



Sacred Heart Church

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MAY 11, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28a

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
Mother's Day

When Jesus talks about the "Good Shepherd" his intent is to focus more on the role of shepherd and less on the attitude of the sheep. God's people no longer see themselves as sheep. Nowadays, our people are generally much better educated and better equipped to make their own conscience decisions. They are no longer content to be passive and are often not submissive. Instead they have come to a new understanding of their dignity and their role as baptized Christians. They realize that they share the call to ministry, to evangelization, and to service. They understand that they too are called to be "shepherds."

Jesus is modeling a life-style to which He invites all of his followers to share - one of concern and compassion, of service and dedication, one of relentless and abounding love. This can seem to be at odds with how the Church has traditionally viewed the image of the "Good Shepherd." So it is important for us to rediscover and reinterpret the message of the Good Shepherd in a clear and decisive language that speaks to the world about how we see ourselves as His disciples.

But how do we see ourselves? And how do others see us?

People need shepherds beside them in their suffering. They extend mercy and encouragement. They exhort and comfort. I've found that while the kind of clichéd reverence that once typified Catholics' regard for their priests has waned, people still sense intuitively who the good priests are and accord them not just respect but love.

Shepherds need to lead and to guide. The people of God need to be invited, not threatened. They need ministers who are in touch with the real circumstances of life - not aloof, ivory towered idealists. Shepherds need to be models of faith and hope who can inspire trust and courage in the people of God.

Truly "good" shepherds need to be, above all, fellow travelers on the faith journey who can not only offer healing, comfort and support in the name and spirit of Jesus, but also recognize their own failures and weaknesses and humbly seek forgiveness and reconciliation.

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish."

So what does this say to us? In short, we are all shepherds and we all need one another. If we really believe Jesus' words, if we really belong to Jesus, if it shows in our words and actions and choices then we are guaranteed what Jesus has promised: life that never ends, life without tears, hunger or thirst.

But it also continues to be painfully obvious that we all have a long way to go. The Gospel is blunt and absolutely clear in reminding us that our lives should be marked by compassion and justice, gentleness and reconciliation - by our own willingness to lay down our lives. Maybe it is time for all of us to re-examine just how willing we are to do just that.

Jesus says: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." Together we must always find ways to assure that all of God's people will never be without good shepherds.

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

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

Happy
Mother's Day



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.

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!**

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, 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, Marion Dietz, Jamie Brown, John Santelli, Julius Single, Jr., Tina Gentile, John Llewellyn, Patricia Anne Coughlin, Cathy Horoieski

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

CHURCH BELLS

CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH


In Honor of: Joseph & Evelyn Famularo

Donated by: Robert & Mary Hero

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of May 11th, the following items used for worship in our sanctuary were donated in the memory of a relative or friend or a special intention.

BREAD & WINE:

 **In Honor of:** Amalia de Vivas

Donated by: Charles Sofio

PARISH FAMILY SURVEY

If haven't already taken the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey, NOW is the time! It's the very important first step in Sacred Heart's growing in our discipleship. We are currently assessing our parish's greatest strengths and opportunities, and need your response to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future - as we strive to reflect more of Christ's love in our community. **All members of our parish family that are 16 years old and older are asked to take this 10-15 minute survey.**

The online survey tool is open. You can select whatever language you are most comfortable using in the online tool. You can access and complete the survey online at bit.ly/sch_survey_2025 or use the QR code here.



If you are not comfortable or don't have a way to access the survey online, paper surveys in English and Spanish are available at the entrances to the church. Simply take the survey home and complete it. Then, bring it back next week and put it in the collection basket.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Sylvestro Family

SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Joseph Pavlica, Jr.

10:30 am Evelyn & William Earl

12:00pm Conrad Petrillo & Petrillo Family

1:30 pm Julian & Lorenza Duran

MONDAY - Easter Weekday/Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs/St. Pancras, Martyr

12:00pm Walsh Family

TUESDAY - Easter Weekday/Our Lady of Fatima

12:00pm Sinforiano Sanchez

WEDNESDAY - St. Matthias, Apostle

12:00pm Michele Dagostino

THURSDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Isidore

12:00pm Antonio Torrillo

FRIDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Jaime Mena

SATURDAY - Easter Weekday

9:00am Thomas Roberts, Jr.

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Susan & John Fraser

SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Jeffrey Albert Bouquio, Sr.

10:30 am Marie Paulina

12:00pm Josephine Ryan

1:30 pm Jaime Mena

STEWARDSHIP

May 4th

Sunday - \$5,953

Home Mission Appeal - \$2,321

Easter To Date- \$18,411

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

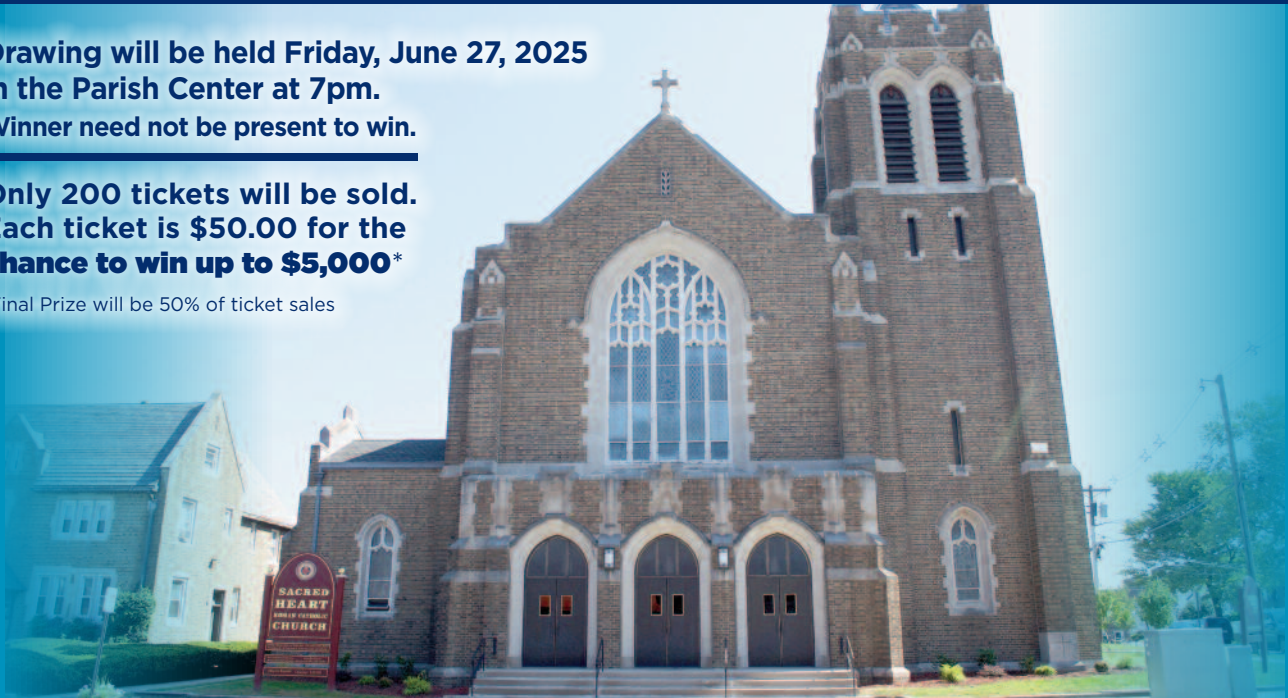
WIN
UP TO
\$5,000!*

All Proceeds Benefit Sacred Heart Church

Drawing will be held Friday, June 27, 2025
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_2025_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

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