



Sacred Heart Church

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'" John 20:27

April 12, 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
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.

O.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 EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Aftershocks are very disconcerting. They keep us living on the edge. They give us a radically new outlook on the permanency and security of physical things. They unclutter our lives very swiftly, effectively, and sometimes very painfully. They open our eyes and let us see how fragile we really are.

We are now invited to celebrate the Fifty days of Easter - fifty days because this one event cannot be captured in a single day - fifty days to let the aftershock of this incredible event vibrate in our minds and hearts and spirits. The aftershocks of Christ's Resurrection should loosen up the tight grip of our self-centeredness and hard-heartedness. They should shake us up, and rock the foundations of the fortress we have built for our complacency, our prejudice, our fears, our spitefulness, and our passing judgment on others. They should open our hearts and remind us once again that even after 2000 years there is so much left to do.

The impact of Easter, in the early Church, and hopefully again in our time, is for believers to gather, to be together to contemplate the mystery of the Lord's resurrection, to let it touch minds and hearts, and to reaffirm for us, once again, that we do not live - we cannot live - in isolation.

The special sense of Community brought about by the Resurrection was very tangible in the apostolic church. We read about common living, sharing of common goals and goods, and a great concern that none of the believers should be left alone or in need.

The Gospel incident with Thomas also highlights this same sense of community. The disciples gathered together, partly in fear and wonder, and partly because they needed each other's support. When Jesus appeared to them, He offered them His gift of peace, and urged them to make mutual forgiveness the very first sign of their faith in the resurrection.

Thomas was absent on that occasion, so when he joined them they shared their experience of the Risen Lord. Interestingly, Thomas not only doubted the reality of the event, but he would not accept the testimony of his brothers. Imagine how frustrating and almost insulting that must have been for the other apostles.

Thomas was so sure of himself. He would not be touched by their communal witness; he insisted on personal, direct proof. Only when Jesus invited him to touch the wounds of His hands and feet, did Thomas proclaim his faith. And Jesus simply says: "Blessed are they who have not seen, yet have believed."

There's a very important lesson here about the role of the community. Many, many people insist on personal proof; they will not learn from their brothers and sisters; they want somehow to touch the mystery of God directly. They want to "own" the mystery, to be the champions of the truth - as they see it.

Jesus reaches out to all of us as he did Thomas and reminds us all: "Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believe." Jesus wants us to be together with those who share their faith, so that we can be strengthened, consoled, and nourished. The Risen Lord clearly invites all of us to be evangelists, to give powerful, personal and communal witness to our faith, and so to lead many others out of the prison of their aloneness into the joy-filled, peace-filled, and forgiveness-filled community of faith that is the reality of Church.

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus means much more than just believing that He has come back to life. It means that He has overcome death forever; that in His humanity He has moved to a state of existence that is beyond space and time. It means that we dispense with childish, earthbound images of Jesus as having a shiny body suspended somewhere in space, floating triumphantly somewhere between heaven and earth.

As we look toward Pentecost, let us pray that the Spirit of the Risen Lord breathe into our hearts a burning desire to be faithful witnesses to His Easter Light and Joy. Let us pray that our fears and anxieties may give way to the peace and comfort that only hope in Him can bring.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL

Your Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

In Memory of: _____



\$50
\$35
\$25
\$20
\$15
\$10

Checks payable to: Sacred Heart Church

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.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration Fridays, 12:30 - 3:00 pm

"Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jn 20:15

Like Mary Magdalene, we many times are searching for intimate communion with Jesus but fail to discern His presence in our lives, even when He is very close to us. Don't miss this opportunity to spend some intimate time in adoration *and be in the real presence of our risen Lord!*

CELEBRATE THE JOY OF THE SEASON

Easter is not just a day, it is an entire season. "The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as on 'great Sunday' [St. Athanasius]" (Ceremonial of Bishops, n. 371). The first eight days of Easter (The Octave of Easter) are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord and the double "Alleluia" with its ancient and beautiful chant closes every liturgy. The daily Scripture readings always includes a passage from the Acts of the Apostles (as the Church relives Her early history and shares it with the newly-baptized.) and from the "Paschal Gospel," that of St. John. On the fortieth day of the Easter Season, the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated, and the nine days from the Ascension to the Vigil of Pentecost (the original "novena") are an intensive preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Easter Season comes to a close on Pentecost Sunday, which commemorates the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles, the birth of the Church, and Her mission to every tongue and people and nation.



Food Pantry Update

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."



We are stocking up our parish family food pantry to help our brothers and sisters struggling with food insecurity during the Spring months. It's a impactful opportunity to practice a Corporal Work of Mercy.

If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated: Cereal, Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Pasta (including Spaghetti), Soup, Potatoes (small packages or canned), Vegetables, Coffee (regular and instant), Peanut Butter, and Jelly, Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese, Beans. *Note that great canned vegetable and canned 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. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PERISHABLE ITEMS IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

Thanks to all for the donations which help keep our food pantry stocked all year round! **We would not be able to help our neighbors in need without you!** *As a reminder, we are unable to package out-of-date food products for distribution to our families.*

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, Linda Kost, Jimmy Delano, Antoinette Wartel

DECEASED: All from our Parish Family the Lord has called home.

NEXT MEN'S COR MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH AT 7:30 PM

The Lyndhurst Knights of Columbus invite ALL Catholic men to attend the next meeting of "Cor", a monthly program intended to help focus men on Jesus by building Christ-centered brotherhood through a flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity. You don't have to be a Knight to attend a COR meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 15th 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 third Wednesday 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!

ANNUAL CALENDAR PARTY SACRED HEART HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION SACRED HEART SCHOOL, 620 VALLEY BROOK AVE MAY 1ST DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

Tickets are Non-refundable, NO ALCOHOLIC Beverages Will Be Allowed

Raffles are scheduled to begin approximately 8:00 PM

Ticket Includes: Sandwich, Potato Salad, Beverage, Coffee, Tea, Dessert

Donation: \$25 per person No One Under 18 Will Be Admitted

Call Patty at 201-803-9580 for tickets

DEADLINE IS APRIL 17th

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Do you have a child or grandchild starting or changing school in September? Why not consider Sacred Heart School? We offer a safe and nurturing environment for children Pre-K3 through 8th Grade. Along with their ABCs your child will build character and learn compassion and values. New families considering enrolling in our school can arrange to make a visit. Call the school at 201-939-4277 for more details.

APRIL 12, 2026



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Arnulfo Orozco

SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Lenore O'Rourke

10:30 am Mary (Marion) Roughneen

12:00pm John & Lulu Scardino

1:30 pm Eileen Goris

MONDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

12:00pm Thaddeus Albinski

TUESDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Gerry Primavera

WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Rolando T. Coson

THURSDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Pilar Cantos & Saturnino Cantos

FRIDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Juan Cantos, Jr. &
Eufrodina Cantos

SATURDAY - Easter Weekday

9:00am Colleen Cicchetti

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Elma Di Perna

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Erich G. Linker

10:30 am Mary M. Roughneen

12:00pm Krizan Peros

1:30 pm Rosa Maggion Calda

STEWARDSHIP

Palm Sunday - \$10,817

Annual Appeal Collection - \$1,533

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

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. 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. **We will have a special collection on April 18th and 19th to help us close the gap on our goal. You can make your gift online at www.rcan.org/sharing. Be sure to select Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst so our parish can receive credit for your gift. To date we have:**

Our Goal \$45,269
Amount Paid \$19,473 (43.02% of Goal)
Families Participating: 79

Celebrate God's Gracious Mercy!

Christ reaches out with all of the love He bore for Man as He hung – agonized and brutalized – on the cross. This Calvary love – this love that knows no containment or perimeter – is freely offered to every living soul. Freely, without price, without strings attached, without condition. His Calvary love is mercy and grace united and personified in the person, the Godhead of Jesus, whose singular longing is to flood the world with His love. Imagine how the world would change if every living soul on the planet were given the opportunity to encounter the fullness of Christ's Calvary love through the Chaplet of Divine Mercy!

Our Lord said to St. Faustina:

"Unceasingly recite this chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death ... Priest will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this chaplet even once, will receive grace from My infinite mercy (687) ... Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who will recite this chaplet (848) ... Through the chaplet you will obtain anything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will (1731) ... I want the whole world to know My infinite mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My mercy (687)."

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

On Ordinary Rosary Beads.

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, say 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.

2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).

4. Conclude with (three times):

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

If possible, pray the Chaplet at 3:00pm, the hour of Divine Mercy.

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"My daughter, write down these words: All those souls who will glorify My mercy and spread its worship, encouraging others to trust in My mercy, will not experience terror at the hour of death. My mercy will shield them in that final battle..."(1540)-Words of the Lord as recorded by St. Faustina

