

Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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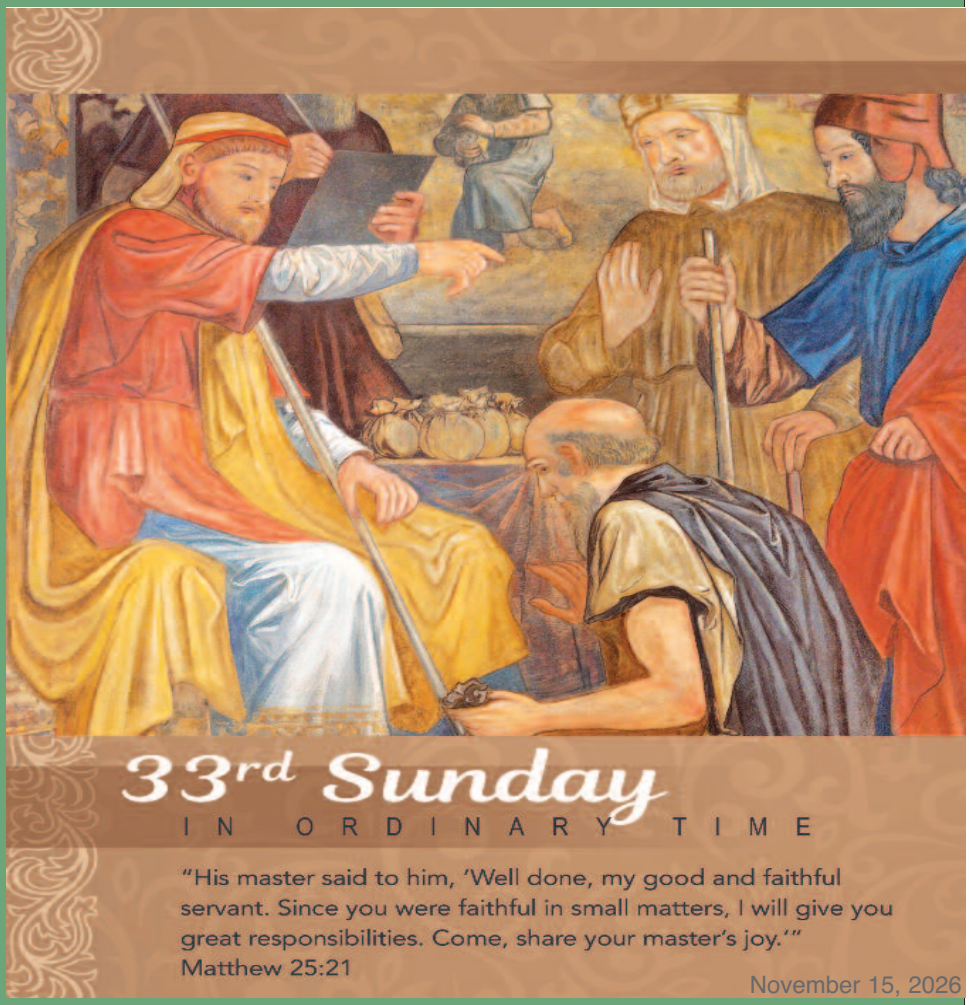
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Sacrament of the Eucharist - Mass Schedule

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
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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November is a transitional time of year. Most all of the trees have lost their leaves, the weather is getting colder and more brisk, and we look to the rapidly approaching winter. In November, everything seems a bit quieter. It's supposed to be a good time to "take stock" - to think about being thankful for the events of the past year, and of looking forward in hope to the coming of a new year. It doesn't always work out that way, and it certainly isn't that easy a thing to do.

The Gospel stories always have inherent and important questions: what kind of people are we; what kind of people will we be? As we near the end of another liturgical year we acknowledge that in the realm of faith, our leader is - now and always - Jesus Christ, who remains the perfect example of how power is a gift that is to be used for service.

The "useless" servant of this week's Gospel takes his place with the five foolish virgins, the wedding guest who gets thrown out of the wedding banquet for lack of a proper attire, the rich young man too wrapped up in himself to answer the Call, and the laborers who work all day long only to get the same pay as those hired at the final hour. These are the strange ones - thrown into "darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth,'" - those who didn't prepare well, those who didn't prepare at all, or those to whom much was given and who kept their gifts to themselves.

And we wonder about these folks: these are not bad people. These are not malicious people. But somehow they don't measure up. Again, we ask ourselves, what is Jesus saying to us? What is the common denominator, if any, among those who are cast into the darkness, those not worthy of the Kingdom?

In each case Jesus is concerned with our understanding of the kingdom - not just the Kingdom to come at the end of time, or the Second Coming - but the Kingdom present within and among us, here and now. The invitation to discipleship is one that is a call to build up The Kingdom in the here and now, and is not determined by our own qualifications or our own merits. The invitation is at once both a gift and a mandate.

St. Paul tells us that we are not of the night or of darkness, but that we are children of the light and children of the day. And yet, with this wonderful affirmation comes a disturbing warning: the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. The question we need to ask ourselves is not how well we are prepared for His coming, but how well prepared we are to make an accounting of our use of the gifts we have received.

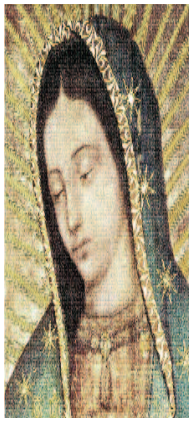
So often we want to "play it safe." We bury our gifts instead of using them for the sake of the kingdom, for the sake of our brothers and sisters with whom we share this planet. We revel in our own freedom, in our faith, in the gifts of grace... but we keep them to ourselves. We are content to sit back comfortably and let someone else do the work and fight the battles. We blind ourselves to those moments in our lives when The Lord taps us on the shoulder and asks for an accounting. We might protest, along with the servant who buried his talents, that we didn't do any wrong, that we didn't hurt anyone, that we just minded our own business. The parable suggests that Gospel living and loving require risk taking. We have to think about how we can keep our discipleship from becoming a freeze-dried package put on a high shelf for safe keeping.

The gifts of grace are not to be hoarded; they are not personal rewards. They are like seeds to be brought to flower, like yeast to permeate the whole mass, like light to drive out darkness. The parable reminds us that the faith we treasure is not frail or easily contaminated by taking it out into the market place and investing it. Instead, Christ has given us a gift that can withstand the tests the world throws at it. We are encouraged by this parable to take risks and take our faith with us into the affairs of daily life: work, school, shopping, social events and into the public forum where we must witness to what we believe.

If we are willing to be merely bystanders, we may well merit for ourselves the very harsh words of condemnation that end today's Gospel story.

THE PARISH FAMILY OF SACRED HEART INVITES YOU TO FIESTA GUADALUPE

Sunday, DECEMBER 13, 2026 - 3:00 PM
SACRED HEART SCHOOL CAFETERIA
620 VALLEY BROOK AVE



Join us as we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe with GREAT MUSIC and FOOD with a Latin Flair, raffles and other entertainments. Tickets will be sold after the Sunday Masses in the Main Vestibule of the Church or call the parish office 201-438-1147

Adult $30 Children $10

For Donations (Monetary, Raffle Items, Food) please contact: Maria & Veronica at the parish

THE PERFECT GIFT FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING

Make a donation to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry as a gift or remembrance to a favorite loved one. You can obtain a gift any time of the year, for any occasion, and help the needy families of the Sacred Heart Community. Please visit the Parish Office, Monday thru Friday, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's popular Film Night Series ("Saturday Night at the Movies") will be taking a short hiatus for the upcoming busy holiday season. But this very important series will resume in early January. Please check the upcoming church bulletins for the exact date and next film title. In the meantime, if you would like to suggest a Chistian-based film to be shown at one of the future showings, please e-mail Joseph Shinnick at lyndmuna16@aol.com with your suggested title, and please include your name and the name of the church that you attend. Thank you!

HOLIDAY FAVORITES AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA IN NEWARK - 8:00 PM

Navidad Latina 2026 - Thu., Dec. 10th
55th Carol Sing - Wed., Dec 16th Thu., Dec. 17th

THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED

Fr. Ernie and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Lyndhurst wish to welcome anyone who is in need of a Thanksgiving Dinner to the Mt. Carmel Parish Center on Thanksgiving Day, between 11:00am – 2:00pm, to share a warm meal and fellowship with members of the Mt. Carmel parish family. Please RSVP to Lou De Marco at 973-670-3890, no later than Fri., Nov. 20.

THE GIVING TREE BRING SOME CHEER TO SOMEONE IN NEED

Just before you know it Christmas will be upon us, which means it is time for the annual **Sacred Heart Giving Tree.** Please help those in need have a merrier Christmas by taking a tag and purchasing a **new gift**.

You will have between **November 21st & November 29th** to select a tag. Please make sure the tag is securely fastened to the gift so the contents can be easily identified. **All gifts need to be returned under the tree by no later than Sunday, December 6th** so they can be delivered on time.

Thank you again for your generosity and overwhelming response to this wonderful project.

For security reasons, we are asking that all gifts be brought to the church on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings only so that volunteers can pick them up promptly and store them in a secure area.



Food Pantry Update

If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated: Soup, 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 Santangello, 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 Bulo, Jacob Bulo, Janey Alonso, David Naphegyi, Eric Dietz, Giuseppe Maneiro

DECEASED: Mia Chauca, Giovanni Mattioli

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE



The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

In Honor of: The Intentions of Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

In Honor of: Michael Romano

Donated by: Paleologos Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

In Honor of: Rev. Robert M. Brennan

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

SACRED HEART HOME-SCHOOL ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2027

Sacred Heart Home -School Association presents their Annual Tricky Tray on Friday, January 15, 2027 at Sacred Heart School, 620 Valley Brook Ave, Lyndhurst. Tickets are **$20 per person - no one under 18** will be admitted. **Tickets are non-refundable.** Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets includes ticket for 1st level prizes, coffee/tea and dessert. If you are interested, please call the school office at 201-939-4277 or Patty at 201-803-9580. **Ticket deadline is January 3. No tickets available at the door. No alcoholic beverages.**

RELIC OF ST. CARLO ACUTIS IN OUR AREA

The heart relic of St. Carlo Acutis from Assisi, Italy will be in our area at **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish, 120 Prospect St., Nutley on Nov. 15-17.** St. Carlo was canonized on Sep. 7, 2025 and reminds us that holiness is possible at every age and in every circumstance of life. His life is a powerful witness to young people and families. For more information please visit Mt. Carmel, Nutley's website at www.olmc-nutley.org

NOVEMBER 15, 2026



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Anticipated Sunday Mass
5:00pm Jack & Natalina Navatta

SUNDAY - Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Walsh Family
10:30 am Felix & Iluminada Orozco
12:00pm Albert Alberti & John Valente
1:30 pm Ramon Vargas

MONDAY - Weekday/ St. Margaret of Scotland/ St. Gertrude, Virgin
12:00pm Marcos Urena

TUESDAY - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
12:00pm Donna & Pasquale Accola

WEDNESDAY - Weekday/ The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles/ St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
12:00pm Ruby V. Santos

THURSDAY - Weekday
12:00pm Denise Ann Morrone

FRIDAY - Weekday
12:00pm Alfonso Demilio

SATURDAY - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00am Arceli Vargas

Anticipated Sunday Mass
5:00pm Arthur Giammetta

SUNDAY - Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Rose Astrella
10:30 am John Ruggier
12:00pm Cecilia Sanchez
1:30 pm Jaime Cevallos & Carlos Colombo

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, - $5,992
Add'l Assessment - $376
Add'l All Saints - $168

Sacred Heart Church

CHRISTMAS MEGA 50/50

All Proceeds Benefit Sacred Heart Church

Ticket Price $50



Only 200 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is $50.00 for the chance to win up to $5,000*.

Drawing will be held on December 11, 2026 in the Parish Center at 7pm. Winner need not be present to win.

*Final Prize will be 50% of ticket sales

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2 WAYS TO PLAY!

1. ONLINE (Credit Card Only)

https://bit.ly_SHC_2026_CHRISTMAS_MEGA

or Scan this code on your smart phone to order online!

2. BY MAIL/BASKET

Fill out this 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: MEGA 50/50 Raffle

Full Name*: _____

Address*: _____

_____ Zip Code*: _____

Phone*: _____

Email address*: _____

Name and Phone Number to be put on each ticket if different than above. (please print clearly)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

# of Tickets Requested: _____ Total amount of money enclosed: _____

Name on Credit Card*: _____

Exp Date*: _____

Credit Card #*: _____

Security (CVV) Code*: _____

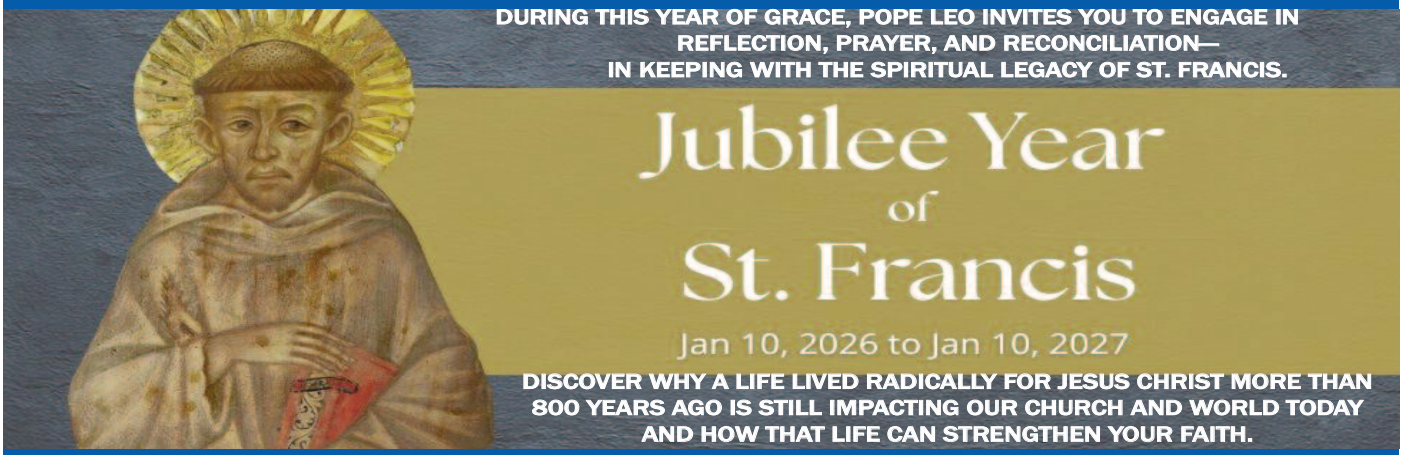
***Fields MUST be filled out**

Your tickets will be mailed to you.
Any questions please email Charlie Sofio at: sacredheartchurch@comcast.net

A LIFE LIVED RADICALLY FOR JESUS CHRIST

A PARISH MISSION WITH THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY | NOV 30 - Dec 2 | 7 PM



PRESENTED BY

THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL, ST. MICHAEL FRIARY, PATERSON,

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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