



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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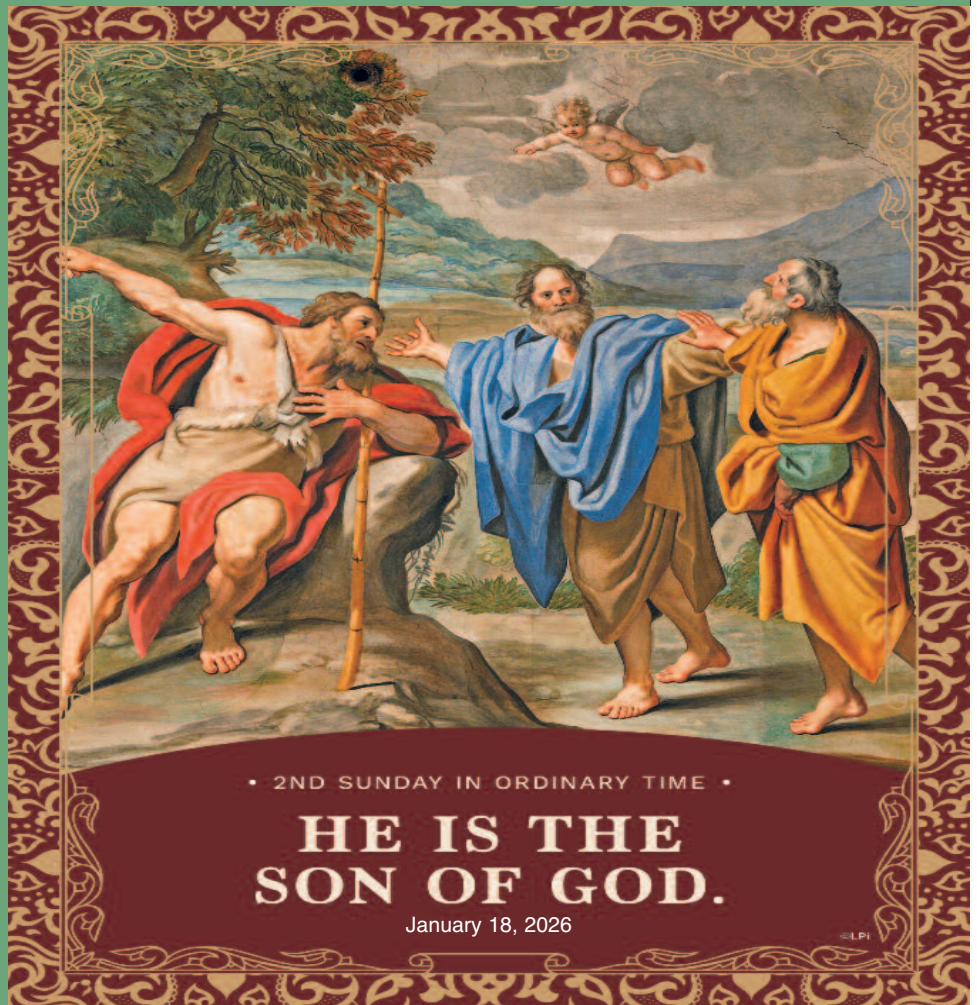
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SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS SCHEDULE

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 3:00pm
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 In Ordinary Time

The year is very new and there are as ever many questions on the horizon. We look at the days and months ahead and wonder when the wars and strife in eastern Europe, the Middle East, South America and so many other places will end. How can we put an end to poverty and homelessness? Will we ever be able to speak civilly to one another again? When will peace rule peoples' hearts? As "ordinary time" begins to unfold, we will be constantly reminded that God has not and will not abandon us. The light that led the Magi will shine light on our dark winter days. Into this darkness comes the promise of Light. Will all things get better immediately? Not likely. But a way has been illumined, a path has been shown to us and we must continue to live by the light we have seen.

Today's scripture opens with a focus on Isaiah's "servant" - the light to the nations. This light then moves to John the Baptist and his testimony about Jesus. And finally that light comes to rest on us, both as a community of faith and as individual witnesses to the light of Christ. We are called to be holy.

Isaiah is dominant in our liturgical readings as we begin our new year. We begin with God's promise: "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." Next week we will discover the promise fulfilled: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."

John the Baptist also has a prominent place during these weeks. In last week's reading, John protested his unworthiness at the baptism of Jesus. This week he boldly proclaims: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Finally, next week, we will see John arrested - his mission fulfilled.

In the Gospels of Luke and Matthew this scene has a voice from heaven affirming Jesus as "the beloved Son," perhaps a continuation of the Epiphany narrative. But today's revelation is different. It comes through the human voice of the Baptist. John was a forthright, outspoken prophet, but also quite vulnerable. The Baptist's voice gives rich testimony to Jesus' identity. He tells us that Jesus is the Lamb of God who "takes away the sin of the world. He is the one who ranks ahead of John, the one upon whom the Spirit came and remained. John also tells us that Jesus is the one who will "baptize with the Holy Spirit" and who is "the Son of God."

In Matthew and Luke it is the voice of God which identifies Jesus. But in the Gospel of John, the Baptist is the clear witness to him for us. Today's Gospel has turned our attention to human witnesses, those who are the lights in the world, who speak and act out of their own faith experience and thus give witness to Jesus' identity.

Early Christians were drawn to the Servant Songs of Isaiah and they saw themselves as a people called out of exile through Jesus, God's obedient servant. He was the sign of God's compassion and justice to all nations that "my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." These same Christians also saw themselves in the prophetic role of God's servant, called and challenged to be holy, to be a people of light, a sign of God's outreach to all who dwell in any kind of darkness.

In Jesus, we too are called to be this "light to the nations." But we have a long way to go before we, as a community, can be called servants of God's compassion and peace in the world. If we truly are lights to the world, then we are on display all the time. Who we are as the people of God and how we interact among ourselves and others, will also be a message to those in exile, calling them out of their darkness into the loving embrace of the Father.

This, then, is our call. And if we are faithful to it, living as Paul describes us today - those "who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy" - then we can become the servant community of people that Isaiah envisioned, a "light to the nations."

Food Pantry Update

We are stocking up our parish family food pantry to help our brothers and sisters in need during the cold winter months. Can you help us make winter a little warmer for those struggling with food insecurity?

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.

YOUR HELP TO MAKE THE FUN IS NEEDED

Our parish's annual St. Patrick's celebration is a significant fundraiser but more importantly it's a fun packed evening with great food, music, and Irish dancers along with raffles and a 50/50. **We're looking for folks to help sell raffle tickets and tickets to the celebration after the Masses on the weekends as well as help in building the gift baskets and setting up the school cafeteria on the March 6th, serving and knocking table and chairs down after the celebration on March 7th.** We're also soliciting gift certificates from local vendors, e.g. Restaurants, florists, hair and nail salons, etc. Letters acknowledging the gifts will be available at the Parish Center. Consider joining us in this endeavor and take advantage of meeting your fellow parishioners. If you are interested in helping please call the parish office at 201-438-1147.

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.

PAY IT FOWARD PROGRAM

Sacred Heart Parish has partnered with BCB Bank to raise some need funds for our parish.

The Pay It Forward Program gives us the opportunity to earn donations based on the number of supporters who signed up for the program. If we have 20-50 members, BCB will contribute 0.20% of the cumulative account balance, 51-75 members 0.30%, 76+ members 0.40%. **A minimum of 20 members is required**

****NO DONATIONS ARE WITHDRAWN FROM CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNTS, ALL DONATIONS COME DIRECTLY FROM BCB.**

****ALL PERSONAL AND FINANIAL INFORMATION IS KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BY THE BANK. THE CHURCH WILL NOT KNOW WHO HAS REGISTERED UNLESS YOU DECIDE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH US.** Contact BCB directly if you have questions about the program or want to open an account. Please remember to tell them you want to support Sacred Heart Church in Lyndhurst. Lyndhurst - 201-728-6810, Rutherford - 201-728-6960

**FOURTH ANNUAL
VALENTINE CELEBRATION
DOO-WOP, DINNER AND MORE!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026
7:00PM - 10:00 PM (DOORS OPEN 6:30PM)
LYNDHURST SENIOR CENTER
250 CLEVELAND AVE., LYNDHURST
TICKETS \$40 NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR
WITH
FOREVER YOUNG
ONE OF NJ/NY'S PREMIERE GOLDEN OLDIES
DOP WOP SIX-PIECE BAND**

**PRESENTED BY
LYNDHURST GIRLS' ASSOCIATION &
A FUNDRAISER FOR THE LIBBIE LINDSAY LITTLE
HOUSE FOR LYNDHURST GIRL SCOUTS AND FOR
THE LYNDHURSTCUB SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS AND
VENTURE CREW
Admission includes a delicious pasta dinner, dessert
and beverages (BYOB)
For tickets mail your check payable to the "Lyndhurst
Girls' Association" to Donna Shinnick,
617 Lake Ave, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
Questions? Call Donna 201-906-3010**

FIESTA GUADALUPE THANK YOU!

The Fiesta Guadalupe Committee is happy to report that a total of \$8,709 was raised for our parish family!! We thank Our Lady of Guadalupe and all who sponsored or participated in any way to make this a great event for our parish. Special thanks to all who gave so freely of their time, talent and treasure that made Fiesta Guadalupe such a success!

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 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, 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, Assunta Santangelo, Clementine Vocaturo, Tin Maung Khin, Monroe Madsen, Ymilce Badia, Rita Blanco, Jeanette Tucci, Linda Kost

DECEASED: Flora Paz, Nancy Jusi

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH

In Honor of: Thomas Redner, Happy 4th Anniversary In Heaven

Donated by: Jean Redner

St. Patrick's Celebration - March 7th Your Help Makes A Difference Your Unwanted Christmas Gifts Needed

Before you put those unwanted Christmas gifts that you received in the back of your closet, consider donating them to our parish. All **NEW ITEMS** will be used to make baskets for raffle that we will have at our St. Patrick's Day Celebration. All items can be left near the shrine of the Sacred Heart in the back of the church. If you would be interested in helping set-up, serve or clean-up at the event, please call the parish office.

MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

Mon. Jan. 19th is the Martin Luther King holiday. The Mass will be celebrated at its regular of 12:00PM. In observance of the holiday, the parish is closed and will reopen on Tue., Jan 20th at 9:00AM

SECOND COLLECTION

Your generosity in the second collection next weekend will assist in the effort of announcing the Gospel through the Communicating God's Word Campaign.

CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's (OLMC) Holy Name Society is hosting a Casino Night on Sat. Jan.24, 6:00-10:00pm. Tickets purchased in advance or at the door - \$60, and receive \$250 in play money. Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Poker, Texas Hold 'em Matches. Pre-Event Special (Valid Through Jan. 22) – Purchase tickets in advance for \$100 and receive \$750 in play money. Many prizes also offered. Admission includes hot buffet (BYOB). OLMC Parish Center, 146 Copeland Ave. Lyndhurst. For more info call Mike at 201-522-4553 or Mark at 201-803-1717.

JANUARY 18, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Alfredo Jaceldone

SUNDAY - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Antonio Martirano

10:30 am Anne Montillo

12:00pm John Du Bois, Jr.

1:30 pm Carmela Palma

MONDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Loretta Dietz

TUESDAY - Weekday/St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr/St. Sebastian, Martyr

12:00pm Ted Cornell

WEDNESDAY - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

12:00pm Arthur Giammetta

THURSDAY - Weekday/Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

12:00pm Special Intention

FRIDAY - Weekday/St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr/St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

12:00pm Angeles U. Pacheco

SATURDAY - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00am Arceli Vargas

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Pamela Vogel

SUNDAY - Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Vito Mongelli

10:30 am Liliana & Giovanna Radicia

12:00pm Frank De Serio

1:30 pm Fabian Reyes (Living)

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY JANUARY 4TH

Sunday - \$6,1081

Christmas To Date - \$20,363



COME AND LISTEN

ARE YOU SUFFERING WITH NO ANSWER?
DO YOU WORRY ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?
ARE YOU SEEKING HAPPINESS?

JESUS CHRIST IS LOOKING FOR YOU

**CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS
AND YOUTH (ages 12 & older)**

ONE WORD COULD
CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

Mondays & Thursdays
Starting Monday, January 12th
8:00pm in Parish Center Chapel
(former Convent)
Enter through the
parking lot entrance

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 7, 2026, 6:00 PM

Sacred Heart School Cafeteria

Corned Beef Dinner - Irish Music - BYOB

50/50 Raffle - Drawing at 8:00 p.m.

Gift Baskets Auction

Tickets for the dinner \$30 for Adults \$10 for
kids 12 and under and will go on sale shortly.

In conjunction with this major fund raising event, the parish is requesting donations for gift baskets that will be auctioned off that night. If you're interested in donating a \$25, \$50, or \$75 basket, please drop it off at the Parish Center. If you'd like to contribute new items to make up a gift basket, you can also drop them off at the Parish Center. If you have any questions, feel free to call Sabina at 862-249-1186. Thank you for your generosity which will contribute to the success of this fund raising which will benefit Sacred Heart Parish.

