



Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

September 27, 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Living the Christian life in today's world is no easy task. It is work and hard work at that. It takes courage of spirit to stand up for what's right when everyone else around you is promoting compromise. It takes courage of mind to say "no" when society says "yes." It takes courage of faith to act when it is safer to remain within the security-blanket of complacency. And it takes courage of heart to preach reconciliation and peace amid prejudice and the clamor for war.

This movement from "no" to "yes" is a fundamental Christian pattern that is routinely present in the Scriptures. Peter denies Jesus but later repents. Thomas refuses to accept Jesus' resurrection but then becomes a believer. Paul persecutes the early followers of Jesus but then converts and becomes one of the great apostles of the church. In later generations, this same movement continues. Augustine lived his early life in debauchery but then became one of the great spiritual teachers of our history. Francis of Assisi began his life in privilege and self-indulgence but then changed to live a life of simplicity and service.

Today's passage is the first of three parables that Jesus directs to the religious leaders of his day. They have confronted him, but he turns the confrontation around by proposing a short parable about two exchanges between a father and his two sons.

The sons were asked to work in the vineyard of their father. One said he would do so, but he didn't. The other said he wouldn't, but he did. It was this second son who did what the father wanted.

In the parable, the vineyard stands for God's people, and the two sons represent those who are called to care for them.

The first son represents the established religion as personified by the Scribes and Pharisees. The second stands for the outsiders, including Gentiles, who were joined by the "tax collectors and prostitutes" and who, though despised by the religious types of that time, were more humble and therefore more open to the message of Jesus.

The parable of the two sons is only five verses long and yet it has much more significance than just looking at the difference between "yes" and "no" or "saying" and "doing." It is a tough little parable and its meaning is threefold. Words alone will not save us. Having all the power of knowledge is not enough. Having a vision but not acting upon it is having no vision at all. A choice is required.

When one's relationship with God is reduced primarily to observing rituals and keeping rules, religious behavior can remain very superficial, focusing only on externals and appearances rather than on deep and personal conversion.

How many attempts have we made to change and how many times have we been less than successful? Truthfully, it doesn't really matter to Jesus. We have all been called to conversion. He has sent his Spirit to strengthen our resolve to change what needs changing. And we can have hope that, in some small or even large way, change is always possible because we have heard God's Word and experienced the living Christ through it.

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.

NEW PIANO FOR THE PARISH



After more than 25 years of service, our church piano has stopped working. Due to its age, replacement parts are not available. A comparable replacement, the Yamaha CLP-875B will cost about \$5,000. If anyone is interested in memorializing a deceased loved one by donating the new piano please contact the parish office.



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)

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

ANNUAL ITALIAN FESTIVAL IN HONOR OF MARIA SS. ADDOLORATA (OUR LADY OF SORROWS)

Holy Family Church,
28 Brookline Ave, Nutley
September 24 - 27

Games, Rides, Super 50/50
Nightly Entertainment
Italian & Filipino Food
Specialties

Thu., Sep. 24 6PM - 10PM
Fri., Sep. 25 6PM - 11PM
Sat., Sep. 26 4PM - 11PM
Sun., Sep. 27 12PM - 9PM
Masses at 7:00 PM
Thursday - Saturday
12:00 PM Sunday



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: Norma Isabel Benesoczky, Salvatore P. Principato

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

In Honor of: Paul Douglas Maphet

Donated by: Adriana Giangregio

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

During the week of September 27th, the following items used for worship in our sanctuary were donated in the memory of a relative or friend or a special intention.

SANCTUARY LAMP:



In Honor of: Kim Silva Martinez

Donated by: Dolores Petrillo

BREAD & WINE:



In Honor of: Kim Silva Martinez

Donated by: Dolores Petrillo



MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS OCTOBER 2ND

Do you remember the prayer
that many of us learned as a child?
"Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here.
Ever this day be at my side, to light,
to guard, to rule, and guide. Amen."

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



Twenty-Sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY - Weekday/ St. Wenceslaus, Martyr/ St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

12:00pm Paul Hopkins

TUESDAY - Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

12:00pm Javier Vivas (Living)

WEDNESDAY - St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm John & Arminda Valente

THURSDAY - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Anne M. Deloy

FIRST FRIDAY - The Holy Guardian Angels

12:00pm Bettina Santos

FIRST SATURDAY - Weekday/ Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Purgatorial Society

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Jorge Delnevo

SUNDAY - Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Catherine (Kay) Rullo
10:30 am Frances Klein
12:00pm Demostenes Alegrado
1:30 pm Almas del Purgatorio

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - \$5,904

Seminary In India - \$9,029

In Honor of
St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday,
October 4th



All are invited to bring their pets
to the Sacred Heart Church Parking Lot
after the 1:30 PM Mass (2:15-2:30)
to receive a special blessing



Knights of Columbus,
Lyndhurst Council 2396

COLUMBUS DAY BEEFSTEAK & TRICKY TRAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2026 | 6:30 PM

Proudly catered by

NIGHTINGALE
CATERING

Beefsteak + Ziti, Dessert,
Coffee, Soda & Water

\$60 PER PERSON

INCLUDES DINNER
+10 PRIZE CHANCES



**GIUSEPPE
STRONG**

*Join the Fight with
Giuseppe Strong!*

On March 9th, 2025, Giuseppe Maneiro's life changed, but his spirit never wavered. At just six years old, this courageous Lyndhurst boy is battling B-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia with a smile that has inspired an entire community, from local law enforcement to professional sports teams.

As Giuseppe nears the final stretch of his treatment journey, the K of C Lyndhurst Council 2396 is teaming up with #GiuseppeStrong to pay it forward. Join us as we raise vital funds for the charities that have stood by his side and also help pay his medical expenses.

Together, we are all stronger!



A PORTION OF THIS YEAR'S TRICKY TRAY
PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE

JAY FUND 31
TO HELP FAMILIES FIGHTING CHILDHOOD CANCER YEARS



WE WILL ALSO COLLECT
NEW, UNOPENED TOYS
TO DONATE TO THE
CHILD LIFE PROGRAM
AT LOCAL HOSPITALS
TO REPLENISH TOYS
IN THEIR PLAYROOMS.



OUR LADY OF
MT. CARMEL
PARISH CENTER
146 COPELAND AVENUE
LYNDHURST, NJ

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