



Sacred Heart Church

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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
Sep. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

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 Order 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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's readings, the Church draws our attention to God's invitation and mercy to humanity. God's invitation and mercy are without borders. This means that we all have equal opportunities to do it through our response of faith.

In the first reading, God promises to bring all nations together. This is the expansion and extension of His salvation project toward all nations of the earth. First, this project began with, and was for Israel, "God's firstborn" (Ex 2:22). Now, out of his mercy, God extends it to all other nations of the earth.

This demonstrates God's mercy for all nations who will respond to his invitation through faith. So, God promises that He will bring even foreigners to his house: "These, I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house." However, this promise is based on one condition. "They have attached themselves to the Lord in order to love him and to serve him."

In the second reading, Paul also strikes the same chord as Isaiah. It suffices to note that when Paul says, "Mercy to all," he is not saying God will save everyone. Instead, His mercy is available to all those who will respond accordingly to his invitation. For "Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2: 21).

So, Paul demonstrates his confidence in God's mercy. He insists that, although some have rejected God as Israel (the covenant people) did, God himself has not rejected or forgotten them. This is because "God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice." He is trustworthy and faithful to his word and promise. Hence, Paul reminds us that God has not forgotten his chosen people even though they disobeyed Him. No, God does not give up on anyone, even those who rejected him. Instead, He continues to wait patiently for all. So, Paul warns us not to be proud or unmerciful to others because of the mercy we have received from Christ.

This is because our situation has nothing to do with merits. Instead, we are who we are through the mercy and kindness of God. Indeed, "it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God" (Eph 2:8).

Today's gospel goes further to illustrate the universality of God's mercy. However, the fact that Jesus initially hesitated to listen to the woman perhaps could have been to test her faith. In other words, even though God is ready to show us mercy, he requires something from us: "faith as small as the mustard seed" (Mt 17: 20). An essential requirement for receiving this mercy is the amount of faith we demonstrate in Jesus Christ.

The woman demonstrated her faith in Christ. Of course, Christ showed her mercy by healing her daughter. Her persistence is also worth emulating. Despite all odds and what looked like Jesus' refusal to answer her, she did not give up. So, like this Canaanite woman, each one needs God's mercy. We need to demonstrate our faith in Christ, and he will show us his mercy.

Today, Jesus is close to us. So, like this woman, we must cry to Him: "Son of David, take pity on me."

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

This week, our parish will take up a collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. While the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources as well as pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. The fund supports pastoral projects that strengthen communities in their faith and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.



ATTENTION EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN SEP. 2027

The COOPERATIVE ADMISSIONS EXAMINATION **will be given on Friday, November 6, 2026**. Online Registration for the exam begins September 1, 2026 at www.njcoopexam.org. Application forms and Handbooks for this test and a listing of all Catholic High Schools and their admission requirements are available from MCS/CTB. Visit their website www.njcoopexam.org or email support@coopexam.org. The **make-up test will be administered on Saturday, November 14, 2026** at selected locations. For questions or to obtain a registration form please visit www.njcoopexam.org or call 1-888-921-2667 (Mon. - Fri. 8:30AM - 8:30PM)

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

The following deceased have been enrolled in the Sacred Heart Purgatorial Society:

ROSETTA DANTONA-req.by-Celeste Cappadona

ELMA DI PERNA-req.by-Joanne & Mark Hernandez

GRACIELA LUCERO-req.by-Celeste Cappadona

GREGORY M. LUEDERS-req.by-Martha Piccirillo

YOLANDA MORITZreq.by-Michele Alfano

YOLANDA MARIA PIANO-req.by-Carmen Rodriguez

FULL TIME TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Our school is seeking an **Upper Elementary** and **Middle School Language Arts (6-8 grades)** full time teachers. Valid New Jersey Teaching Certification or the path to certification is required. If you are a passionate teacher who is committed to student growth, instructional excellence, and fostering a positive, engaging classroom environment Sacred Heart School may be the perfect fit for you. Compensation commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Send resume and supporting documents to our Principal, Mrs. Rita Naviello at rnaviello@sacredheartlynd.org

OUR LADY OF KNOCK AUGUST 21ST

The apparition in County Mayo in Ireland of Our Lady of Knock is reported to have occurred on the evening of August 21, 1879, the vigil of the octave of the feast of the Assumption. Those who witnessed the miracle ranged in age from five years old to seventy-five.

The apparition was described as follows: "Our Lady was wearing a large, brilliant crown and clothed in white garments. On her right was Saint Joseph, his head inclined toward her and on her left Saint John the Evangelist. To the left of Saint John was an altar on which stood a cross and a lamb." Since then thousands of people have gone to Knock to pray to Our Lady. No sign of commercialism detracts from the purely religious atmosphere of that hallowed spot.

In honor of our Lady of Knock, Neil Horgan from our parish family will sing the Our Lady of Knock hymn on Sunday, August 16th at 9:00, 10:30, & 12:00 Masses.

Food Pantry Update

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

If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated: Cereal, Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Pasta (including Spaghetti), Potatoes (small packages or canned), Vegetables, Coffee (regular and instant), Peanut Butter, and Jelly, Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese, Beans. *Note that great vegetable and 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. Thanks to all for the donations which help keep our food pantry stocked! **We would not be able to help our brothers and sisters struggling with food insecurity without you!**

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, 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, Rudy Rivas, 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, Ymilce Badia, Rita Blanco, Linda Kost, Jimmy Delano, Antoinette Wartel, Mike Foglio, Doreen Tetreault, Edward Watts, Anthony Di Sciascio, Bonnie Blair, Charles O'Brien, Theresa Klim

DECEASED: All those from our parish family the Lord has called home.

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2026–2027 Religious Education Program is now open!

Early Registration Special: Register by August 31st and receive the discounted rate of \$95 per child.

Beginning September 1st, the registration fee will be \$120 per child.

Multiple-child family rates are also available! Don't miss out on the early registration savings. Register your child(ren) today and help them grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with Christ. For registration information, please contact Jazmin Mello at religioused@sacredheartlynd.or

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%. **A minimum of 20 members is required.** NO DONATIONS ARE WITHDRAWN FROM CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNTS, ALL DONATIONS COME DIRECTLY FROM BCB. ALL PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BY THE BANK. **Thus far BCB has donated \$826 to our parish through this program.** 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

AUGUST 16, 2026



Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Charles Marrone

SUNDAY - Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Rose Astrella

10:30 am Cornelius Horgan Family & Friends

12:00pm Norma Salvanto

1:30 pm Norma Azuero

MONDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Adrienne Barbara Kessler

TUESDAY - St. Claire, Virgin

12:00pm The Intentions of Paul Meister (Living)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday/ St. John Eudes, Priest

12:00pm The Intentions of Rosalie J, Santos (Living)

THURSDAY - St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm The Intentions of Renee & Daniel Turek (Living)

FRIDAY - St. Pius X, Pope

12:00pm Joann Fescoe

SATURDAY - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Antonio Fernando Pereira Barbosa Dantas

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Sinforiano Sanchez

SUNDAY - Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Patricia Howe

10:30 am Rose Astrella

12:00pm Gloria Wierzalis

1:30 pm Maria Luiza Del Risco

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - \$6,098

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

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, FRANCE & SPAIN

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