



Sacred Heart Church

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

May 3, 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

It is comforting to know that our belief in Christ Jesus is our means to eternal life. But if you listen to the gospels carefully, it is clear that they ask more of us than simply believing in Jesus. Jesus asks us not simply to believe in His name but to do His works. He says, "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do." Faith, while an essential part of discipleship is not sufficient in itself. It must be lived out in such a way that it reflects God's love in our lives.

As modern-day disciples how exactly do we do this?

We who follow Christ must work with integrity and compassion. When we are able to forgive an enemy, to reach out and touch a leper, or to show graciousness to those who do not deserve it, we know that God is working in us and through us. This makes us both humble and blessed.

We who follow Christ must also be willing to give witness to our faith. Today's Gospel is a scene from the Last Supper during which we see the Master take the role of the servant, humbling himself to wash the feet of his disciples. We see him bless and commission his disciples to bring His healing power of forgiveness, offering reconciliation between mankind and mankind with God. And he showed his people how to gather around his table, break bread together and make his saving presence real once again.

This fits a pattern for the early church: all members of the laity, both men and women alike, would take ownership of the aspects of their new community life. (Acts 6:4)

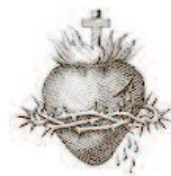
The First Letter of Peter addresses the difficulty of living the Christian life in a hostile, secular environment that upholds different values and subjected the Christian community to ridicule and oppression. This message is still relevant today. The author assures the people: "you are 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood,' a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Somewhere along the way, this royal priesthood of Jesus Christ became seen as a special gift offered only to a few, rather than the duty and responsibility of all baptized Christians. We need to return to the original understanding that our faith rests not in the organization that we call "church" but in the Person who gathers this community together and sends it forth.

In the Gospel, Philip speaks for all of us when he says to Jesus: "Show us the Father. We really only need one thing - to see God. Show us how to do that, and it will be enough!"

Jesus answered with words that are equally critical for us: "How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these."

CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026, to mark the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding. This act of devotion aims to promote spiritual renewal, encourage reparation for offenses against human dignity, and infuse Gospel values into American society.

Key Details of the Consecration

Date: June 11, 2026, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Context: The event coincides with the 250th anniversary (Semiquincentennial) of the Declaration of Independence.

Purpose: The USCCB intends to renew devotion to the Sacred Heart, recognize the kingship of Christ, and foster a "kingdom of justice, fraternity, and solidarity".

Participation: All parishes are encouraged to participate, with resources planned to include a novena and local celebrations.

Background: The decision was approved by the USCCB with an overwhelming majority (215-8) during their 2025 Fall Plenary Assembly.

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!*



NEWARK
PRIEST

CALLED BY NAME

HELP US CULTIVATE THE NEXT GENERATION OF PRIESTS

Called by Name

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.** 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!

MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN

MAY 9TH & 10TH

SECOND COLLECTION

Through the Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan, the people of our Archdiocese reach out in prayer and sacrifice to the Church in mission lands. Many missionary diocese and mission-sending Religious Communities will receive desperately needed help because of it. This Plan, created in the Archdiocese of Newark in 1931, is now in use throughout the world. For this year, Cardinal Tobin has assigned Sister Nancy Kamau of the Little Sisters of St. Francis, Kenya to our parish. Sister Nancy will ask for our prayers and financial support (please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church) to assist the important work that her community does among the poor and marginalized.

The Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi belongs to a Third Order Regular and an indigenous Institute of Diocesan Right. Our institute was founded on May 1, 1923 in Uganda by the late Mother Mary Kevin Servant of God. We are a missionary community of Catholic sisters who reach out in service to the poor and the marginalized in society.

Our institute is an inter-ethnic community with over forty diverse groups drawn from Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. Our mother house is located in the Diocese of Lugazi, Uganda and the Generalate is in Jinja Diocese, Uganda. The Little Sisters are actively involved in works of mercy, bringing the good news to those in the margins of society. Through love and service the sisters continue to improve the lives of the very poor. Our missionary work is growing within the three East African countries of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda as well as in the United States where we have a dozen sisters serving the needy and the marginalized.

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, Franceso Giacchi, Mario Alongi, Sr., John Scivetti, 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, 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, Mike Foglio

DECEASED: Steven Di Mascio

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of May 3rd, the following items used for worship in our sanctuary were donated in the memory of a relative or friend or a special intention.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

In Honor of: Nicholas R. Toulon



Donated by: Michele Toulon

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



MAY 3, 2026



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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)

MONDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Walsh Family

TUESDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Lucja & Piort Kurcon (Living)

WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Demostenes Alegrado

THURSDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Victor Adriano Castillo

FRIDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Anthony Scardino, Sr.

SATURDAY - Easter Weekday

9:00am Eileen Payne

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Lorenza Duran

SUNDAY - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Joseph J. Pavlica, Jr.

10:30 am Silvia Urena

12:00pm Conrad Petrillo & Petrillo Family

1:30 pm Cesar Castano

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - \$5,464

Catholic Home Mission - \$1,629

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 May 16th and 17th 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 \$27,700 (61.19% of Goal)
Families Participating: 100



**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.

