



Sacred Heart Church

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MAY 25, 2025

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday's Gospel passage comes from the Farewell Discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper, right before his betrayal, crucifixion and death occurred. Liturgically, we are still in the Easter Season, celebrating the Lord's Resurrection, but we are also thinking about the Solemnity of the Ascension, soon to be celebrated, as well as the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, on Sunday, June 8th.

Jesus spoke to his disciples in the Last Supper Farewell Discourse about returning to the Father. Returning to the Father meant that there would be a separation for the Apostles from their Master. At the same time, the separation establishes the Apostles in a special relationship with the Father. They were commissioned to continue the work of Christ on earth.

We are inheritors of the Apostles work, being members of the Body of Christ, the Catholic Church, and so, "ambassadors for Christ," to use the phrase of Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (chapter 5, verse 20). That means we are entrusted with announcing the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ, by our words and deeds. It is a profound call and an obligation as baptized believers.

Jesus desired that his Apostles not be distressed or worried, and promised to remain with them. Faith in Christ is the guarantee of belonging to God. Jesus asked of his disciples, and is asking of us as well, to demonstrate our love, by fidelity to the mission Jesus has entrusted to us. We are assisted in this by the action of God's Holy Spirit in our lives. Just as the Father gave his greatest gift by sending his only Son into the world, so now, when Jesus ascends to the Father, the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon the face of the earth.

The words of Jesus at the Farewell Discourse during the Last Supper are intended as encouragement, concluding with a solemn farewell from the Lord: "Peace," (in Hebrew, "Shalom"). This is not just a friendly salutation, but intended as a gift, something real and tangible, a state of the soul which cannot be compared with anything else. We might call it happiness, joy or satisfaction, but only if we understand it on a deeply spiritual level, as something that goes beyond feeling, and is a state of being, that only God can give.

The important point of this Sunday's Gospel is that all who follow Christ must demonstrate their love for Christ by persevering in faith, hope and love, what we call the "Theological Virtues."

Separation from the Lord, as when He ascended into Heaven, may be painful, but it does not mean being abandoned. The Master returns to the Father, which should fill the hearts of believers with peace, especially in the light of Jesus' promise of sending the Holy Spirit whose other name is the Paraclete, that is, the Comforter, who leads us along the way to eternal union with the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. This is a possibility for all of us!

In this Second Reading at Mass this Sunday, from the Book of Revelation, we are given an inspiring and vivid vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, where the Church Triumphant, composed all who have passed from life to God's Glory, are present with the Holy Trinity. It is another way of expressing that "God will be all in all," as Saint Paul describes it in his First Letter to the Corinthians (chapter 15, verse 28), when our redemption will be fully accomplished.

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 is closed and will 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.**

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. Surveys are due this Sunday, May 25th. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ONLINE SURVEY TOOL WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON MAY 25TH.**

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/shc_survey_2025 or use the QR code here.



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.

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, 116 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:

Our Parish's Goal - \$40,551

Paid To Date - \$30,121 (74.28% 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. Please be sure to select Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst so the parish receives credit. We will have a **special collection the weekend of June 14 & 15** to help us close the gap on our goal.

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

DECEASED: Corbyn Grasso

MAY 25, 2025



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

MONDAY - St. Philip Neri, Priest/Memorial Day

9:00am Honor Deceased of All Wars

TUESDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

12:00pm Convocation Of Priests

No Mass - Communion Service

WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Convocation Of Priests

No Mass - Communion Service

THURSDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Paul VI, Pope

12:00pm Convocation Of Priests

No Mass - Communion Service

FRIDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Manuel & Mercedes Vargas

SATURDAY - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Meister & Vivas Family

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Julian & Lorenza Duran

SUNDAY - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Frederic Fata

10:30 am Michael Erminio

12:00pm Leon E. Lejda

1:30 pm Carmela & Joseph Palmo

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - \$6,336

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



TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

The Lyndhurst Veterans Alliance, under the direction of the Township of Lyndhurst, will be sponsoring our annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade on Monday, May 26th at 10 AM at Town Hall Park Bandshell. The parade will begin at Town Hall Park on Delafield Avenue, proceed right onto Second Avenue, then right onto Ridge Road, continue along Ridge Road to Valley Brook Avenue, and conclude back at Town Hall. Join us as we take time out to honor all those who gave everything for the freedom that we enjoy everyday and take so easily for granted!

Sacred Heart Church SPRING MEGA 50/50

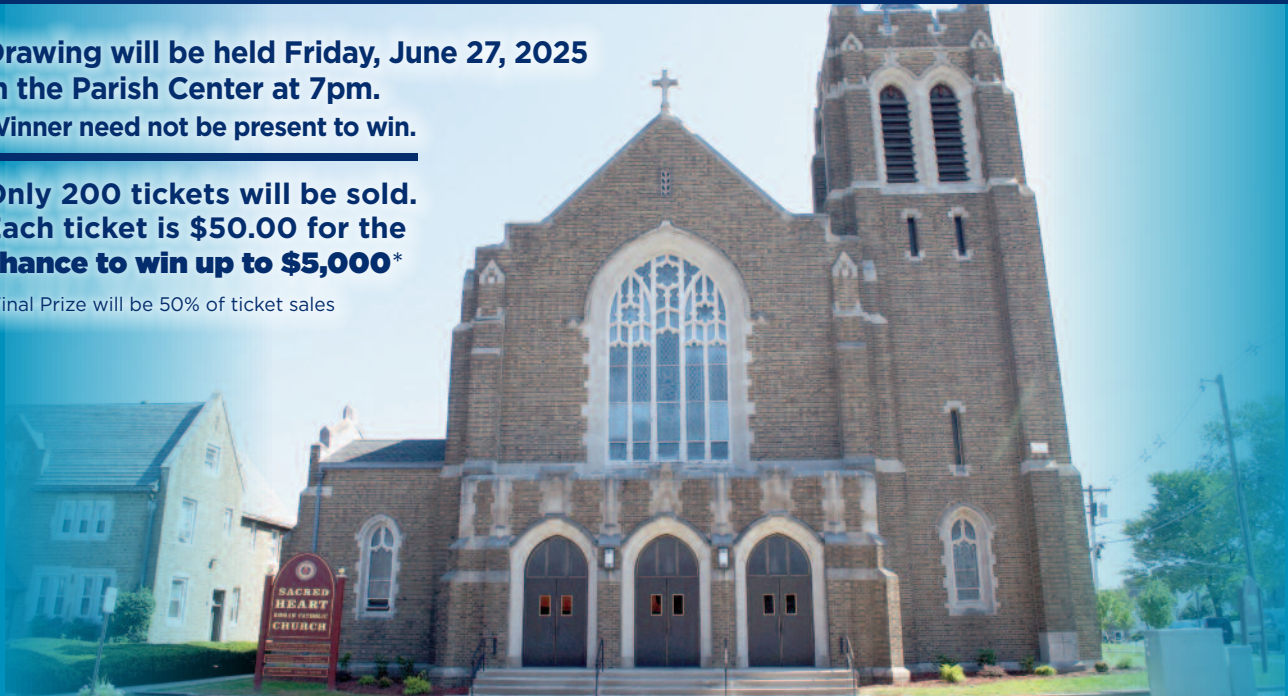
WIN
UP TO
\$5,000!*

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