



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

September 6, 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
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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At the time that Matthew wrote his Gospel, the early church was on its own, no longer a part of the Jewish community and therefore no longer observing the daily norms and customs of that religious tradition. The community needed guidelines for its life together and throughout his Gospel, Matthew portrays Jesus as a community builder instructing his disciples on matters that emphasize and focus on the community of believers.

Jesus revealed a forgiving and compassionate God. If the community is to witness to the risen Jesus living in their midst then forgiveness and reconciliation must be the hallmarks of this new life of grace. The teaching in today's Gospel sets out a rather elaborate and specific process for how forgiveness and reconciliation are to happen. And the passage ends with the Lord reminding his followers that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

We most commonly apply this passage to two or more believers praying together in faith. This is indeed true - Jesus will be in their midst. However, this verse is set in the context of reconciliation within the community, where "two or three" come together to settle an offense against a member, or bring about harmony. When a believing community works to bring about justice and unity, Christ is in their midst working to achieve the same goal. This is what makes this teaching more than just an "ideal" and keeps it from being dismissed as not practical in "the real world."

Is Jesus just talking about individual offenses and sins? Suppose a race is sinned against, what are we to do? Suppose the poor on the other side of town are being ignored or deprived of their needs and rights? Suppose a group in our parish is treated as second class members just because they are new arrivals? Suppose the elderly are patronized? Suppose young people never hear their lives or issues mentioned in the preaching?

Well... you get the idea.

Where do we find the true presence of Christ? Scripture tells us that He is in our midst when we work together to right wrongs. Forgiveness and justice should characterize the community. If it does, others will recognize something unique about the church and might even recognize Christ alive and active in our midst doing what others may believe impossible.

Since forgiveness is such a rare commodity among individuals, communities, religions, tribes, races and nations, a community that is characterized by forgiveness would certainly be a way of announcing Jesus Christ to the world. If forgiveness were the hallmark of our religious community we would certainly become what Jesus hoped for us - "a city built on a hilltop," a "light to the nations."

But unless we take ownership of the Gospel message and come together, if only two or three at a time, we will simply be left with an ideal that will never be realized.

Labor Day Holiday Observance

Monday, September 7th is the Labor Day Holiday. In observance of the holiday the **Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Labor Day** as we give thanks to God for the fruits of our labor. This will be only Mass celebrated on Labor Day. The **parish office is closed and will reopen on Tuesday, September 8th at 9:00 AM.**

HEAVEN IN STONE AND GLASS FILM SEPTEMBER 20TH & 23RD

This new documentary film hosted by Bishop Robert Barron explores the spiritual, architectural and historical significance of Chartres, Notre-Dame, Reims, Amiens and Saint-Denis Cathedrals in France. The film will be screened in our area at:

AMC Clifton Commons - 20th @ 7PM 23rd @ 4:30, 6:45
Regal Secaucus - 20th @ 6PM 23rd @ 4:00 & 6:00



Knights of Columbus, Lyndhurst Council #2396

**Silver Rose
Prayer Service**

The Silver Rose Prayer Service in honor of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held at Sacred Heart Church at 7:00PM on September 23, 2026 in both English & Spanish. All from our Catholic community are invited to attend.

 Knights of Columbus

SACRED HEART SCHOOL MEGA 50/50

September 17, 2026 at Back to School Night

ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL SOLD

\$50 a ticket for a chance to win up \$5,000

Final prize will be 50% of tickets sold

Checks payable to Sacred Heart HSA and mail to Michelle Hering, 166 Central Lane, Secaucus, NJ

07094. Playing by credit card visit

<https://bit.ly/SHS2026MEGA>

Questions-Email Michelle at firedup151@gmail.com

or call 201-615-2374

ERIC GENUIS CONCERT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

You're invited to an inspiring concert featuring the amazing talents of Eric Genuis. Eric is internationally acclaimed composer, pianist and inspirational speaker. He will be accompanied by a world class violinist, cellist and vocalist

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center
197 Kingsland Ave, Lyndhurst

5:30 PM Hors d'oeuvres 6:30 PM Concert

Free-Will offerings are welcome

For more info - Fr.rush@olmclyndhurst.com

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church is proud to announce the continuation of its successful, monthly, faith-based, family movie night series entitled "Saturday Night at the Movies" at **OLMC's Parish Hall, 146 Copeland Ave., Lyndhurst on Sat. Sept. 19, 5:30pm.** This month's film will be the much-acclaimed, uplifting, fact-based film, "Heaven is For Real" (2014). This true story of a four-year-old boy who claims to visit heaven during emergency surgery. Fr. Ernie Rush will moderate a lively Q&A discussion after the film. Pizza, delicious homemade Meatball Sandwiches and beverages will be available for purchase.

ST. MICHAEL'S ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK DINNER

Celebrate the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

Sat., Sep. 26 6:00 PM St. Michael's Parish Hall

BYOB, Mini Tricky Tray, 50/50 Raffle

\$65 per person includes: Salad, Pasta, French Fries,

Beefsteak, Soda, Water, Coffee, Tea, Dessert

For tickets call St. Michael's 201-939-1161

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 Blairk, Charles O'Brien, Theresa Klim, Jayden Buló, Jacob Buló

DECEASED: Immacolata Agresti

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante



MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of September 6th, 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: Marlon Moncayo Paz - En Su Primer Mes



Donated by: Familia Bustamante Moncayo

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

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



Twenty-Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Leyda Hernandez

SUNDAY - Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Rose Astrella

10:30 am Michael Mooney

12:00pm Demostenes Alegrado

1:30 pm Rosa Maggioncalda

MONDAY - Weekday/ Labor day

9:00am Christopher Berry

TUESDAY - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00pm Chris & Ish Meister (Living)

WEDNESDAY - St. Peter Claver, Priest

12:00pm Richard Urnowski

THURSDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Lorenza & Julian Duran

FRIDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Lucy La Pollo

SATURDAY - Weekday/ The Most Holy Name of Mary/ Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Pierina & Pretto Family

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Luke & Celia Kearney

SUNDAY - Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Rose Astrella

10:30 am Rodolfo Tinapey &
Vincente De La Serna

12:00pm Krizan Peros

1:30 pm Almas del Purgatorio

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - \$4,994

Add'l Church In Africa - \$100

Add'l Assumption - \$45

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

**PICTURED BELOW, POPE LEO XIV AND
BISHOP ALBERT ANASTHAS,
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF KUZHITHURAI, INDIA**



Most Rev. Dr. Albert Anasthas, Bishop of the Diocese of Kuzhithurai, India, is visiting our parish. This diocese is the native diocese of Fr. Theemas. This is a new diocese officially announced by Pope Francis on 22nd December 2014. This diocese has a large Catholic population. *The first martyr of India, Saint Devasahayam Pillai, is from this diocese.* As a new diocese, it needs a lot of help with its infrastructure and community building. As the diocese has a lot of vocations, the bishop is constructing a seminary to accommodate the growing number of seminarians. **For this great cause, he will be doing a mission appeal at our parish on the weekend of September 20th.** Please be generous



for this cause. If you are writing a check, please make the check payable to SACRED HEART CHURCH WITH MEMO DIOCESE OF KUZITURAI OR Indian Mission. Fr. Theemas has a special interest in it as this is his native diocese. For more information, please visit <http://www.kuzhithuraidiocese.in>