's and Aldi's.* Food items can be left near the shrine of the Sacred Heart in the back of the church. Thanks to all for the donations which help keep our food pantry stocked! **We would not be able to help our brothers and sisters struggling with food insecurity without you!** *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, 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, Andrea Globis, Laura MacDonald, Ava Romano, Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Ruben Arevalo Jacildone, Helen Dowling, Dr. Leticia Luna, Jeanette Knowlton, Michele Gilmore, Milena Giacchi, Freddy Berrios, Maryann Sheridan, Naham, Rudy Rivas, Tania, Jaime Diaz, Romile Diaz, Robert Schaefer, Marion Dietz, Jamie Brown, John Santelli, Julius Single, Jr., Tina Gentile, John Llewellyn, Patricia Anne Coughlin, Cathy Horoieski

DECEASED: Dolores Sarno

NEW FILM ON CARLO ACUTIS IN THEATERS

APRIL 27-29 ONLY

Discover the incredible life of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis in Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality. This powerful new documentary film explores his life, legacy, and the impact of technology on young people today. Through first-hand accounts from family and friends, plus insights from Catholic leaders and tech experts, the film tackles urgent questions about technology's impact on humanity, holding up Carlo as a model for young people as they engage the digital world. In our area the film will be screened on:

Sunday, April 27th

AMC Clifton Commons 16 @4:00 PM (405 Route 3 East, Clifton)

Regal Secaucus Showplace 14 @3:55 PM(650 Plaza Drive, Secaucus)

AMC Ridgefield Park 12 @ 4:00 PM (75 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park)

Monday, April 28th

AMC Clifton Commons 16 @7:00 PM (405 Route 3 East, Clifton)

Regal Secaucus Showplace 14 @7:00 PM(650 Plaza Drive, Secaucus)

AMC Ridgefield Park 12 @ 7:00 PM (75 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park)

Tuesday, April 29th

AMC Clifton Commons 16 @7:00 PM (405 Route 3 East, Clifton)

Regal Secaucus Showplace 14 @7:00 PM(650 Plaza Drive, Secaucus)

AMC Ridgefield Park 12 @ 7:00 PM (75 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park)

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.

APRIL 27, 2025



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Josefina Castro & Julia Romero

**SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Julian & Lorenza Duran

10:30 am Madeline & Gennaro Ferrara

12:00pm Rosemary Marranzino

1:30 pm Souls In Purgatory

**MONDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Peter
Chanel, Priest & Martyr/St.
Louis Grignon de Monfort,
Priest**

12:00pm Adam A. Sauser, Sr.

**TUESDAY - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin
and Doctor of the Church**

12:00pm Kay Rullo

**WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Pius
V, Pope**

12:00pm Joseph Mayerchak

**THURSDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Joseph
the Worker**

12:00pm Rita Wormke

**FIRST FRIDAY - St. Athanasius, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church**

12:00pm Jack Meister (Living) &
Fidia Guzman

**FIRST SATURDAY - Sts. Philip and
James, Apostle**

9:00am Purgatorial Society

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Louise Paternick

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Michael Erminio

10:30 am Ralph Di Pietro

12:00pm Liliana Radicia

1:30 pm Elvira Pena

STEWARDSHIP

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 2025

The Archdiocese's 2025 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, 78 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:
Our Parish's Goal - \$40,551 -- Paid To Date - \$18,589 (45.84% 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 2025 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 May 10 & 11** to help us close the gap on our goal.

Celebrate God's Gracious Mercy!

Christ reaches out with all of the love He bore for Man as He hung – agonized and brutalized – on the cross. This Calvary love – this love that knows no containment or perimeter – is freely offered to every living soul. Freely, without price, without strings attached, without condition. His Calvary love is mercy and grace united and personified in the person, the Godhead of Jesus, whose singular longing is to flood the world with His love. Imagine how the world would change if every living soul on the planet were given the opportunity to encounter the fullness of Christ's Calvary love through the Chaplet of Divine Mercy!

Our Lord said to Blessed Faustina:

"Unceasingly recite this chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death ... Priest will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this chaplet even once, will receive grace from My infinite mercy (687) ... Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who will recite this chaplet (848) ... Through the chaplet you will obtain anything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will (1731) ... I want the whole world to know My infinite mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My mercy (687)."

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

On Ordinary Rosary Beads.

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, say 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.
2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).
4. Conclude with (three times):
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
If possible, pray the Chaplet at 3:00pm, the hour of Divine Mercy.

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"My daughter, write down these words: All those souls who will glorify My mercy and spread its worship, encouraging others to trust in My mercy, will not experience terror at the hour of death. My mercy will shield them in that final battle..."(1540)- Words of the Lord as recorded by St. Faustina

