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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19

January 25, 2026

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.

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

God seldom chooses the people that we expect. God seems to prefer the younger and inexperienced to the elder and accomplished, the unlikely to the logical. God chooses Jacob over his elder brother Esau. God chooses Joseph and David over their elder brothers. When God needs a prophet, he chooses Amos who is a shepherd and a dresser of sycamore trees or Jeremiah who is a boy. God chooses Mary though she is a lowly handmaiden and Paul though he is a persecutor of the Church. It is difficult to predict who God is going to call. It is not we who choose God, but God who chooses us and God will choose who God will choose.

This call comes anew again and again. To answer it means a newness of life, as it did for those first disciples. It requires severing old ways of thinking and acting. It means putting aside our self-focused values and taking on a new way of seeing ourselves and our world.

And it requires a choice. It requires putting faith into practice. Like Peter and Andrew, and James and John, we are called to cast our nets and be fishers of people. We are all called to minister and proclaim, as did Isaiah, "Anguish has taken wing, darkness is dispelled." How we respond to His call is the measure by which the Good News of Salvation is spread throughout our world.

Throughout most of our lives, we are surrounded by the darkness of "bad news:" the futility and slaughter of war, the miseries of poverty, the stressed environment, the divide between races and religions, the conflicts across national borders, the sick left unintended, the aged neglected and the killing of the unborn. In many ways we are "overshadowed by" and quite aware of death on a large, communal scale as we watch the devastation of natural forces, but also in our individual lives, insignificant from a world perspective, but so very important to us.

But the "good news" is that God is with us in the darkness.

The first disciples dropped everything and left everything safe and comfortable to follow Jesus immediately. For most of us, the call to follow Jesus has not nearly been as dramatic. But we too need to recognize the immediacy of His call, the importance of His message for today's world.

God is always preparing us for the next call. That is why conversion of heart is an essential virtue of discipleship. We must be people who honestly claim what is in our hearts, what we seek, what we need, what we yearn for. These feelings are not random movements. They are the work of the Spirit prompting us and preparing us. And when we are willing to be attentive to the Spirit's action, we will be ready, so that when Jesus walks by and says, "Come!" we will immediately leave what we have, cast out our nets and follow him.

The Lord sends us an urgent invitation to participate in important work to bring the Light into the Darkness. The Kingdom is at hand. The Kingdom is now!



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.

2026 ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2026 Annual Appeal has officially begin and many of us have received or will be receiving a letter in the mail from Cardinal Tobin inviting us to consider making a financial sacrifice in support of this year's Appeal. The 2025 Annual Appeal raised over \$11 million, which is the most successful Appeal since 2007!

To build off that momentum, and to begin this year's Appeal, you can view a kick-off video featuring our Regional Bishops. You can access this video by visiting www.rcan.org/sharing. In the video the bishops reflect on the importance of the Annual Appeal and how together, our generosity supports vital ministries across our four counties.

At the same time, our Archdiocese is moving forward with We Are His Witnesses, a pastoral initiative that invites us to walk together on path of pastoral conversion that calls all of us to reimagine parish life, mission and ministry in response to a changing world.

Our parish goal this year is \$45,269 and reaching this goal in paid pledges by June 30th will allow us to receive a rebate.

**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

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Sunday of the Word of God of the Catholic Church takes place on the third Sunday in Ordinary Time, in January. Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, issued as a motu proprio, *Aperuit illis*, was published on the 30th September 2019. It established, "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God".

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

DECEASED: Irene Bramble

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

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

SACRED HEART HOME SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION - FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

Sacred Heart Home-School Association presents their Annual Spring Auction on Friday, March 20, 2026 at Sacred Heart School, 620 Valley Brook Ave. Tickets are \$20 per person - no one under 18 will be admitted. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Tickets includes one sheet 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 March 11th. No tickets available at the door.



JANUARY 25, 2026



Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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)

MONDAY - St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops

12:00pm Pasquale Cedola

TUESDAY - Weekday/St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

12:00pm Lorena & Julian Duran

WEDNESDAY - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Philip Coiro

THURSDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Denise Ann Morrone

FRIDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Mary Malkowski

SATURDAY - St. John Bosco, Priest

9:00am David Vaccari

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Special Intention

SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Irene & Joseph Pravetz

10:30 am Louise Hamilton

12:00pm Anna Cappiello

1:30 pm Carlos Christian Ruiz

STEWARSHIP

Collection Totals Not Available
At Time of Publication

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

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**

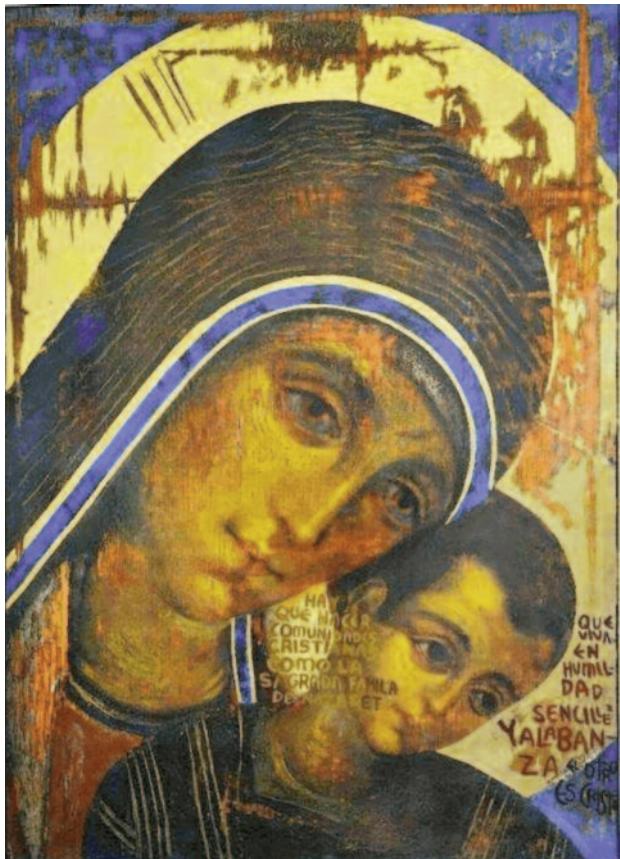
**CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS
AND YOUTH (ages 12 & older)**

**ONE WORD COULD
CHANGE YOUR LIFE.**

Continues

**Mondays & Thursdays
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.

