



Sacred Heart Church

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ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

September 20, 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 at 3:00pm
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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**THE PARABLE
OF THE
WORKERS IN THE
VINEYARD**



We are God's people and we are called to bring His healing touch to all we meet, as only we can. We carry on his ministry in the world of today. We do what Christ did. We preach the Good News of the Kingdom. We heal the sick. We forgive the sinner. We spend time alone with God in prayer. We serve in his vineyard. We are his hands and his feet and everything we do, we do in his name.

And then we are confronted with today's parable. Suddenly we are faced with a very real possibility - one which scrambles up our small-world, our proper religion and our expectations of how we, as chosen followers, expect to be treated in this world and the next. We thought we knew the rules about how to succeed in the system.

To make matters worse the parable is not an exception to the rule. If it were, we could just skip over it. But Jesus introduces the parable by saying that it depicts how things are with God and how God works. The kingdom of heaven is not like anything we have ever expected. This is about an all-embracing and welcoming God who doesn't make us feel like second-class citizens or inferior servants. It is about our God who takes outsiders and makes them insiders, who doesn't treat us according to our standards, but according to God's. And the measuring rod that God uses is spelled out in today's parable - Generosity.

This, of course, is good news for those who come last or for those who are not yet hired. But the real challenge is for any of us who have been working all day long. The heroes of the parable are not the laborers sent to work in the vineyards but rather the vineyard owner. He is a stand-in image for God, and the good news of the Gospel is that we have been blessed by the extreme generosity of the Spirit of God.

The parable rudely upsets our picture of God and our idea of what's fair and what's not. It tells us that our human standards are useless in measuring God or attempting to understand Him.

Jesus gives us the opportunity to understand that God's nature is to be overwhelmingly generous, extreme beyond the rational rules of exchange. But it shocks the human sense of fair play and justice. "Equal pay for equal work" doesn't seem to fit into this story. The parable has but one purpose - to teach us about the nature of God's love. All other lessons are not as important to the story as this one.

Discipleship is an interplay of understanding and response. It is not simply a focus on social justice but on the unexpected generosity of God. The gift of discipleship is never earned. It is generously given.

What Isaiah said in the first reading today is the same message as today's parable. God's ways are above our ways. God thinks differently. And like those who are hired first in the parable, we have to make our peace with that. But here is the good news. Generosity goes both ways. When we recognize that God loves everyone as much as God loves us, it invariably follows that God will never love us less than any other person.

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 Chartes, Notre-Dame, Reims, Amiens and Saint-Denis Cathedrals in France. The film will be screened in our area at:

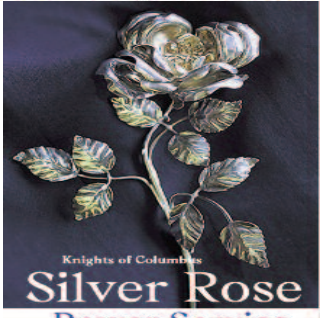
AMC Clifton Commons - 20th @ 7PM 23rd @ 4:30, 6:45
Regal Secaucus - 20th @ 6PM 23rd @ 4:00 & 6:00

COLUMBUS DAY BEEFSTEAK

The Lyndhurst Knights of Columbus Council #2639 are hosting their Second Annual Columbus Day Beefsteak/Tricky Tray Dinner Fundraiser on Sat. Oct. 10 at 6:30pm at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, 146 Copeland Ave., Lyndhurst. Tickets are only \$60pp, and include Beefsteak, Ziti, Dessert, Hot & Cold Beverages and 10 prize chances. at the Beefsteak event, they will collect new, unopened toys to donate to the Child Life Program at local hospitals to replenish toys in their playrooms. For tickets call 551-587-8402.



Knights of Columbus, Lyndhurst Council #2639



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.




In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday, Oct. 4th - All are invited to bring their pets to the church parking lot after the 1:30 PM Mass (2:15 - 2:30)

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS SEPTEMBER 19TH & 20TH

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed in the main vestibule church after all Masses the weekend of September 19th and 20th. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Saturday October 10, 2026 - 12 Noon
Sacred Heart Shrine On Ridge Road
Next To The Rectory

The world is at a crossroad. Join us as we pray for our country, our church, our families, and our world. For more information contact MaryAnn at 201-939-8438

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, Janey Alonso, David Naphegyi, Eric Dietz

DECEASED: Leslie Bourdony, Itala Pharris, Frank Brattoli

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante



HOMEBOUND AND NEED ASSISTANCE?

The CHEER program pairs homebound seniors or those living disabilities with volunteers to assist with tasks and errands like grocery shopping, prescription pick-up or visits to the post office. Most importantly, volunteers provide much needed companionship and a connection to the outside world. Volunteers visit weekly. For more information contact Michele Ogden at 201-489-9456 or email mogden@bergenvolunteers.org

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 \$1,377 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 20, 2026



Twenty-Fifth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Rocco Paolazzi

SUNDAY - Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Rose Astrella
10:30 am Marion Roughneen
12:00pm De Serio Family
1:30 pm Almas del Purgatorio

MONDAY - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

12:00pm Mary Jane Casey

TUESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Christopher Berry

WEDNESDAY - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

12:00pm Jeanette Tucci

THURSDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Kim Silva Martinez

FRIDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Anthony & Caroline Naviello

SATURDAY - Weekday/ Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs/ Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Leyda Hernandez

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Lee Russo

SUNDAY - Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Joseph J. Pavlica, Jr.
10:30 am Lorenza & Julian Duran
12:00pm Kim Silva Martinez
1:30 pm Panchita Lino

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - Sep. 6 \$5,684
Assessment Collection - \$2,012
Sunday - Sep. 13 \$6,143
Catholic University - \$1,347
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.kuzhithuraiddioocese.in>