



Sacred Heart Church

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

October 4, 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.

T W E N T Y - S E V E N T H S U N D A Y I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

For most of us, our image of a vineyard is limited to an occasional travel show on television, or maybe a wine-tasting tour at a local winery, or simply just a well-produced article from a current gourmet food and wine magazine. But we can all relate to the work of a gardener, even if be that of a small home garden. So it shouldn't take a stretch of our imaginations to consider what both the parables of Isaiah and Jesus mean for us.

Broadening the scope a little, we can also carry the idea of God being "Our God" a little too far. We human beings are a strange species, and we need to be constantly reminded that God does not belong to any one group of us, that we all belong to Him (we are His) and that He has given us His gifts, not to possess, but to use wisely.

Both the First Reading and today's Gospel focus on the Kingdom of God and those who claim to possess it. Both use parables about a vineyard, and both parables end in violence.

Isaiah speaks of the owner of a vineyard who takes great care in preparing it for a plentiful harvest. But when the time came for the harvest the grapes were sour and could not be used for wine. The owner responds by tearing down the vineyard because it did not bear fruit. Isaiah raised his prophetic voice to warn the people of Israel that if they did not tend the vineyard of the Lord more carefully they would bring forth sour grapes and ultimately lose their inheritance.

Jesus also talks about a vineyard. God, as usual, is the owner of the vineyard. The vineyard is a violent world in which the tenants continually beat and kill one another - including the owner's son. In fact, the violence of the tenants leads to corresponding violence from the owner, who kills the tenants. By the end of the parable everyone has been harmed, and the vineyard is destroyed.

The details of the two parables are different, but it is the same story. They are both about God punishing those who fail to produce. Right?

Actually, the two parables are not the same. There is much more going on in the Gospel. Perhaps hidden in the story is the truth about what God has done for us. God has sent his son into our world to end the violence of the vineyard. And he does this not by more violence but by non-violence, not by striking back but by handing over his life, not by compounding violence but by absorbing it.

If we look carefully, we can see that we are learning something about God that we all need to hear. God doesn't give up on us, even when we have turned away. He is even willing to risk looking foolish in our eyes, willing to come again and again to us. We must continually ask ourselves the questions posed by these parables. Where is our place in the vineyard? And, after all He has done for us, what fruits will God find at harvest time? How can we help one another realize the good fruits of the harvest? The answers to these questions begin only with a clearer understanding that true ownership is nothing more than being faithful stewards of the tasks given us by the Lord.

There is a lot of work to do in our world to make it reflect God's will and desire for us. Today's parables invite us to stay with the task, knowing that this work isn't ours alone to complete.

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

NEW PIANO FOR THE PARISH THANK YOU!!

The Mihlon Family has generously donated the new parish piano in Loving Memory of Victor G. Broccoli. Look and listen for it coming to our parish soon!!



COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVANCE

Monday, Oct. 12th is the Columbus Day holiday. The Mass on the holiday will be celebrated at its regular time of 12:00 PM in the church. In observance of the holiday the parish office will close this Friday, Oct. 9th at 2:00 PM and will reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 13th at 9:00 AM.



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

RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE

The relics of St. Bernadette will be at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark for veneration on Thursday, October 8th. The program for the day includes:

9:15 AM Welcome Ceremony 10-11:00 AM Confessions
2-3:00 PM Confessions 3:00 PM Rosary
3:45 PM Closing Celebration

www.bernadette-usa.lourdes-france.com

ADORE HIM: HE IS HERE FILM

ADORE HIM: He is here is a docudrama that invites you to enter the very presence of God. Through cinematic reenactments that span salvation history and intimate modern-day interviews from around the world, this film explores the transforming power of meeting the Creator of the Universe face to face. **The film will be screened in our area:**

October 4th - October 7th

AMC Clifton Commons 16

October 4th - October 8th

Regal Secaucus ShowPlace 16

Learn more at AdoreHimFilm.com

Food Pantry Update

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!**

As a reminder, we are unable to package out-of-date food products for distribution to our families.

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, 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: Barbara Lencsak, Domenica Giarusso

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of Timothy Hawkes

Donated by: Brian & Carol O'Keeffe



OCTOBER 4, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-Seventh Sunday
In Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY - Weekday/ St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin/ Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

12:00pm David Vaccari, Sr.

TUESDAY - Weekday/ St. Bruno, Priest/ Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

12:00pm Georgeann Ferrie

WEDNESDAY - Our Lady of the Rosary

12:00pm Jesse Tetreault

THURSDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Lorenza & Julian Duran

FRIDAY - Weekday/ St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs/ St. John Leonardi, Priest

12:00pm Laura Manning

SATURDAY - Weekday/ Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Barbara Ruzika (Deceased) & Martha Piccirillo (Living)

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Carmela & Patrick Ferrara

SUNDAY - Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Pat Zimmermann
10:30 am Gertrude Wunder
12:00pm Rose Astrella
1:30 pm Almas del Purgatorio

STEWARDSHIP

September 27

Sunday - \$5,880



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

50/50 GROUP SEATING AVAILABLE BYOB



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!



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



A PORTION OF THIS YEAR'S TRICKY TRAY PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE TOM COUGHLIN JAY FUND 31 YEARS TO HELP FAMILIES FIGHTING CHILDHOOD CANCER



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

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE:
<https://linktr.ee/council2396>
Or call 551-587-8402



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SACRED HEART CHURCH

11.7.26

5K
RUN
WALK

SPONSORED BY
 **BCB Bank**
Lyndhurst Recreation Center
862 Valley Brook Avenue
Lyndhurst, NJ US 07071

Registration at 9:00am
Run starts at 10:00am
(comes with a shirt)
Rain or Shine
Open to All Ages!



FOR INFO AND
TO REGISTER ONLINE:
<http://bit.ly/shc5k2026>



Questions?
Email Charlie Sofio at:
sacredheartchurch@comcast.net

OR REGISTER 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: 2026 5K

☐ **I am interested in
volunteering at this event.**

of Children (up to 16) \$15ea*: _____ # of Adults (17 and older) \$40ea*: _____ Total amount of money enclosed*: \$ _____

Indicate a shirt size for each entrant (ADULT: S / M / L / XL)*: _____

Full Name*: _____

Address*: _____

_____ Zip Code*: _____

Phone*: _____

Email address*: _____

Name on Credit Card*: _____ Exp Date*: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Security (CVV) Code*: _____

*Fields MUST be filled out