



Sacred Heart Church

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

November 30, 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
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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The earliest Christian community expected Jesus' imminent return. But when he didn't come and the years grew into decades, the community redefined their understanding of the "coming of the Son of Man" and adopted a stance of patient expectation. The conclusion of our Gospel passage today sums up this communal vision as it has been lived throughout the ages: "So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." But the Gospel understanding of the phrase "the coming of the Son of Man" was a bit different.

In the 21st century we do not look for his "coming" with the same intense expectation of the first Christians. In Jesus' view, the Kingdom is always near, always present and ready to break through the barriers of every day life. We are immersed in the essence of God where we allow him to take hold of us, impel us, embrace us, challenge us. And if we pay attention and are "vigilant," we will be able to find evidence of His all-encompassing Love in the simple, ordinary and sometimes tragic events that go to make up our daily lives.

We believe Jesus' coming is always happening in many unexpected ways. Christ is constantly and unexpectedly breaking into our lives to forgive our past, grace and challenge our present and keep our hope alive for the future. Christ always is. And yet he comes afresh to renew his promise that no matter how dark the present is, darkness and death will be overcome by his light. Therefore, he tells us, stay awake and be prepared for his coming. Actually, it's more like "be on the lookout" rather than "be prepared." Isaiah said this same thing is a more beautiful way to another people suffering their own darkness and despair, "O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!"

Advent is a time of expectation, a time of preparation, a time of urgency. And we enter this season with vivid, violent reminders of the evils caused in our society by selfishness, ruthless ambition, twisted hatred and the craze for power at every level. This ugly drama is played out all over our world: in our homes and families, in the business community, in our politics, in the mistrust and irreconcilable differences among world powers and even in the lack of trust in church leadership.

But Scripture reminds us that Advent is also a time of living in the present. We must not allow ourselves to slip into the routine of ordinary life and to miss the opportunities that life presents to us. Advent is a time for us to recall lost opportunities and of determining to take steps to miss fewer opportunities in the days ahead. It's a time for us to pay attention, to be watchful, to be on the lookout. We need to prepare ourselves to live effectively and lovingly with life's tensions, and to be aware not only of our own needs but also the needs of others.

The coming of the Son of Man is not an improbable, imagined event that exists only in the future. Our Christian life is based on the assurance that our God has, in fact, already come among us in our own flesh. He continues to love us beyond death. He has overcome sin and evil, and has seeded us with the hope of Eternal Life. We use these advent days to stir up this hope in a fearful world, to cultivate that seed of hope to full bloom. And for us that does not mean waiting in fear and dread for doomsday.

So what do we need to do in order to be prepared for Christ's coming? Our future hope calls for action now - in the present. Scripture reminds us, "Wake up! Don't let the time drift by." Are there specific changes we need to make now in our lives? What patterns and ways have been shown to be disruptive, wasteful, and distractions for an Advent people looking for Christ in their daily lives? Jesus calls us to constant vigilance as he says, "Therefore, stay awake!" So, let us make our preparation for Christ's coming very specific by searching for him each day, because he is already present to us.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

The **8th Grade Class** in our school will be selling pointsettias, wreaths and grave blankets outside of the church on **December 6th and 7th** as a class fundraiser.

12 inch wreath \$25
2 x 2.5 foot grave blanket \$32
Pointsettia 4 inch \$10 & 6 inch \$15

REPORT FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT CONFIDENTIALLY

If you suspect financial misconduct use EthicsPoint an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit www.rcan.org for the hotline and reporting link.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

Your generosity in the second collection this weekend will go to assist the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Designated by the USCCB as a National Sanctuary of Prayer and Pilgrimage, this great Basilica is our nation's preeminent Marian shrine, dedicated to the patroness of the United States, the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception.

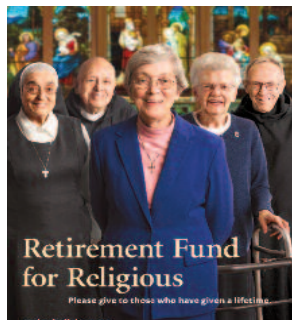
HOLIDAY FAVORITES AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA IN NEWARK

Navidad Latina 2025 - Thu., Dec. 11th at 8:00 PM

The Cathedral Spanish Choir, under the direction of Olfary Gutierrez, joins forces with singers and instrumentalists from other Latin American communities of the Archdiocese to present a program of Christmas music. Free Will Offering

The 53rd Candlelight Carol Sing - Wed. Dec. 17 & Thu. Dec. 18 at 8:00 PM

The ambiance of candle light and seasonal decor, along the Cathedral Choir, organ, instrumentalists and thousands of participants combine to create an event not to be missed. Free Will Offering



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Your generosity in the second collection next weekend will assist The Retirement Fund for Religious. This is our opportunity to give back to those men and women who have given a lifetime!

THE GIVING TREE BRING SOME CHEER TO SOMEONE IN NEED

Just before you know it Christmas will be upon us, which means it is time for the annual **Sacred Heart Giving Tree**. Please help those in need have a merrier Christmas by taking a tag and purchasing a new gift.

You have until **November 30th** to select a tag. Please make sure the gift is wrapped and the tag is securely fastened to the gift so the contents can be easily identified. **All gifts need to be returned under the tree by no later than Sunday, December 7th** so they can be delivered on time.

Thank you again for your generosity and overwhelming response to this wonderful project.

For security reasons, we are asking that all gifts be brought to the church on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings only so that volunteers can pick them up promptly and store them in a secure area.

THE PARISH FAMILY OF SACRED HEART INVITES YOU TO FIESTA GUADALUPE

Sunday, DECEMBER 7, 2025 - 3:00 PM
SACRED HEART SCHOOL CAFETERIA
620 VALLEY BROOK AVE

Join us as we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe with GREAT MUSIC and FOOD with a Latin Flair, raffles and other entertainments.

Tickets will be sold after the Sunday Masses in the Main Vestibule of the Church or call the parish office
201-438-1147

Adult \$25.00 Children \$10

For Donations (Monetary, Raffle Items, Food) please contact: Maria & Veronica at the parish

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK DECEMBER 13TH 5:30 - 9:00 PM LYNDHURST TOWN HALL PARK

Enjoy an evening of holiday festivities, entertainment and free refreshments. Photos with Santa, Horse & Carriage Rides, Live Music & Dance Performances, Costumed Characters. Hot Chocolate, Egg Nog, Donuts

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 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, 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, 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, Ymilce Badia, Rita Blanco, Jeanette Tucci

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

SACRED HEART HOME-SCHOOL ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026

Sacred Heart Home -School Association presents their Annual Tricky Tray on Friday, January 16, 2026 at Sacred Heart School, 620 Valley Brook Ave, Lyndhurst. Tickets are **\$20 per person - no one under 18** will be admitted. **Tickets are non-refundable.** Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets includes ticket for 1st level prizes, coffee/tea and dessert. If you are interested, please call the school office at 201-939-4277 or Patty at 201-803-9580. **Ticket deadline is January 4. No tickets available at the door. No alcoholic beverages.**

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of November 30th, 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: Anne Montillo

Donated by: The Alfano Family

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.

NOVEMBER 30, 2025



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Fred Giodano (Living)

SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Rocco & Louise Paolazzi
10:30 am Vito Barone & Family
12:00pm Rosemary Marranzino
1:30 pm Brian Gracia (Living)

MONDAY - Advent Weekday

12:00pm Irineo M. Diaz

TUESDAY - Advent Weekday

12:00pm Paul N. Haggerty

WEDNESDAY - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

12:00pm Anthony Pereira

THURSDAY - Advent Weekday/St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Luis & Aurea Torres

FIRST FRIDAY - Advent Weekday

12:00pm Carmela & Patrick Ferrara

FIRST SATURDAY - Weekday/St. Nicholas, Bishop

9:00am Purgatorial Society

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Charles Wormke

SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Virginia Pezzolla
10:30 am Peter & Mathilde Favaro
12:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Fred Giordano (Living)
1:30 pm Panchita Lino

STEWARDSHIP

November 16th

Sunday - \$5,807

Add'l Assessment - \$105

Add'l Archdiocese of Military - \$30

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

Sacred Heart Church

CHRISTMAS

MEGA 50/50

WIN
UP TO
\$5,000!*

All Proceeds Benefit Sacred Heart Church

Only 200 tickets will be sold.
Each ticket is \$50.00 for the
chance to win up to \$5,000*.

Drawing will be held on December 12, 2025
in the Parish Center at 7pm.
Winner need not be present to win.

*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_CHRISTMAS_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*: _____

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

Name and Phone
Number to be put
on each ticket if
different than above.
(please print clearly)