



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

August 17, 2025

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. 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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We continue with Luke's Gospel, which outlines the Lord's idea of discipleship. Today's narrative closes the 12th Chapter which begins with the mission of the disciples and takes us through his description of the Transfiguration, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the story of Martha and Mary and the Lord's teaching on Prayer (the Lord's Prayer). We reach a disturbing ending where Jesus asks a disturbing question.

It's true that we might have some difficulty with these words. The Lord asks and answers his own question, without even giving us a chance to answer. And the answer he gives is certainly not one that any of us would have given. Instead, he tells his disciples that he has not come to establish peace, but division. You would think his words would sound more comforting. Are we as confused as they must have been?

Jesus isn't going to reinforce an artificial peace. He will bring the peace given only to those who love and strive to live in a community of concern for their sisters and brothers. It will be a peace for those who work to tear down walls of division created by a near-sighted world. Those who hear his message are open to the real peace he is offering. But they will have to make serious personal and social changes in their lives, some of which will be enormous shifts in the way they have been living. These will alienate some of those closest to them - perhaps even their own family members.

Religion has become domesticated. Religious leaders are invited to pray at business luncheons, school assemblies and the opening of legislative bodies. But we would not be so welcome were we to speak about unethical business practices, discriminatory election practices and unjust exclusion laws. To do so would certainly cause division and cut us off from families and the alliances we have made and cultivated.

We would rather have Jesus the peacemaker than the disturber of the peace. There will be peace, however it will not come quickly or easily, but at great cost. Jesus has been telling his followers all along that they will receive the same treatment he did. This should not come as a surprise to those of us who have experienced how entrenched evil is in our culture. We worship NEW pagan gods: leaving gifts at the altars of materialism, racism, sexism, etc.

We do have to live each day trying to imitate the life of Jesus as perfectly as we can. His ministry flowed from his belief that living in love was living in God. He believed that His intimate understanding of God would be "good news" to all people - that it would bring freedom to those held captive, bring sight to the blind and set the downtrodden free. Look around and try to see the flame of God's presence. It's easy to condemn a community for not having a burning faith, or not carrying a bright torch of zeal. But with the eyes of faith, we will notice the fire is far from out. It burns steadily in our community and we witness its effects in many marvelous, though frequently quiet and anonymous ways.

This is the "fire" that He was speaking about. He told us that there is no easy way to bring about the Kingdom of God. It demands purity of heart, a commitment to peace, readiness to forgive, generosity, the endurance of persecution. It means being ready to take the hard road. True discipleship calls for large, loving and generous hearts filled with a burning desire to live as He lived, to serve as He served and to recognize, name and affirm the presence of God's Spirit in people's lives. And to call them to act in concert with this presence.

This is the only way we will be able to "set the earth on fire" with the "good news."

Faith. Academics. Service.

Catholic Schools

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.

OUR LADY OF KNOCK AUGUST 21ST

The apparition in County Mayo in Ireland of Our Lady of Knock is reported to have occurred on the evening of August 21, 1879, the vigil of the octave of the feast of the Assumption. Those who witnessed the miracle ranged in age from five years old to seventy-five.

The apparition was described as follows: "Our Lady was wearing a large, brilliant crown and clothed in white garments. On her right was Saint Joseph, his head inclined toward her and on her left Saint John the Evangelist. To the left of Saint John was an altar on which stood a cross and a lamb."

Since then thousands of people have gone to Knock to pray to Our Lady, including Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Francis, no sign of commercialism detracts from the purely religious atmosphere of that hallowed spot.

In honor of our Lady of Knock, Neil Horgan from our parish family will sing the Our Lady of Knock hymn on Sunday, August 17th at 9:00, 10:30, & 12:00 Masses.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL MEGA 50/50

September 18, 2025 at Back to School Night

ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL SOLD

\$50 a ticket for a chance to win up \$5,000

Final prize will be 50% of tickets sold

Checks payable to Sacred Heart HSA and mail to Michelle Hering, 166 Central Lane, Secaucus, NJ 07094. Playing by credit card visit

<https://bit.ly/SHS2025MEGA>

Questions-Email Michelle at firedup151@gmail.com or call 201-615-2374

Community Blood Drive You Can Save A Life!

You are invited to join the Lyndhurst Blood Drive on **Thursday, August 21, 2025** at the Lyndhurst Community Center, 255 Riverside Ave. from 9 AM to 2 PM. Please **call 1-800-RED-CROSS** (1-800-733-2767) or **visit RedCrossBlood.org** and enter Lyndhurst to **schedule an appointment**.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

*The following deceased have been enrolled in the
Sacred Heart Purgatorial Society:*

JOSEPH ALTOMARE-req.by-Nick Giovine

FELIPE AGUSTIN BRETON-req.by-Chris & Ana Carmeci

DONALD COLASURDO-req.by-Marilyn & Bob Durham

CARMEN LUISA CASARES-req.by-Carmen Rodriguez

JOSEPH FRANCESE-req.by-Carmen Rodriguez

CARMEN LOGARTA-req.by-Linda Vasquez

PATRICK JOHN MC DONALD-req.by- Lydia Parker

VALENTINE MC HALE, SR.-req.by-Nilde Coiro & Family

GLORIA JEAN MORTON-req.by-Donohue Family

PETE RAMOS-req.by-Linda Vasquez

YOLANDA RIOS-req.by-Lydia Parker

HAROLD SOMMERS-req.by-Sammerone Family

JANICE STOYAOK-req.by-Maria & Frank Kisielewski

TONY VASQUEZ-req.by-Linda Vasquez

ALDO VIRGINIO-req.by-Nick Giovine

REMEMBER OUR PARISH

Whenever we contribute to the parish we are mindful and respectful of our Catholic teaching to support the Church. Our parish is blessed by so many who support us. A meaningful way to continue this support is by considering a gift to the parish in your will or trust. Even a small percentage of your residual estate would go a long way in the maintenance of our church. Please remember Sacred Heart in your will or trust. This will help future generations to experience the love of Jesus Christ in our community. If you have any questions about this planning please contact the parish office.

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, Jamie Brown, Julius Single, Jr., Tina Gentile, John Llewellyn, Patricia Anne Coughlin, Cathy Horoieski, Josephine Burns, Arnulfo Orozco, Assunta Santangelo, Clementine Vocaturo

DECEASED: Frank Biamonte

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH

In Honor of: Marianne Wuillamey

Donated by: Brain & Carol O'keefe



Food Pantry Update

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.

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.

AUGUST 17, 2025



**Twentieth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Samantha Faith Mele

SUNDAY - Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Valentine McHale, Sr.

10:30 am Horgan Family Relatives & Friends

12:00pm Joann Bencivenga

1:30 pm Norma Azuero

MONDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Paul Meister (Living)

TUESDAY - Weekday/St. John Eudes, Priest

12:00pm Richard Urtnowski

WEDNESDAY - St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Rosalie V. Santos

THURSDAY - St. Pius X, Pope

12:00pm JoAnn Fescioe

FRIDAY - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00pm Zofia & Jozef Turek (Living)

SATURDAY - Weekday/St. Rose of Lima, Virgin/Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Janet A. Petrini

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Robert Snow

SUNDAY - Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Gahum & Vanessa Garcia

10:30 am Gloria Jean Morton

12:00pm Marcelino Samartino

1:30 pm Maria Luiza De Risco

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - \$6,546

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



**Knights of
Columbus**

JOIN US!

**WHAT IT MEANS
TO BE A KNIGHT**

*We are Catholic men who
**LEAD, SERVE
PROTECT AND DEFEND***

*We share a desire to be better
**HUSBANDS, FATHERS, SONS
NEIGHBORS AND ROLE MODELS**
And to put charity and community first*

**Knights of Columbus
Lyndhurst Council #2396**

Link Below For More Info

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Supporting

**Sacred Heart Church
Mount Carmel Church
Saint Michael Church**



**Teaching Positions
Available**

Sacred Heart School is
seeking upper elementary
educators and a
school nurse

to join their dedicated
and faith-based learning
community!

For more information
on available teaching
positions, please call the
school's main office at
201-939-4277.

Resumes may be sent to
rnaviello@sacredheartlynd.org

CATHOLICISM SERIES JOIN US

Journey with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people.

From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda... from the glorious shrines of Italy, France, and Spain, to the streets of Mexico, Kolkata, and New York City, the fullness of CATHOLICISM is revealed. Journey deep into the Faith as you watch each episode.

We will be viewing episodes from this series and discussing them on **Wednesday Aug. 27th at 7:00 PM in the parish center.**



SAVE THE DATE!

LYNDHURST

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BEEFSTEAK DINNER!

TRICKY TRAY!

SPECIAL 50/50!

OLMC PARISH HALL

SAT. OCTOBER 11, 2025

MORE INFO TO COME!

