



Sacred Heart Church

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September 21, 2025

25th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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 at 3:00pm
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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The "dishonest" or "untrustworthy" servant of this week's Gospel takes his place among so many others found in Jesus' parables such as the five foolish virgins, the wedding guest who gets thrown out of the wedding banquet for lack of a proper attire, the rich young man too wrapped up in himself to answer the Call, and the laborers who work all day long only to get the same pay as those hired at the final hour. These are the strange ones - those who didn't prepare well, those who didn't prepare at all, those who "squandered the master's property" or those who seem to have no place in the kingdom.

And we wonder about these folks. These are not bad people. These are not evil or malicious people. But somehow they just don't measure up. The invitation to discipleship is a call to build up the Kingdom in the here and now, and it is at once both Gift and Challenge.

This might very well be the point of today's Gospel parable. We need to be realistic, though. We are sent into the world to share what we have been given so we cannot simply cut all our ties with world we live in. But that doesn't mean that we have to "buy into" all of the world's values either.

We hear so much about "stewardship" these days. Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical *Laudato Si'* is a worldwide wake up call to help humanity understand that all people are part of one family where the Earth is our common home. It invites us to protect God's creation for future generations, to embrace a lifestyle change for our own good, and to take care of those who are poor and vulnerable. The gifts we have been given in this life do not belong to ourselves alone. They belong to everyone. All good things come from God and we are what we are because of Him. We are called to mission, to stewardship.

Jesus teaches stewardship and accountability at every turn. He urges us to be concerned for the needs of others. His challenge is that we use God's gifts wisely and well. And He gives us the Power to do all of this. At the heart of our faith is a spirit leading us to acknowledge that it is God's love and goodness that provides so abundantly for all of our needs. And at the center of our love for God is the challenge to share this gift with our brothers and sisters.

We have a responsibility to use the things of the earth, as well as things we have earned, in responsible ways because we belong to a community of human beings - in family, community, parish, nation and world. The parable should make us uneasy if most of our energy and time are focused on our material security and our future and less on what is valuable in God's eyes. We would do well to heed the warning of Amos in our first reading: "Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! ...The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!"

There is no way we can claim to love God without being accountable to Love itself and without living our lives in the service of others. It is our task to enter into this mystery over and over again so that we will always see something we have never seen before. It's all about listening to the Jesus story with open ears and a fresh heart. It is about crossing over into uncharted lands. It is about constant, interior conversion.

And it is trusting that if we are faithful in very little, we will indeed be faithful in much.



In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 5th

*All are invited to
bring their pets
to the church parking lot after
the 1:30 PM Mass (2:15 - 2:30)
on the 5th*

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS SEPTEMBER 20TH & 21ST

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed in the main vestibule church after all Masses the weekend of September 20th and 21st. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING CLASS

MONDAY SEP. 29, 6:30PM

A Protecting God's Children certification class will be offered here at Sacred Heart School in the Religious Education office for all parish and school volunteers that need to be certified or to renew their certification. Please visit virtus.org to register. Call Ryan at 201-726-8649 if you have questions.

EMPANADA SALE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with empanada sale fundraiser. The total amount raised to support our parish was \$834.

We truly appreciate all those who contributed by buying the delicious empanadas and those who help to sell them for a month. **Thanks for your support!**

EVA'S VILLAGE THANKS YOU

Kaileen Alston from Eva's Village in Paterson will be at the 10:30 mass on September 28 to personally thank those parishioners who generously donate new infant clothing, wipes, formula, etc. to Eva's Mommy and me program.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Each year, America Needs Fatima holds the Public Square Rosary Crusade, with thousands of rosary rallies in cities all across the country. Our world is at a historic crossroad. Let us ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. **Join us in praying for our Church, our nation, our leaders and our world on Sat., Oct. 11th at 12:00 noon at the outdoor shrine of the Sacred Heart on Ridge Road near the rectory.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN

Religious Education classes for grades 1-5 will begin Sunday, September 21st at 10:00 AM in the school cafeteria. Classes for grades 6-8 will begin Wednesday, September 24th at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration Fridays, 12:30 - 3:00 pm

During Eucharistic Adoration, the faithful pray to Jesus Christ, who is present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist, also referred to as the Blessed Sacrament, is typically kept in the tabernacle in our church.

While it is true that you can pray to God anywhere and that He is always within you, it is especially powerful to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. In the presence of the Eucharist, we pray to the power and sacrifice that it represents — the body of Jesus, who gave His life so that we may live. It is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity that is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

SICK: Baby Ryan Joseph Lomuscio, Sal Russo, Charles Klimkowski, 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, 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, Tin Maung Khin

DECEASED: Michael Crowell

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of September 21st, the following items used for worship in our sanctuary were donated in the memory of a relative or friend or a special intention.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

In Honor of: Mr. & Mrs. Fred Giordano (Living)

Donated by: Friends



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.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Leslie Nagy

SUNDAY - Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Rocco Paolazzi, Sr.

10:30 am Lina Sclafani

12:00pm Krizan Peros

1:30 pm Almas de Purgatorio

MONDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Agata & Rafal Turek (Living)

TUESDAY - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

12:00pm Esther Iovino & Family

WEDNESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Elio & Mark Monetta

THURSDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Amalia de Vivas

FRIDAY - Weekday/Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

12:00pm Anthony & Caroline Naviello

SATURDAY - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

9:00am Fr. Giovanni Cuzziol (Living)

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Julian & Lorenza Duran

SUNDAY - Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Anna Palermo

10:30 am Lee Russo

12:00pm Pasquale Cedola

1:30 pm Almas de Purgatorio

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - \$6,272
Assessment - \$1,744

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



FUN
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SACRED HEART CHURCH

11.25 5K RUN WALK

SPONSORED BY
 **BCB Bank**
Lyndhurst Recreation Center
862 Valley Brook Avenue
Lyndhurst, NJ US 07071

Registration at 9:00am
Run starts at 10:00am
(comes with a shirt)
Rain or Shine
Open to All Ages!



**FOR INFO AND
TO REGISTER ONLINE:**
<http://bit.ly/shc5k2025>



Questions?
Email Charlie Sofio at:
sacredheartchurch@comcast.net

OR REGISTER 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: 2025 5K

☐ **I am interested in
volunteering at this event.**

of People Registering (\$40 each)*: _____ Total amount of money enclosed*: \$ _____

Indicate a shirt size for each entrant (ADULT: S / M / L / XL)*: _____

Full Name*: _____

Address*: _____

Zip Code*: _____

Phone*: _____

Email address*: _____

Name on Credit Card*: _____ Exp Date*: _____

Credit Card #*: _____ Security (CVV) Code*: _____

*Fields MUST be filled out