



# Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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MAY 18, 2025

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another."  
- Jn 13:33a, 34a

## 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

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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Book of Revelation speaks to those who look to God for a comfort that only God can give. It is a prophetic book urging us to listen carefully to the Word of God and stay faithful to the covenant God has made with us in Christ. Today's passage presents us with a powerful promise of "a new heaven and a new earth," and if there was ever a time for God to "make all things new" now is the moment.

This passage from Revelation touches our deepest yearnings for our tired and broken world. So much war and conflict, so much death, poverty and suffering around us. Even the earth, air and sea are exhausted as we deplete and pollute. We, along with our earth, long for this apocalyptic vision to become a reality. Amid all of this it might become easy for us to lose hope or ask how long must we wait for it all to be finished? Where is this promised "new heaven and new earth?" How long must we wait for the completion and renewal of all creation to finally happen?

But the real questions need to go much deeper. The present is determined by our vision of the future. This is the basic paradox that is at the heart of the Christian Gospel: death leading to life, darkness giving way to light, suffering as the road to glory. Unless and until we accept this fundamental condition, we will never understand the love we are called to share. We will never be fully at peace. We will continue to worry and fret, to question God's will and His love, to resent the predominance of evil and to slip easily into moods of doubt and despair.

Perhaps this gives us a clue as to what Jesus was talking about in His discourse to the disciples. "Loving one another" is based on the knowledge that despite the apparent victories of evil in our world, in the end good will prevail. If we take seriously the "new commandment" that Jesus leaves us we will have to keep examining the quality of our love to see if it really reflects the kind of unselfish love that He spoke about and lived by. When Jesus says "Love another as I have loved you", it sounds deceptively simple and easy. But when we measure our success in following that "simple" rule, we find that we fall far short of that ideal most of the time.

Yet this is the heart of the Gospel message and the cornerstone of our Christian faith. Love is a gift of God. But it isn't a feel good kind of love. There is also a new facet to the love to which we are called. We are to reflect the love Jesus had for his disciples, the love He showed them as He washed their feet. Now the leader is the servant. Peace will be achievable because we will bring this sacrificial love to our dealings with one another. Now we too must become servants.

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.

The resurrection of Jesus makes the old world new. Really believing in His resurrection and hoping in the promise we hear today can make all the difference as we struggle against the daily forces of death that seem very much alive and well – and even winning the battle. We live now by the lights of the coming new city. So, we must confront death in its many manifestations now. And if we can't "wipe the tears from the eyes" of everyone as God promises to do, at least in the meanwhile that hope will urge us to wipe the tears from at least one person's eyes. If we are to be citizens of this heavenly Jerusalem, we had better get used to acting like citizens now.

## MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

*We Don't Know Them All . . . But We Owe Them All*

Join us as we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom we take so easily for granted with the Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th at 9:00 AM. This will be the only Mass celebrated on Memorial Day. In observance of the holiday the parish office will close at 2:00 PM on Friday, May 23rd and reopen on Tuesday, May 27th at 9:00 AM.

## Convocation of Priests Tue., May 27 - Thu., May 29 Mass Will Not Be Celebrated

There will be a Convocation of Priests that ALL PRIESTS of our Archdiocese are REQUIRED TO ATTEND on Tue., May 27, Wed., May 28 and Thu., May 29. There will be **NO 12 Noon Mass** on these days. **Instead, there will be a Communion Service with a Liturgy of the Word.**

## LYNDHURST KNIGHTS IN ACTION



The Lyndhurst Knights of Columbus Council #2396 recently sponsored a spiritual retreat for 44 eighth graders and CCD students from the township's three catholic parishes. The students gathered at the St. John Paul II Youth Retreat Center in Kearny NJ for a day filled with faith, friendship and reflection. The all-day retreat, now in its third year and themed "We Are Ambassadors for Christ", was hosted by the Mary Mother of Mercy Youth Ministry, and offered team building exercises, personal testimonies of faith, and a beautiful chapel mass. The Knights' retreat not only strengthened the students' spiritual foundation but also left them inspired and uplifted. Pictured are all of the participants, youth leaders and participating Knights (Deputy Grand Knight Sergio DeRuvo at far right). The Knights are always looking for dedicated Catholic men to join their Council. Become a Knight and help your community by emailing [Council2396@gmail.com](mailto:Council2396@gmail.com) or visit Web site <https://linktr.ee/council2396> for more information.

## THE FACE OF JESUS IN THEATERS JUNE 3 ONLY

Can we see the face of the invisible God? Do we know what our Savior looked like? The film *The Face of Jesus* explores two acheiropoietic images—sacred cloths images not made by human hands—the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello, as well as the most extraordinary depiction of Jesus painted by human hands: the Vilnius image of the Merciful Jesus (the original Divine Mercy image). Filmmakers take the audience on a cinematic journey to the tomb in Jerusalem from 2,000 years ago, to Rome, Manoppello, and San Giovanni Rotondo, to discover what our Savior looked like. After the main feature, learn about the devotion to the Holy Face with a bonus featuring U.S. clergy who detail the power of the ancient devotion and why it's gaining traction among the faithful in modern times. **In our area the film will be screened on Tuesday, June 3 only at 7:00PM at:**

**AMC Clifton Commons 16**

405 Route 3 East, Clifton

**Regal Secaucus Showplace 14**

650 Plaza Drive, Secaucus

**AMC Ridgefield Park 12**

75 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park

## 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.

**To Date, 113 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:**

**Our Parish's Goal - \$40,551**

**Paid To Date - \$29,471 (72.86% of Goal)**

**\*\*Reminder, we must collect our Parish's Goal in paid gifts by December 30th.** 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.

## 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 18TH

**In Honor of:** Virginia Spadafino

**Donated by:** Rosemary & Andrew Paleologos

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of May 18th, 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:** Hernando Guzman

**Donated by:** Martha Piccirillo

## 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](https://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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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### 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

#### MONDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Antonio Torrillo

#### TUESDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest

12:00pm Rocha Amador Santiago Family (Living)

#### WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

12:00pm Arthur Derby

#### THURSDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

12:00pm Quintana Ortiz Family (Living)

#### FRIDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Jennifer Pagan (Living)

#### SATURDAY - Easter Weekday

9:00am Catherine Rullo

#### Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Ralph Di Pietro

#### SUNDAY - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Anthony Amelio

10:30 am Manuel Vargas Family

12:00pm David Sivelli

1:30 pm Cesar Castano

## STEWARDSHIP

May 11th

Sunday - \$6,033

Annual Appeal - \$1,951

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!\***

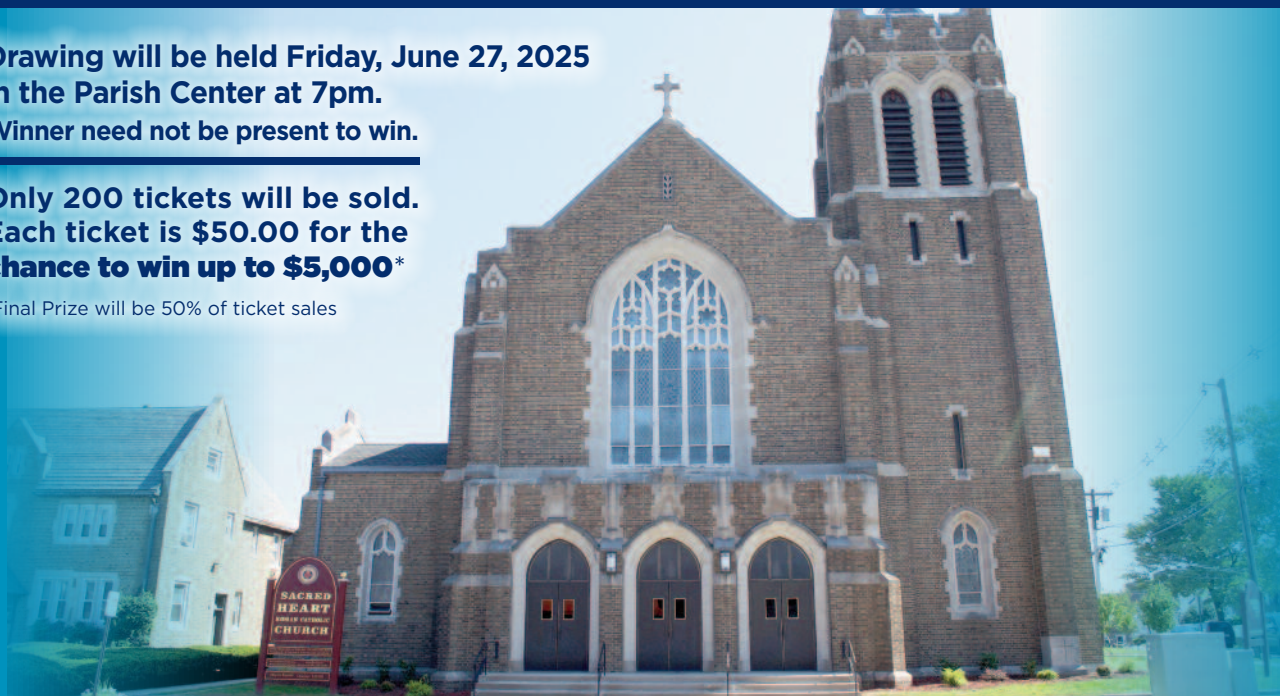
All Proceeds Benefit Sacred Heart Church

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](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](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