



Sacred Heart Church

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ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite
to the feast whomever you find." - Mt 22:9

October 11, 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 - E I G H T H S U N D A Y I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Over the last few weeks we have been reflecting on parables taught by Jesus immediately after his final entry into Jerusalem before his death. These were directed towards the religious community and leadership of Jerusalem at the time and powerfully illustrate the message of the Gospel and the consequences of failing to recognize it. Each is an easily deciphered allegory, a type of parable in which every detail is given a symbolic meaning.

The parable of the two sons is found only in Matthew's Gospel, and it repeats The Lord's demand for a conversion of heart. The second son knows the right words, but his response is hollow. The sadder-but-wiser reaction of the first son is more genuine. He repents and proves it by action. Jesus blisters his opponents by turning the parable on them. Their hearts are hard and cold, and it is the tax collectors and prostitutes (whose lives had once been a "no" to God) who now enter the kingdom.

The parable of the vineyard plays the same melody but with different words. The Lord's vineyard is tended by laborers who prove to be faithless. They reject the servants of the landowner who come to claim his harvest. Finally the landowner sends his son, the "heir." But the wicked tenants eject him from the vineyard and kill him. What will be the fate of people so blind that they kill the landowner's son? Matthew draws out the consequences in a simple verse: because Israel has not responded to Jesus and his Gospel, the kingdom is taken from their charge and offered to others, "who will produce its fruit."

The last of the trilogy (today's parable) makes it clear that these lessons from history are meant to alert the Christian community to the consequences of failing to give Jesus full and genuine response to the Gospel. The story of the wedding banquet plays out its own sad story of refusal. The feast is all prepared, but the invited guests are unimpressed. They refuse to come, some going calmly about their usual business while others turn ugly and kill the servants who announce the feast. The king's reaction is ferocious. The invited guests are punished and their town destroyed. And now the son's wedding feast is thrown open to everyone, "bad and good alike."

So far, so good. But the story is not over. The king comes into the banquet hall and finds a guest without a wedding garment. Judgement falls on this man, too, and he is thrown outside into the darkness. The message is clear. The Gospel makes the same demand on all, invited and uninvited alike. No person or group, or group of leaders can be smug about their membership in the Christian community. The test of genuine conversion of heart and a life of loving service is applied to all. Anything less - a community without its harvest, a church without its wedding garment - will be cast into darkness.

The Christ we meet at this wedding banquet is all inclusive. The invitation is not a casual or trivial one. Everyone who comes will be treated as "guests," even those considered as outsiders. But those who get in must make a complete response that indicates they realize what has been given them.

Without a proper response to the invitation, we are no longer at a banquet but simply "out to lunch." Without an authentic RSVP to the invitation we might just be asked: "My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?"

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

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

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

IMMACOLATA AGRESTI-req.by-Mr. & Mrs. Dan Cappiello

ROSE & ARSENIO AROMANDO-req.by-Nilde Coiro & Family

NICK AROMANDO & FAMILY-req.by-Nilde Coiro & Family

PAUL DE RUVO-req.by-The Khin Family

ARTHUR DEL-req.by-Alexandra Casares

ED HAGENMILLER-req.by-John Khin & Family

MATTHEW KIRVIN-req.by-Mr. & Mrs. Dan Cappiello

ANAIS LESLIE-req.by-Alexandra Casares

ROLANDO V. SANTIAGO-req.by-The Albinski & Borja Family

ROSALINA LUNA TRINIDAD-req.by-Gloria Sanchez

BARBARA WILKISON-req.by-John Khin

JOCELYN YAMBAO-req.by-Doreen Pace & Terri Maluszczak

COME AND LISTEN



"COME TO ME
ALL WHO ARE
TIRED AND
BURDENED
AND I WILL GIVE
YOUR REST"
Matthew 11:28

ARE
CARES &
WORRIES
WEIGHING
YOU DOWN?

**COME & LISTEN
ONE WORD COULD
CHANGE YOUR LIFE.
Mondays & Thursdays
8:00pm in Parish Center
Chapel (former Convent)
Enter through the
parking lot entrance
CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS
AND YOUTH (ages 13 & older)
Free babysitting will be available**

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: Camille Troncone

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of Vera O'Keefe

Donated by: Brian & Carol O'Keefe



COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVANCE

Mon., 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 is now closed and will reopen on Tue., Oct. 13th at 9:00 AM.



SACRED HEART 5K FUNDRAISER

Last year our Annual 5K raised more than \$9,000 dollars for our parish. With your help, we can raise even more this year. Here's 3 ways you can help

1. Consider registering for the walk/run. You will be helping the parish and helping yourself too by getting out, having some fun with other members of our parish family and getting some exercise. Whether you walk or run just come out and have some fun. Healthy Heart -- Healthy Soul. See the registration form for more details in the bulletin.
2. Consider inviting other to register with you for the walk/run. The more the merrier!!
3. Consider asking the local businesses you patronize if they will support our event. Sponsor forms are available at the entrances to church. You can also consider adding a family name to the back of the event shirt for \$150.



OCTOBER 11, 2026



Twenty-Eighth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

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 Hilda Saldano

MONDAY - Weekday/ Columbus Day

12:00pm Donald Tetreault

TUESDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Guillermo Canarte

WEDNESDAY - Weekday/ St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

12:00pm Ann & Michael Iovino, Sr.

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

12:00pm Denise Ann Morrone

FRIDAY - Weekday/ St. Hedwig, Religious/ St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

12:00pm Sabino T. Iovino

SATURDAY - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

9:00am Mark Ward

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Mr. & Mrs. William Liskiewicz, Sr.

SUNDAY - Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Rose Astrella
10:30 am Madeline & Gennaro Ferrara
12:00pm Aromando O. Pereira
1:30 pm Maria Candelaria & Ruiz & Rosa Sanchez

STEWARDSHIP

Collection Totals Not Available
At Time Of Publication

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



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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