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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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
Mar. 22, May 10

Sacrament: in the church at 3:00pm
Apr. 3, May 16

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.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite 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.

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

Previously called "Passion Sunday", this Sunday marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent. This is the third Sunday of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts, and the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of re-creation, resurrection, new life, and reconciliation. We are winding down our observance of the Holy Season of Lent - our time of preparation for the great feast of Easter. Lent can, and should be a solemn and moving experience for us. It should be a time to recall our Baptism, to renew our commitment to our faith and beliefs, to recognize once again our faults and weaknesses, to seek the Lord's forgiveness - and the forgiveness of others - and to become instruments of reconciliation and forgiveness for others.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

Each one of us should look fervently and devoutly on the crucifix today, and try to compare our willingness to suffer those crosses sent to us by God, with the crushing cross and passion our Savior Jesus Christ gladly accepted for us and not for his own sake. Do not let the conclusion you draw stun you into inactivity, but rather let it shock you into a new outlook on life; a new resolve to serve, follow and imitate our loving Christ more closely in future. So may it be for all of us.

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Joins us as we celebrate the Week That Changed The World! In 2020 our parish was closed due to the pandemic and Holy Week liturgies were celebrated virtually. In 2021 we are able to attend live liturgies but must wear masks, maintain social distancing and follow the directives of the Archdiocese outlined below.

Masks must be worn and social distancing maintained for the entire time you are in the church building.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Sunday, March 28th

Masses: Saturday, March 27th, 5:00 PM
Sunday, March 28th, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, 1:30 (In Spanish).

****Due to the pandemic, Palm branches will be available before each Mass. In charity to others, please be sure to sanitize your hands before taking your palm.**

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday, April 1st, 7:30 PM

****Due to the pandemic, The washing of feet, which is already optional, will be omitted. At the end of the Mass, the Eucharistic Process will be omitted and the Blessed Sacrament will remain in the tabernacle.**

Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Death Friday, April 2nd, 3:00 PM

****Due to the pandemic, No touching or kissing of the Cross will be permitted during the veneration of the Cross. Those coming forward to venerate the cross must keep their masks on and maintain social distancing. Reverencing the cross will done by a genuflection or a bow.**

Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil Saturday, April 3rd, 8:30 PM

****Due to the pandemic, The Solemn Beginning of the Vigil or Lucernarium is omitted, the procession is omitted and the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) follows. The Liturgy of the Word then takes place. For the Baptismal Liturgy, the Renewal of Baptismal Promises alone is necessary. The Liturgy of the Eucharist then follows.**

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK ANNUAL APPEAL

We continue to make progress towards making our **Paid Pledge Goal for the Annual Appeal**. Thus far we have **74 gifts totaling \$11,714 in paid pledges, 40.53% of the \$28,894 we need by June 30th**. Any shortfall of our goal will be added as an expense to our budget and will have to be paid to the Archdiocese by September 30th. The second collection next weekend will be used to assist us in closing the gap on our paid pledge goal. Special envelopes for this collection are available in the pews this weekend.

OUR PARISH FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

It is only through your generosity that we are able to assist our brothes and sisters in our community that are in need.

If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated: Canned Vegetables, Fruit, Tuna, Potatoes (small packages or canned), Cereal (12 oz. or smaller), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Coffee (regular or small instant) and Cookies. Thank you for all of the generous donations. It's only with your help that we are able to keep our food pantry stocked. *As a reminder, we are unable to package out-of-date food products for distribution to our families.*

We would like to offer our recipients a **birthday bag**. To accomplish this *we need donations of: cake mix, can of icing, candles, small birthday plates and napkins. We will package it all into a birthday bag.* Please leave these items with the rest of the food in the back of the church near the Sacred Heart shrine. We appreciate all your generosity!

Upcoming Food Pantry Open Dates:

Saturday, March 27th (Easter Pick Up)
Saturday, April 17th & April 24th
Saturday, May 22nd
Saturday, June 19th and June 26th



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	\$20	
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Checks payable to: Sacred Heart Church

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

SICK: Betty Tynan, Baby Ryan Joseph Lomuscio, Dolores Manno, Sal Russo, Charles Klimkowsky, Nancy Namoviez, Giovanna Muscara, Al & Joan Viscuso, Lea Pappas, Anita Barcia, Denise Swanteck, Maureen F. Coughlin, John Smith, Julius Single, Dave Tzrepla, Frank Buco, Sr., John Stemkowski, Dominick Palmieri, Christopher N. Coughlin, Vladimir Pudoff, Isabella Lugo, Tess, Allison Russell, Francesco Giacchi, Mario Alongi, Sr., Vito & Grace Dacchille, John Scivetti, Ellie Cappadona, Joseph Caramanico, Ken Stone, Rosie Perez, Timothy Yushak, Simplicia Ramirez, Corazon Santos, Jaxson Rivera, Marilyn Loughran

DECEASED: Helen Greenrose, Angelina Weitzel,
Raymond Chmielewski, Rose L. Motisi, August Urgola



CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST

In Honor of: The Memory of James Cavalcante, Sr.
Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Were you there when the crucified my Lord?

Here at Sacred Heart, we will pray the Stations of the Cross as a community the Fridays of Lent **March 26 following the 12 Noon Mass**. As early as the 4th century, Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land would walk the route that Our Lord walked as He made His way to Golgotha for our salvation. When Muslims captured Jerusalem and it became too dangerous to make this pilgrimage, Christians replicated the sites back home in and there developed the "Stations of the Cross" devotion (also known as "Way of the Cross," "Via Dolorosa," or "Via Crucis"). The devotion consists of meditating on 14 events -- that number being fixed in 1731 by Pope Clement XII -- which took place during Christ's Passion, from His being condemned to His burial.



BEST LENT EVER

Lent is a 40-day period leading up to Easter, beginning with Ash Wednesday. Lent is known as a penitential season. That means it is an opportunity to examine your life, give your struggles to God, and invite him to help you become the-best-version-of-yourself. Lent is the perfect time to form new life-giving habits and abandon old self-destructive habits. But most of us just give up something. Then, when Easter arrives, we realize we really haven't grown spiritually since the beginning of Lent. **Lent is not just about giving things up, it's about who you become.**

What if this year you did more than just give up something during Lent? Do something life-changing. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever. **It's FREE.** Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever email program will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself—in a deeply personal way, and begin (or nourish) a habit of daily prayer. Visit www.dynamiccatholic.com for more details and to sign-up.

MARCH 21, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00 pm Lorenza & Julian Duran

SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Joseph J. Pavlica, Jr.
10:30 am Rose Agnolet
12:00pm Celeste Truskolowski
1:30 pm In Thanksgiving

MONDAY - Lenten Weekday

12:00pm John Maley, Jr.

TUESDAY - Lenten Weekday/St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

12:00pm Concetta D'Amico

WEDNESDAY - Lenten Weekday

12:00pm Graciela Duran

THURSDAY - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

12:00pm Belinda Baz

FRIDAY - Lenten Weekday

12:00pm Special Intention

SATURDAY - Lenten Weekday

9:00am Greg Kinga Family

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00 pm Edward & Irene Mc Dermott

SUNDAY - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Anna Marie Fallar & Anthony Michael Silver
10:30 am James & Eleanor Scotti
12:00pm Special Intention
1:30 pm In Thanksgiving



STEWARDSHIP

March 14th

Sunday Collection - \$5,277

Add'l Christmas - \$500

Add'l Assessment Collection - \$161

Add'l Ash Wednesday - \$45

ANNUAL APPEAL 2021 - CATHOLIC STEWARSHIP IN ACTION ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

The Archdiocese's 2021 Annual Appeal, "Catholic Stewardship *in Action*" is currently underway. You may have already received at home a letter from Cardinal Tobin explaining the important role the Annual Appeal plays for our Archdiocese. Gifts to the Annual Appeal play a critical role in the delivery of programs and ministries provided by the Archdiocese that are at the heart of the mission of our local Church.

Your gift will assist passing on the faith, ministries that proclaim the Gospel, care for the Poor and Vulnerable, forming future priests and supporting retired clergy.

To Date, 74 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:

Our Total Parish's Goal - \$33,992 -- Received To Date - \$23,783 (69.96% of Goal)

****Our Parish's Paid Pledge Goal By June 30th - \$28,894 -- Received To Date - \$11,713 (40.53% of Goal)**

Your generosity not only supports all the ministries listed above but can also be a direct support for our parish as well. If we exceed our total parish goal, we will receive a rebate from the Archdiocese of all the excess funds and a 2% reduction in our parish assessment for the fiscal year. It's a great way for our parish family to "fund raise" and help others at the same time. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider your gift to the Annual Appeal.

****Reminder, we must collect our Parish's Paid Pledge Goal by June 30th. If we don't accomplish this, the shortfall will be added as an expense to our budget and must be paid to the Archdiocese by September 30, 2021.**

If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider your gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Envelopes for the Appeal are available in the pews. You can also make your gift online at www.rcan.org/sharing. Please be sure to select Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst so the parish receives credit.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. *If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.* The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted and two (2) smaller meals, which added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.
Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

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