



# Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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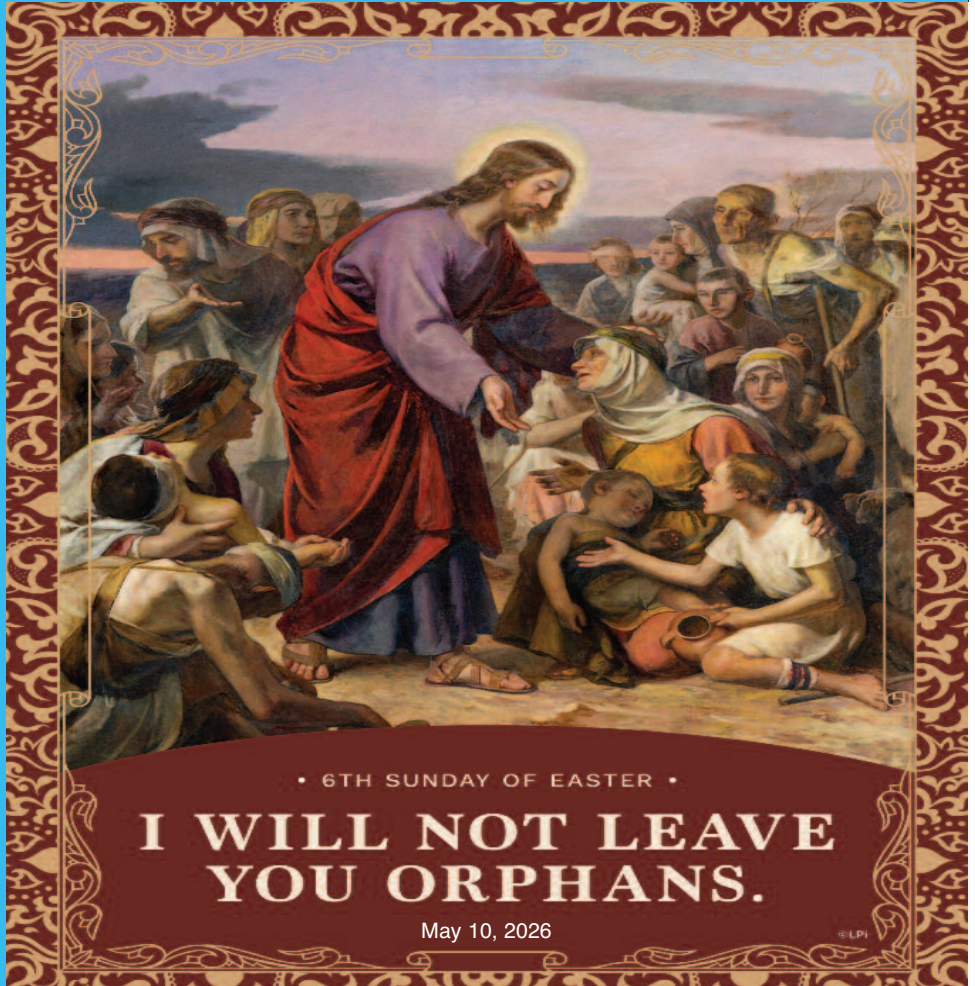
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• 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER •

# I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS.

May 10, 2026

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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  
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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Time and time again Jesus promised the gift of his own Spirit. He did this to remind us that we would not be left as orphans and to reassure us that he would be in our lives forever. But to truly appreciate the gift of the Spirit, it is perhaps helpful for us to remember what Christ has not promised us. Christ has not promised us life would be easy. He has not promised us that we would never have to face suffering or rejection or pain. He has not promised us that we would always be successful or that we would never make a mistake.

Instead what is found in the scriptures is a greater promise. It is the promise of an Advocate who would come to fulfill the hope that Jesus gives in the Gospel.

Jesus knew that we need the Advocate - not to argue our case to God, but to argue God's case to us. The Advocate that Jesus sends intercedes on God's behalf and reminds us of God's love for us. This Advocate – this Spirit - helps us live Jesus' way of love for others. This Advocate persuades us and enables us to love as he loved and to serve others as He served. Such love requires an enormous amount of courage and a persevering commitment.

Discerning where the Spirit leads has always been a difficult task - from our Church's earliest beginnings right up to the present time. We are a pilgrim people in a pilgrim Church, and we rely on the Spirit for direction. For too long we have been content with viewing our journey of faith as a spectator sport. It is however a contact sport, and we find ourselves right in the middle of things.

That's why Jesus said he would send us an Advocate.

The Christian community has always believed itself as the Spirit-guided bearer of the Word of Salvation. For us as a people of faith, Easter is now. The Advocate is the continuing invitation from our God for an ongoing, ever-new encounter with Him and with others.

Without the Spirit there is no church. Without the Spirit there is no memory of Christ. Without the Spirit there is no grace in our lives and no hope for our future.

In a few weeks we will celebrate the coming of the Advocate on the Feast of Pentecost. But the Spirit is already within us here and now, urging us to work together for peace and justice, love and reconciliation. The Spirit emerges from within us, and if we listen closely we can hear the voice of Christ Jesus offering us hope and peace. This is the Spirit of the risen Christ, for whom closed doors are not an impassable barrier nor are they part of any fortress to safely keep us in.

The Gospel surely presents us here with a call to love, a call that can be, and often is challenging. But above all, it presents us with a gift. In this incredibly complex web of loving and being loved, giving and receiving, a friendship is depicted that actually exceeds all description. Jesus is telling us: God is not a vending machine, in which we throw requests from time to time to get something from Him. He is not a fundamental energy of love, that is simply there and radiates blindly, without any interaction. He is a personal lover, and offers us not only His love, but also friendship. This is the great message of the Gospel: we are invited to be friends with God Himself! And friendship is always a mutual relationship, which must be accepted and fostered.

## Mother's Day Blessings

The priests and staff of Sacred Heart Church and School wish all the mothers of our parish family a very happy and blessed Mother's Day! Today as we honor, celebrate, or simply reflect on the woman who gave us birth, or who adopted us into her heart, we thank You Lord, for the gift of our lives and for the gift of our mothers, whether they are still here with us or they are in Your keeping.



### A Prayer for Mom on Mother's Day

Dear Lord,

Today I turn to you to give you thanks for my mother. With your own gift of life, she bore me in her womb and gave me life. She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me to walk and talk. She read to me and made me laugh. No one delighted in my successes more; no one could comfort me better in my failures. I am so grateful for how she mothered me and mentored me, and even disciplined me.

Please bless her, Lord, and comfort her. Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen her when she is down and give her hope when she is discouraged.

Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, give my mother the graces she most needs and desires today.

I ask you this, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior forever and ever.

### 2026 ANNUAL APPEAL

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](http://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 \$31,917 (70.51% of Goal)**

**Families Participating: 112**



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](http://newarkpriest.com).** You can also drop a completed Called By Name Card in the collection basket through Sunday, May 31st. 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:** Richard M. Myrlak

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of May 10th, the following items used for worship in our sanctuary were donated in the memory of a relative or friend or a special intention.

#### MASS CANDLES:

**In Honor of:** Maria Adelaide Burgos & Lidia Felix

**Donated by:** Maria Felix & Family



### 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!

### NEXT MEN'S COR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH 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. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 20th 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!**

MAY 10, 2026



### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### 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

#### MONDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Donald T. Anderson

#### TUESDAY - Easter Weekday/ Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs/ St. Pancras, Martyr

12:00pm Renee & Daniel Turek (Living)

#### WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday/ Our Lady of Fatima

12:00pm Josephine Petronio

#### THURSDAY - St. Matthias, Apostle

12:00pm Carolina Grillo

#### FRIDAY - Easter Weekday/ St. Isidore

12:00pm Kearney Family

#### SATURDAY - Easter Weekday

9:00am Jaime Mena

#### Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Susan & John Fraser

#### SUNDAY - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Laura Ann Vecchio-Splendoria

10:30 am Lorraine Ziolk

12:00pm O'Donnell & Moderelli Families

1:30 pm Jaime Mena

### STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - \$6,225

Catholic Home Mission - \$2,439

Easter To Date - \$17,472

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

# Sacred Heart Church SPRING MEGA 50/50

All Proceeds Benefit Sacred Heart Church

**Ticket  
Price  
\$50**

**WIN  
UP TO  
\$5,000!**



Only 200 tickets will be sold.  
Each ticket is \$50.00 for the  
chance to win up to \$5,000\*.

Drawing will be held on June 19, 2026  
in the Parish Center at 7pm.  
Winner need not be present to win.  
\*Final Prize will be 50% of ticket sales

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## 2 WAYS TO PLAY!

### 1. ONLINE (Credit Card Only)



[https://bit.ly/SHC\\_2026\\_S-MEGA](https://bit.ly/SHC_2026_S-MEGA)

or Scan this code on your  
smart phone to order online!

### 2. BY MAIL/BASKET

Fill out this ticket request form and return with your check made payable  
to Sacred Heart Church. • Place in the **basket** or **mail** to:

Sacred Heart Church  
324 Ridge Road • Lyndhurst, NJ 07071  
Attention: MEGA 50/50 Raffle

Full Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Phone  
Number to be put  
on each ticket if  
different than above.  
(please print clearly)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount of money enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Security (CVV) Code\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Fields **MUST** be filled out

Your tickets will be mailed to you.

Any questions please email Charlie Sofio at: [sacredheartchurch@comcast.net](mailto:sacredheartchurch@comcast.net)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

### OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS ADMITTED TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD ON APRIL 25, 2026

Jaelle Grace Abdon  
Lucas Samuel Almodovar  
Keissy Batista  
Alanna Morgan Bileci  
Marcel Tomasz Brzyzek  
Lucas Caetano Campos  
Brayden Storm Coleman  
Mila Paulette Coronel  
Christopher Sebastian De Leon  
Arianna Devotta Fernando  
Michael Foti  
Elizabeth Arianna Guerrero  
Giada Marie Iannitelli  
Antonia Rae LaCorte  
William Joseph Liccardo  
Sophia Angela Mania  
Ruben Rudy Maroun  
Joy Arabella McAuliffe  
Spruce Lee Mulleavey  
Zoey Sandoval Parra  
Gabriel Emmanuel Perez  
Filippo Daniel Quattrocchi  
Bradley Paul Rocha  
Amaia Brielle Rosario  
Darlin Santos Delgado  
Mauricio Torres  
Valentina Vidals-Alfonso

Adriana Elisa Almodovar  
Dominique Marie Barrera  
Cameron Quinn Bifulco  
Lacey Valentina Blair  
Ethan Armando Bustamante  
Alex Gabriel Chauca Guaman  
David Angel Consuegra  
Liam Pablo Courter  
Luca Massimo Dipalo  
Teigan Rae Ferrazzano  
Amaia Gonzalez  
Angelina Hernandez  
Sonia Kruty  
Nathan James Leahy  
Dominic Anthony Lizza  
Amelia Martinez  
Stella Martello  
Giuliana Danielle Moore  
Rodolfo Parra  
Jayden Isaul Peralta  
Alexnader Pinas  
Mila Aria Rivera  
Hailey Mary Rogers  
Vienna Francesca Stellato  
Angel David Tobon Garcia  
Sebastian Vidals-Alfonso  
Alivia Harper Zuniga

