



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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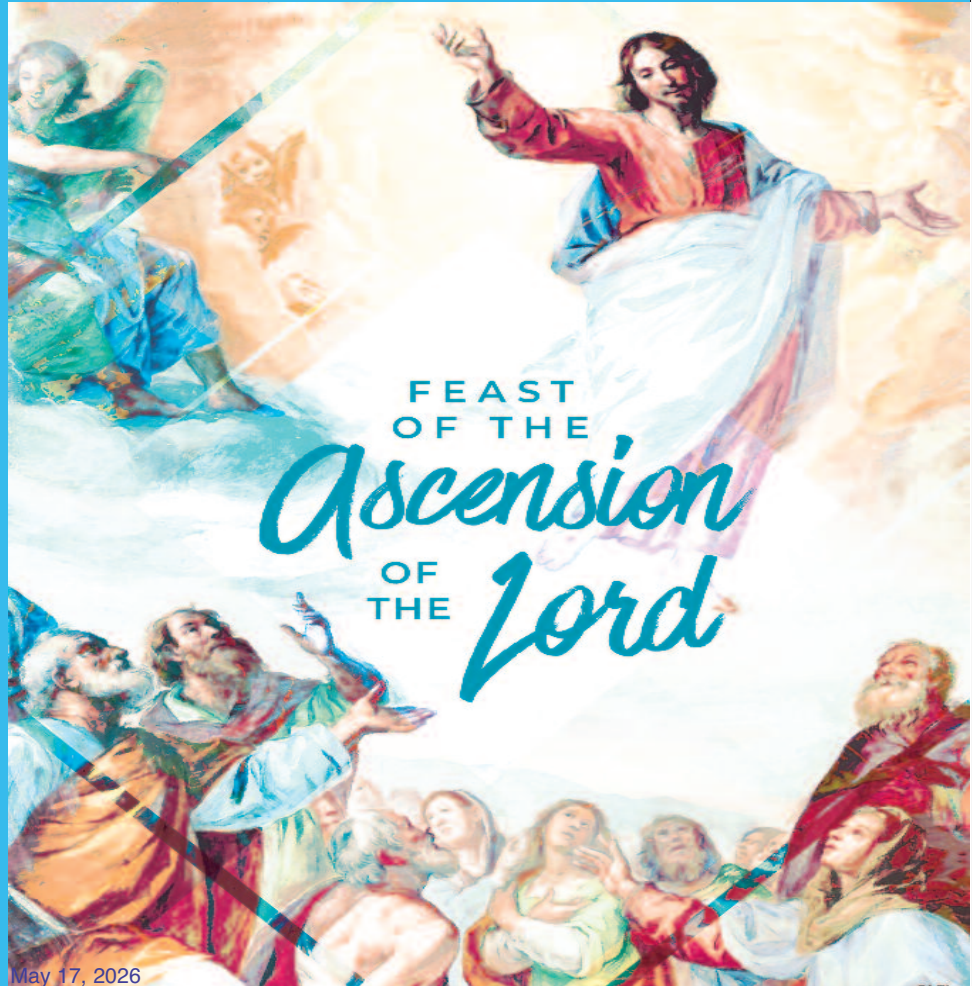
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May 17, 2026

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As we read the Gospels and relive the mystery of the God-experience in our daily lives, we always look forward to our rebirth into the life of the Spirit at Pentecost. The Ascension story, however, is a mission given to us. The original fire of the Gospel must burn in us. This gift must bring excitement, passion, and courage to us. We must shake off complacency, intolerance, and indifference. This didn't come easily to the first disciples. Nor does it for us.

Jesus left his followers with a mission that would provide the impetus for all they were to do to take the knowledge of salvation to the entire world. This was no small task. This mission provides focus and meaning for our existence. It is only by staying focused on the mission that we remain alert, open to the gift of the Spirit and ready to fulfill the vision of the reign of God.

Maybe that's why, at the Ascension, they were asked a simple question: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking up to the sky?" In reality, they weren't yet ready to go off spreading the news of his resurrection. They were a small, fearful community that had no power on its own. As the Gospels often remind us, these first followers of Jesus always had a tendency to get his message all wrong. What's more, when things got tough, they often fled, locked themselves away from danger or went into hiding.

So they stood there looking up into the sky after what they felt they had lost. Maybe that question was Christ's way of telling them that they were to look for him not in the clouds but in the experience of their own lives.

We are no different from the first followers of Jesus. As long as we live, our lives will also change, and in those changes we will lose things that are valuable to us. But where should we look?

We need to stop a moment, take a breath, and wait for God's promise to be fulfilled. And it's a difficult lesson to learn knowing that this will come at God's timing, not our own. The Risen Lord wants us to break free of our limited view, our prejudices and our tendency to misinterpret the meaning of his life. We will, he says, have to be, "my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." But we will need help.

We are to be witnesses to Jesus by the integrity of our lives and our commitment to his Gospel. And, like the first disciples, we need to wait for the gift of the Spirit who sustains us when the going gets tough.

On this feast of the Ascension, we should look for the risen Christ in our joys, in the needs of those around us, and in the opportunities for hope and healing. It does no good to stand looking up into the sky. Christ is to be found in the contours of our lives.

Easter Memorial Flowers
The following members of our parish family gave a gift in memory of a loved one.

Josefina Cason Albinski-in memory of-Thomas James Albinski

The Baumann Family-in memory of-Albert A. & Helen Greenrose, Leila Kukuruza, Joseph & Rosemarie Baumann, Stephen & Stephanie Krand, Rose Hennessey

Colleen Branigan-in memory of-Boy Babery B.

Danny Cappiello-in memory of-Daniel & Lena Cappiello, Wilfred & Evenly Wassong

Jim & Isabel Cavalcante-in memory of-James M. Cavalcante, Rev. Robert Brennan

Thomas Cecot-in memory of-Walter & Anne Cecot, Randy Walters

Nilde Coiro-in memory of-Philip Coiro & Corio Family, Arsenio & Rose Aromando, Nick & Jean Aromando, Donald Aromando, Andrew Mastellone, Elio & Mark Monetta, Pina, & Conrad Episcopo, Dominka Zic, Arceli Vargas, Patricia Graf, Gloria & Al Roche

Michael & Joan Coyne-in memory of-The Ambrose and Coyne Families

Joe & Margaret Dacchille-in memory of-Vito & Grace Dacchille, Robert & Lucille Llewellyn

Janet DeFrino-in memory of-Jeannette and Nicholas DeFrino, Geraldine DeFrino, Elizabeth Toole, Marie Siculietano

Lucretia Demilio-in memory of-Alfonso D'Emilio, Laura Manning, Carusona Family, Demilio Family, Giardelli Family, Bray Family, Worman Family

Robert Derby-in memory of-Eleanor & Arthur Derby, Louise & Anthony Radice, Mary & George Derby, Angela Malzone, Richard McGill, Barbara Ruzika

Joann DeSerio-in memory of-Frank DeSerio

Lillian Dondero-in memory of-Joseph & Agnes & Dondero, Rosemary Dondero

Heidi C. Doria-in memory of-Juan Cantos, Sr., Pilar Cantos, Juan Cantos, Jr., Modesto & Monica Estrella, Saturnino & Ignacio Cantos, Eufrocinia Cantos, Ignacio Espiritu, Roberto Lumbang, Demetrio Cantos, Mr. & Mrs. John Casiello, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. John Casiello, Jr., Alicia Cantos, John Jr. & Jenny Casiello, Edita Ocenar, Socorro Guillante

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Durham-in memory of-Theresa Durham-Wiley, Robert K. Durham, Jr., Kay Bianco, Joseph Bianco, Ann Nayman, Stephen Nayman

Phyllis Esnes/Ed Varga-in memory of-Agatha & Alex Varga, Stella & Eugene Esnes, Dorothy Sebago, Joseph Varga, Maria & Martin Macko, Michael Varga, Joseph Varga, Ches Spencer, Carrie Goodrich, Lauren Esnes, Michael Varga, Maria & Martin Macko

Robert & Mary Hero-in memory of-Joseph & Evelyn Famularo

JoAnn Hessian-in memory of-Roger Hessian, Anna & Nicholas Stinziano, Diane Marshall

George & Camille Hirth Family-in memory of-Marie & George Hirth, Sr.

Annie Jusi-in memory of-Arnaldo Jusi, Nancy Jusi Cantuba, Bernardita Cantuba

Marjorie Lejda-in memory of-Lejda & O'Mara Family

Dorothy Mayerchak-in memory of-Joseph Mayerchak

Brian & Carol O'Keeffe-in memory of-Patrick & Sean O'Keeffe, Vincenzo & Catalina Valentino

Maddalena Passero-in memory of-Fildea & Luigi Di Bianco, Josephine Petronio, Arceli Vargas, Gabriella Ricci, Carol Clark, Antonia Rizzo, Marcos Cruz, Laura Balletto, Joseph & Rose Motisi, Diane Marshall

Patty & Joe Pavlica-in memory of-Joseph J. Pavlica, Jr., Ferrara & Pavlica Families

Rose Peros-in memory of-Krizan Peros, Krese & Ivana Peros, Antonio & Mari Meli, Joseph Meli, Anthony B.V. Meli, Rina De Marco, Louise Van Decker, Maria Torino Meli, Joseph Cannela

Dolores Petrillo-in memory of-Carol Petrillo Lintz, Conrad Petrillo, Al & Kathleen Galindo & Family, Carol Galindo, Hank & Marilyn Kapras & Family, Catherine & Thomas Riley, Thomas Riley Family, Silva & Richard Klein & Family

Loma Readie-in memory of-William Readie, Mary Osborn, Readie & Mc Ardle Families

Jean Redner-in memory of-Thomas Redner, Betty & Louis Sottovia & Sottovia Family, Lena & Larry Redner & Redner Family, Rose & Angelo Corino & Corino Family, Mary & Louis Ferrie & Ferrie Family, Chris Corey, Sr., Roberta & Joe Corey, Louis Pastena

Carmen A. Rodriguez-in memory of-Souls In Purgatory

Marge & Sal Russo-in memory of-Frances & Arthur Klein, Lee & Sal Russo, Sr., Klein & Ribustelli Family, Russo & Bua Family

Agnes Sauser-in memory of-Adam A. Sauser, Sr.

Frank & Judy Schiavone-in memory of-The Schiavone & Ficacci Families

Charles Sofio-in memory of-Peter & Carmela Sofio, Sam & Ita Deo, Charles & Mary Sofio, Anthony Sofio, Geraldine Carbone, Sam Deo, Marcos A. Cruz, Linda Clemente, Arceli Madeline D'Aloia, Theresa Stone, John Neglia, Michael Carpino, Roni Mulligan, Joseph & Rose Motisi, Natalie Navatta, Fr. Robert Brennan, Joseph Mayerchak, Bill Davis, Deacon Stephen Rodack, Ruth Tracey, Ann Chiaro, Juan Morales, Barbara Ruzika, Arceli Vargas

Carmen Silva-in memory of-Carmen Rodriguez, Aleja Rivera, Jose A. Silva, John & Anna Velazquez, Fred Fata, Alma Felipo

MaryAnn Valente-in memory of-John Valente, Albert Alberti, Joann Fescocoe, Meagan Valente, Anthony & Caroline Naviello, John & Arminda Valente

Kathy Valerius-in memory of-Miriam & William Rooney

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Avn Dyk -in memory of-Anthony & Anna Girardo, August & Marie Van Dyk, Girardo & Van Dyk Families

Geraldine Velazquez-in memory of-Juan & Anna Velaquez, Frank & Anna Fata, Fred & Nicky Fata, Rosemary Ortiz, Carmen Rodriguez, Camille Squitieri, Clara Carozzo, Alma DeFilippo, Madeline D'Aloia, Gerry Carbone, Connie DePasquale,

Joseph & JoAnn Vincenzino-in memory of-James & Eleanor Scotti, Peter & Mathilde Favaro, Orazio & Michelina Vincenzino, Al & Anna Mae Rapisardi

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them
May They Rest In Peace!**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

SICK: Sal Russo, 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, 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 Vocaturro, Tin Maung Khin, Monroe Madsen, Ymilce Badia, Rita Blanco, Jeanette Tucci, Linda Kost, Jimmy Delano, Antoinette Wartel, Mike Foglio

DECEASED: Phyllis M. Ascione, Geraldine A. Paneggiante

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of May 17th, the following items used for worship in our sanctuary were donated in the memory of a relative or friend or a special intention.

BREAD & WINE:



In Honor of: The Intentions of Isabel Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

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. 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 \$33,367 (73.71% of Goal), Families Participating: 113**

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.

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**

MAY 17, 2026



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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

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

12:00pm Raena Leigh Chalas

TUESDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Hernando Guzman

WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday/ St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

12:00pm Olivia Cinardo Scavone

THURSDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

12:00pm Arthur Derby

FRIDAY - Easter Weekday/ St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

12:00pm Jenny Pagan &
Heleng Gonzalez (Living)

SATURDAY - Easter Weekday

9:00am Mary, Pete & Annette Radeglia

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Victor Adriano Castillo

SUNDAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Pino Morin

10:30 am Carol Waples

12:00pm Salvatore Puccio

1:30 pm Jose Cangua

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - \$5,992

Little Sisters of St. Francis - \$4,030

Easter To Date - \$17,577

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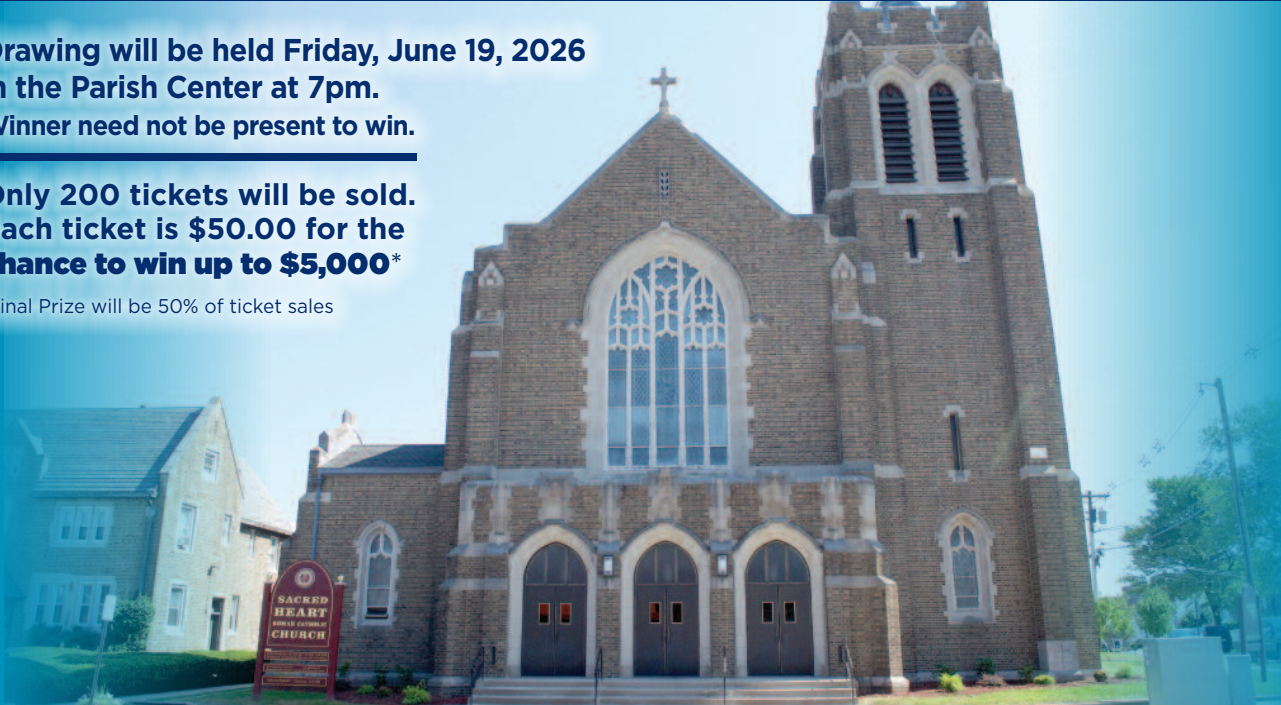
WIN
 UP TO
\$5,000!*

All Proceeds Benefit Sacred Heart Church

Drawing will be held Friday, June 19, 2026
 in the Parish Center at 7pm.
 Winner need not be present to win.

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

*Final Prize will be 50% of ticket sales



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2 WAYS TO PLAY!



1. BY MAIL/BASKET

Fill out the attached 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

2. ONLINE (Credit Card Only)

Visit https://bit.ly/SHC_2026_S-MEGA



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

Your tickets will be mailed to you.

Any questions please email Charlie Sofio at: sacredheartchurch@comcast.net

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