



Sacred Heart Church

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

December 7, 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
Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Apr. 4, May 17, Jun. 14, Jul. 12

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent calls us to conversion, a change to our ways of thinking and acting. There are too many valleys of despair that need to be filled in our lives and in our world. There are too many mountains and hills of pride that need to be made low. Along the way we find winding roads of confusion that need straightening and rough and violent ways that must be made smooth. This is still our broken and tired world and it still needs rejuvenation.

In our day and age, we are surrounded by a host of would-be prophets who raise their voices in the newspapers, in the press, and on social media. All of them are proclaiming to have some special gift for discerning the truth and some exclusive right to proclaim it. They know exactly how to pontificate about what is wrong with this country or with the world or with the Church.

And every one of them claims to know how precisely to cure any and all of its ills. Many of them are pretentious, egotistical, crude and intolerant, especially of those who disagree with them. These are sure signs that they are not prophets at all.

The true prophet vividly and faithfully portrays the people's present condition and offers hope. Isaiah promised a time of justice, faithfulness, and peace. God makes a promise to the besieged people of Israel. Even if the tree of David is cut down to a stump, a shoot shall spring from it. This root of Jesse will become a signal to the nations.

John the Baptist calls out to us in whatever dry, discouraged, fearful, angry desert we find ourselves. He directs our attention to the approaching reign of God. "The kingdom of heaven is at hand," he announces. John calls for a change of heart and a turning away from our former ways and a turning towards the Christ we find in others.

Perhaps we still walk along crooked paths. We might find it much easier to take detours around the Gospel challenges of Christian justice. There are still hills of conflict and valleys of depression on the road we walk. There always will be. And that's OK.

It is more important that we welcome the Advent promises of Isaiah and the Baptist. It is important that we see in those promises a reason to hope for a deepening of our own faith and love, for the power to overcome evil in ourselves and in our world, for the healing of hatred, the banishment of fear and for peace and justice. These challenging, prophetic voices echo across the centuries to be proclaimed as our own.

Change of heart is an ongoing process and God indeed comes to set things in right order.



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.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

Your Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

In Memory of:

Other:\$ _____

\$50

\$35

\$25

\$20

\$15

\$10

THE GIVING TREE BRING SOME CHEER TO SOMEONE IN NEED

Reminder, gifts are due back this Sunday, December 7th.

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.**

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Monday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Masses on the Holy Day will be at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12 Noon, and 7:00 PM.**

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK DECEMBER 13TH 5:30 - 9:00 PM RAIN DATE DECEMBER 14TH 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

NEXT COR MEETING

The Lyndhurst Knights of Columbus invite all Catholic men to attend the next meeting of "Cor", a new, monthly program intended to help focus men on Jesus by building Christ-centered brotherhood through a flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, December 18th at 7:30pm at the Sacred Heart Church Convent Building, near the back of the Church's parking lot, 324 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst. This very impactful program, which will usually continue on the fourth Thursday of each month, will include elements of prayer and the rosary, and will offer men the opportunity to pray together, and to strengthen their faith, as well as to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood. Refreshments will be served. The Knights invite all Catholic men to attend this inspirational meeting. Please know that you do not need to be a member of the Knights of Columbus to participate in and enjoy this program!

In order to understand more about COR, please visit: <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/cor.html>

We ask that if you do wish to attend, please fill out the registration link: <http://linktr.ee/council2396>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

SICK: Baby Ryan Joseph Lomuscio, Sal Russo, Charles Klimkowsky, 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: Arceli Vargas

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

In Honor of: Carol Ann Napolitano

Donated by: Brian & Carol O'Keefe

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

In Honor of: Maria Leopardi

Donated by: Rosemary & Andrew Paleologos

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of December 7th, 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: Beatriz Bayas

Donated by: Torres-Bayas Family

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

DECEMBER 7, 2025



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

MONDAY - THE IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00am Gertrude Manning Hajduk

9:00am Angel & Jenny Pagan (Living)

12:00pm Rosemary Groszman

7:00pm Julian & Lorenza Duran

TUESDAY - Advent Weekday/St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

12:00pm Florence Moderelli

WEDNESDAY - Advent Weekday/Our Lady of Loreto

12:00pm Virginia Pezzolla

THURSDAY - Advent Weekday/St. Damasus I, Pope

12:00pm Adam A. Sauser, Sr.

FRIDAY - Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:00pm Daniel Vivas (Living)

SATURDAY - St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

9:00am Joseph Mendez

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Frank Carucci

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Anne Montillo

10:30 am Anne Montillo

12:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Fred Giordano (Living)

1:30 pm Brian Garcia (Living)

STEWARDSHIP

November 23rd

Sunday - \$5,482

Add'l Military - \$37



Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24th

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass

12:00 AM - Midnight Mass

(The Mass at 9:00 AM on December 24th is for the last day of Advent. It IS NOT a Christmas Mass and does not fulfill the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas)

Thursday, December 25th

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM

10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM (Spanish)



Food Pantry Update

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25:40

Our Parish Family Food Pantry food distribution date for Christmas is December 20th.

We are stocking up the pantry for Christmas and the winter season. Can you help us assist our brothers and sisters struggling with food insecurity to have a merrier Christmas?

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! Thanks to ALL for the donations which help keep our food pantry stocked all year round! *As a reminder, we are unable to package out-of-date food products for distribution to our families.*

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING - CATHEDRAL BASILICA IN NEWARK BUS RESERVATION

Wednesday, December 17th, 5:30 PM Deadline December 14th

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

If you would like to attend and would like to take a bus from the parish instead of driving to Newark, please complete the form below. Completed forms can be placed in an envelope and marked Bus Reservation and put in the collection basket by Dec. 14th. **Please be at the parish by 5:30 PM.** For questions or more information call Marge 201-981-6734. **The bus fee: \$20 Adult \$10 Children 12 and Younger**

Bus Reservation for Carol Sing Dec. 17th

Name _____

Phone _____

of Adults _____ x \$20 #of Children _____ x \$10

Cash or Checks payable to Sacred Heart Church