



Sacred Heart Church

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

October 5, 2025

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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.

T W E N T Y - S E V E N T H S U N D A Y I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"Lord, give me strength, a little patience is all I ask. Give me faith." We may find ourselves praying this little prayer quite often during our daily routine. Whether it's the driver behind us who insists upon accelerating, knowing full well that I intend to make a turn, or clients who just "don't seem to get it," or people who continually seem to make the same mistakes over and over again. We are constantly praying for assistance to cope. We all share these same foibles and some of us can react to life's little aggravations better than others.

But we also live in chaotic times, in a broken world. We, like many, may find ourselves whispering those same words every time we read the daily newspaper, turn on the television news or listen to the world report on the radio as I sit in daily traffic. We are bombarded on all sides with scenes of suffering, starvation, oppression, violence against our children and neighbors, and inhumanity in places like Gaza and the Ukraine - even on our own soil here at home. There is a hunger in the human mind and heart for certainty in every aspect of life. We want to be safe. We want to be secure. We want to be able to do something to enable a change, a shift in the suffering that we experience.

We want to understand how the promise of God's love fits into all of this and we cry out like the disciples, "Lord, increase our faith." At times life can seem somewhat overwhelming. We can easily beg for more faith so that we can be the kind of disciples we believe Jesus is teaching us to be.

But Jesus shifts our attention away from thinking about quantity to considering the quality of the faith we already have. Faith, he implies, is not something that we can have more or less of. If we have faith the size of a mustard seed - the tiniest seed of all - we can move mountains. This is not a rebuke by Jesus, it is a gentle reminder of what we have already received as gift.

Faith, it seems, doesn't have to increase as much as exist. Having faith doesn't automatically give the believer the power to perform crowd-pleasing spectacles or life-saving miracles. But it does mean that we are in touch with God and experience God as the source of that energy which enables us to live good lives, marked by the ability to forgive as we ourselves have been forgiven, to reach out to one another as we ourselves have been found and embraced by God.

Our times call for a strong, courageous witness to the sacredness of life, of creation, of human dignity. We are called to witness to justice and peace and to our common brotherhood in the family of mankind. Having faith means confronting injustice with courage and crying out against the neglect of the poor and needy of our country and world whose interests get put aside during times of war, religious indifference and political upheaval.

Knowing how we are, we will surely continue to mutter our same little prayer tomorrow as we begin our day in stalled traffic, or dealing with difficult people or situations. But if we are lucky, we might remember that we are all far from perfect and are rather consistently plagued by failure and selfishness. We are much too easily hurt, too easily discouraged. We fall short of expectations. We display our frailty like open wounds.

Yet despite this, our faith will give us strength to live our lives freely in trust and in love, knowing that our God is near, that He understands our pain, that He will sustain us and carry us through even in the midst of our struggles and even though our faith may feel as small and insignificant as a mustard seed.



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*



**Knights of Columbus,
Lyndhurst Council 2396**

**COLUMBUS DAY
BEEFSTEAK DINNER**

SATURDAY, OCT 11TH | 6:30 PM

Food provided by Nightingale Catering
Beefsteak + Ziti, Dessert, Coffee, Soda & Water

\$60 per person
INCLUDES DINNER
+10 PRIZE CHANCES
• 50/50
• Group Seating Available

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH CENTER
146 COPELAND AVENUE, LYNDHURST, NJ

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE:
<https://linktr.ee/council2396>
Or call 551-587-8402



HELP FOR CANCER PATIENTS

If you or someone in your family is currently undergoing cancer treatments, or if you know of someone in Lyndhurst who is going through treatments, a local resident and some volunteers have established a charity in which they will cook a home cooked dinner for the patient and the family and deliver it to your home upon return on treatment day. Please contact WeRcooking4Cancer@gmail.com and they will reply with the information and the menu.



Cardinal Tobin invites all of the faithful to participate in a parish listening session. At your parish session you will learn more about the We Are His Witnesses initiative and your planning area and will see multiple draft model options to consider for the respective planning area. There will be

small group discussion and facilitated large group feedback. If your parish has more than one Listening Session, the information presented at both is the same.

The dates for Sacred Heart, Lyndhurst are Mon. Oct. 20 and Wed., Oct. 22 at 6:00 - 8:00PM in the church.

You are encouraged to review the planning area information and draft models in preparation for attending your parish session-they will all be available at www.WeAreHisWitnesses.org beginning October 1, 2025.

For your parish to properly plan for its sessions, please register for the session you plan to attend here. Please note that Sacred Heart is in the Southwest Bergen - Planning Area C. Please use the QR code or link below to register for the session you can attend.



**Direct Link to the
Registration Site**

<https://www.catholicleaders.org/archdiocese-newark-parishsessionregistration>

If you are unable to register online, please feel free to attend the session anyway.

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.**

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

The Mass on Columbus Day, Mon., Oct. 13 will be celebrated at the usual time of 12 Noon in the church. In observance of the holiday, the parish office will close at 2:00 PM on this Friday, Oct. 10 and reopen on Tue., Oct. 14 at 9:00 AM

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, Franceso 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, Monroe Madsen, Charlie Williamson

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

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of October 5th, 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: Martha Piccirillo (Living)



Donated by: Anonmyous

BREAD & WINE:

In Honor of: Barbara Ruzika



Donated by: Martha Piccirillo

FIESTA GUADALUPE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Our parish's very popular fundraiser, Fiesta Guadalupe will be back again this year on **Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3:00 PM.** Be sure to put it in your calendar now. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

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!**

CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

CBH Care, which originated in Lyndhurst, a provider of mental health treatment and services, is having a CASINO NIGHT Fundraiser at The Graycliff in Moonachie on Thursday, November 20, 2025. Tickets are \$200 which includes Dinner, Dessert, Play Money and a Tricky Tray. If you would like to purchase a ticket please contact Denise Morelli at (201) 775-6335.

OCTOBER 5, 2025



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Eileen Sposato

SUNDAY - Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Catherine (Kay) Rullo

10:30 am Frances Klein

12:00pm Paolo Cervino

1:30 pm Almas de Purgatorio

MONDAY - Weekday/St. Bruno, Priest/ Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

12:00pm Georgeann Ferrie

TUESDAY - Our Lady of the Rosary

12:00pm Jesse Tetreault

WEDNESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm David V. Vaccari, Sr.

THURSDAY - Weekday/St. Denis, Bishop and Companions Martyrs/St. John Leobardi, Priest

12:00pm Laura Manning

FRIDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Pat Zimmermann

SATURDAY - Weekday/St. John XXIII, Pope/Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Chris & Ish Meister (Living)

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Julian & Lorenza Duran

SUNDAY - Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Paquale Cedola

10:30 am Arthur Giammetta

12:00pm Rickey Ferriola

1:30 pm Olinda Cruz

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - \$5,361

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



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