



Sacred Heart Church

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

April 26, 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



We have all been called to become “resurrection people.” The Crucified Christ teaches us that we carry within us - individually and as a community - the wounds of our world and of our Church. But the Risen Christ teaches us that these are also the wounds of Christ which have the potential to heal from the hurt that we have endured. The Cross conditions us to self-denial, to contradiction, and to the possibility of total failure. But The Empty Tomb assures us that the victory and the power of the Risen Lord are ours. It is through that power that we defy the world and its standards. Each day we are called to give our response to the world - a communal response based on a common faith expressed within our common community.

The Gospel today presents a powerful image. It reminds us that Jesus is the gate for the sheep and that we can only be the people He calls us to be by living our lives as He lived His. The text says that he calls each one of us by name and then walks ahead of us expecting us to follow. The shepherd leads the sheep through the gate and into the world to do his work.

His was a new way of looking at things. Jesus modeled a life-style which He invited all of his followers to share - one of concern and compassion, one of service and dedication, one of relentless and abounding love and one that brings all people together in His own healing power.

This new way of life requires courage and strength. The Gospel is blunt and absolutely clear in reminding us that our lives should be marked not only by gentleness and reconciliation but by our own willingness to lay down our lives for the sake of others. Maybe it is time for all of us to re-examine just how willing we are to do just that.

We are not bringing people together when we avoid taking a stand against evil and injustice. We are not being faithful disciples when we accept the manipulations of our world, the imperfections of governments, the flaws of our culture. We are not following the gospel when we accept abuse in our workplace, in our churches or in our home. Our mandate from Jesus is to oppose evil and to assert ourselves against those forces which can harm us and the people we love.

We should be encouraged by Jesus' words today. He proclaims God's reign in order to awaken hope and call all people to change their way of thinking and acting. We are called to enter the gate and follow. But we are called to be shepherds of the flock as well. As both sheep and shepherds, we need to rediscover and reinterpret the Jesus message in a clear and decisive language that will speak to the world about how we see ourselves as His followers.

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!*

BI-ANNUAL ROSARY SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE

The Dominican Nuns of Summit NJ will be holding their bi-annual Rosary Sunday Pilgrimage on **Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00 PM. Their yearly 'May Crowning' of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a brief homily, and Benediction will follow the recitation of the Rosary. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know the nuns! Currently the community is comprised of about 20 nuns from the ages of 26-91 with a median age of 36. It is the only cloistered community in the Archdiocese of Newark. **The Rosary Shrine is located at 543 Springfield Ave, Summit NJ. Parking will be available next door at 535 Springfield Ave. For questions: info@summitdominicans.org or 908-273-1228.**



NEWARK PRIEST

CALLED BY NAME

HELP US CULTIVATE THE NEXT GENERATION OF PRIESTS

Today is Called by Name Sunday!

Cardinal Tobin is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-35) who exhibit a love of God and neighbor, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. **To submit names, please visit newarkpriest.com OR complete a Called By Name Card available in the pews and drop it in the collection basket next week.** The men whose names you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Cardinal Tobin, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for supporting vocations!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FIRST FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTION

The elements of this devotion consist of **four points, all of which must be offered in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. One should make this intention before carrying out Our Lady's request, on the First Saturday of five successive months,**

1. go to confession, 2. receive Holy Communion, 3. say five decades of the Rosary, and 4. keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.”

Here at Sacred Heart, the devotion continues next Sat., May 2nd. You are invited to *attend the 9:00 AM Mass in the church and receive Holy Communion. After the Mass the Most Holy Rosary will be recited with Fatima Prayers. After, you are invited to spend 15 minutes in silent meditation on the mysteries of the rosary. The sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available in the church on Sat., 4:00 - 4:45PM*

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: James Ray Martin, Marie A. Morrone

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

The Lyndhurst Knights of Columbus' Annual Baby Bottle Drive will take place the weekend of May 16-17, to assist the Good Counsel Homes' support for unwed mothers and their babies. Please take home an empty baby bottle and return it, filled with your donation, to a designated basket in the back of the church, or in the collection basket during mass, on or before June 15th. Thank you!



PAY IT FORWARD 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%. **To date BCB has donated \$693 to our parish family through this program.**

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



SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2026-2027

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 26, 2026



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Frances Krysiak

SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Geraldine Cupo

10:30 am Arceli Vargas

12:00pm Elma Di Perna

1:30 pm Maria Ubaldina Elias

MONDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Lorenza & Julian Duran

TUESDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr/St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

12:00pm Adam A. Sauser, Sr.

WEDNESDAY - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of
Guadalupe for Job & Scholarship

THURSDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Pius V, Pope

12:00pm Joseph Mayerchak

FIRST FRIDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Joseph the Worker

12:00pm Jack Meister (Living)

SATURDAY - St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00am Purgatorial Society

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Fidia Guzman

SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Lorenza & Julian Duran

10:30 am Johnny Guzman (Living)

12:00pm Jerry Agresti, Sr.

1:30 pm Eden Benitez (Living)

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - \$6,420

Easter To Date - \$17,442

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 \$25,705 (56.78% of Goal)
Families Participating: 96



**Knights of
Columbus**

JOIN US!

**WHAT IT MEANS
TO BE A KNIGHT**

We are Catholic men who
**LEAD, SERVE
PROTECT AND DEFEND**

We share a desire to be better
**HUSBANDS, FATHERS, SONS
NEIGHBORS AND ROLE MODELS**
And to put charity and community first

**Knights of Columbus
Lyndhurst Council #2396**

Link Below For More Info

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SCAN ME



Supporting

**Sacred Heart Church
Mount Carmel Church
Saint Michael Church**

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.

