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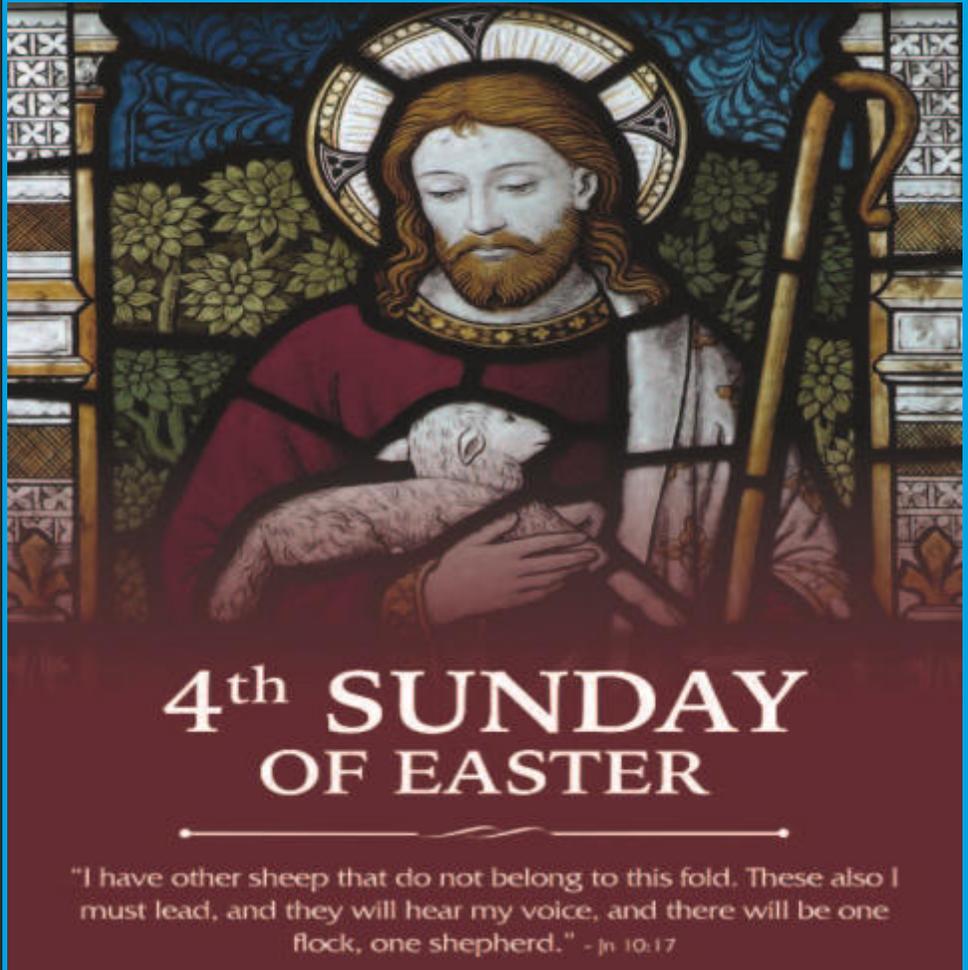
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SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS SCHEDULE

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 3:00pm
May 16, Jun. 20, Jul. 25, Aug. 22, Sep. 19, Oct. 10, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus teaches us about good and true leadership. And he sets himself as the model by using the image of the good shepherd. He takes care of his flock. He leads his sheep to green pastures; he seeks out the lost sheep; and if needed, he is even ready to die for the sake of his sheep.

We have to rejoice that we belong to the flock of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. For, indeed, he continues to take care of us through the ministry of human shepherds he chose – the bishops and priests. This is to ensure that his flock is taken care of until he comes again. Sadly, however, we see a significant decline in the number of priests as well as in the number of young people entering the seminary. Obviously, not too many of our young people now are interested in the priesthood and religious life. There are different reasons. Foremost of them is the culture of materialism in our time. Many young people enter college solely in view of getting a high-paying job. They are looking for material comfort and luxury, thinking that this is the way to happiness. Unfortunately, they are mistaken.

Rightly, then, that this Sunday is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We may not be the ones called by God to this kind of vocation, but as Christians, we have the obligation to campaign for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For once, let us seriously consider the value of the priesthood in our life. St. John Marie Vianney, the patron saint of all priests said, “Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption here on earth...What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door: he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of His goods...Leave a parish for twenty years without a priest and they will end by worshiping the beasts there.” Pope Benedict XVI is perfectly right when he said that without priestly ministry “there would be no Eucharist, no mission, not even the Church.”

The lack of priests all over the world, even in a Catholic country such as the Philippines, is leaving our people wanting in honest-to-goodness instruction in the faith. Most of our pastors are overwhelmed with so many pastoral concerns that they have barely the time and energy to focus on the task of teaching.

This situation is truly a big challenge. There are two steps we have to take. First, let us help in making our people aware of the value and importance of the priesthood and religious life. This is a formidable task, considering the materialistic and egoistic culture we are in now. But it has to be done. If we are zealous in marketing or advertising our business products, why can we not also be more zealous in “marketing” or “advertising” the priesthood to our young people?

But campaigning for vocations becomes more effective when we take the second step. If Jesus is our Good Shepherd, we must become true members of his flock. Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd, and I know mine, and mine know me” (Jn 10:14). As Good Shepherd, “he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice” (Jn 10:4). When we know and follow the Good Shepherd, we become good shepherds ourselves. That is why we know for a fact that priestly vocations usually come from good families where authentic Christian values are taught and lived.

Let’s remember to pray for our priests, deacons, consecrated persons and seminarians. May God grant them the grace of perseverance in their vocation and ministry. Let us also pray for all families that they become rich seedbeds of vocations as they earnestly follow the voice of the Good Shepherd, calling them to holiness and fullness of life.

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE PROGRAM

Sacred Heart Church has partnered with Blue Foundry Bank to raise money for the parish. Through the Community Alliance Program, Blue Foundry will make a quarterly donation to our parish account based upon the average balance of our members' designated accounts at Boiling Springs. **NO MONEY WILL BE WITHDRAWN from members' accounts. A minimum of twenty individuals** (members) is required. Enrollment in the program is quick and easy. Just stop by a Blue Foundry Branch and fill out a Community Alliance Member account form.

Note: There are other Sacred Heart Churches enrolled in the program. When you sign up at the branch PLEASE BE SURE TO SPECIFY SACRED HEART, LYNDHURST (CAP CODE 094). If you have ALREADY ENROLLED AT THE BRANCH, PLEASE VERIFY with the branch that your enrollment is for Sacred Heart, Lyndhurst (CAP CODE 094).



PARISH CATECHETICAL LEADER NEEDED

Our parish is in need of a Parish Catechetical Leader to organize, schedule, administer, lead and oversee our parish's religious education program. If you are interested in this part time position, please contact the parish office at 201-438-1147 for more details.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201)407-3256.

The phone numbers for the County Prosecutors within the Archdiocese are:

Bergen - (201) 646-2300

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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.*

Thanks or all the Birthday Package donations! We are in need of birthday candles, cake mix and frosting. We are also in need of Birthday Bags to package all the items. 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, May 22nd

Saturday, June 19th and June 26th

IS YOUR MARRIAGE VALID?

If you were married civilly, that is not in the Catholic Church before a priest or deacon, it might not be a valid marriage. Some couples believe that a marriage before a Justice of the Peace or a non-Catholic minister is valid. For a marriage to be valid in the Catholic Church, the marriage must be in a Catholic Church or Chapel and officiated by an authorized Catholic priest or deacon along with 2 witnesses. (There are limited interfaith exceptions with proper permission.)

We invite you to speak with one of our priests if there are any questions or if indeed you wish to validate your marriage. The process can be very simple and your marriage will now be blessed by the Church.

ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE OUR FAITH WITH THE YOUTH OF OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our Religious Education program is always in need of teachers, aides, substitute teachers, hall monitors, and office helpers. Are you willing to help our children learn more about the love that Jesus Christ has them in the 2021-2022 school year? No special religious education training is required. If you are interested in volunteering, call the parish office at 201-438-1147.

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 Bucu, Sr., John Stemkowski, Christopher N. Coughlin, Vladimir Pudoff, Isabella Lugo, Tess, Allison Russell, Francesco Giacchi, Mario Alongi, Sr., Grace Dacchille, John Scivetti, Ellie Cappadona, Joseph Caramanico, Ken Stone, Rosie Perez, Timothy Yushak, Simplicia Ramirez, Corazon Santos, Jaxson Rivera, Marilyn Loughran, Leslie Picone Macaluso, Dorothy Mayerchak

DECEASED: LuAnn McLaughlin, Bernice Frega, Kathleen F. Painter



ARE YOU STILL CELEBRATING THE EASTER SEASON?

The period from Easter Sunday through Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) is an especially joyful time. The Catholic Church refers to these eight days (counting both Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday) as the Octave of Easter. (Octave is also sometimes used to indicate the eighth day, that is, Divine Mercy Sunday, rather than the entire eight-day period.)

Every day in the Octave of Easter is so important that it is treated as a continuation of Easter Sunday itself. For that reason, no fasting is allowed during the Octave of Easter (since fasting has always been forbidden on Sundays), and on the Friday after Easter, the normal obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays is waived.

But the Easter season doesn't end after the Octave of Easter: Because Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar, even more important than Christmas, the Easter season continues on for 50 days, through the Ascension of Our Lord to Pentecost Sunday, seven full weeks after Easter Sunday! Indeed, for the purpose of fulfilling our Easter Duty (the requirement to receive Communion at least once during the Easter season), the Easter season extends a bit further, until Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost. That final week isn't counted in the regular Easter season, though.

If Pentecost Sunday is the seventh Sunday after Easter Sunday, shouldn't that mean that the Easter season is only 49 days long? After all, seven weeks times seven days is 49 days, right? There's no problem with your math. But just as we count both Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday in the Octave of Easter, so, too, we count both Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday in the 50 days of the Easter season.

So even after Easter Sunday has passed, and the Octave of Easter has passed, keep on celebrating and wishing your friends a happy Easter. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us in his famous Easter homily, read in Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches on Easter, Christ has destroyed death, and now is the "feast of faith."

APRIL 25, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00 pm Michael Trusio

SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Anthony L. Paolazzi and
Rocco E. & Louise Paolazzi

10:30 am Special Intention

12:00pm Domingo Herandez

1:30 pm Mauricio Cruz, Eufemia Campos
& Angela Cruz

MONDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm People With Anxiety & Depression

TUESDAY - Easter Weekday

12:00pm Special Intention

WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr/St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

12:00pm Madeline & Gennaro Ferrara

THURSDAY - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Anna & Michael Christie

FRIDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Pius V, Pope

12:00pm Joseph Mayerchak

SATURDAY - Easter Weekday/St. Joseph the Worker

9:00am Purgatorial Society

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00 pm Leon Lejda

SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Pat Zimmermann

10:30 am Joseph Mayerchak

12:00pm Jerry Agresti, Sr.

1:30 pm Braulio Moreno Ontaneda



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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, 132 families from our parish family have generously supported the Appeal:

Our Total Parish's Goal - \$33,992 -- Received To Date - \$37,926 (111.57% of Goal)

****Our Parish's Paid Pledge Goal By June 30th - \$28,894 -- Received To Date - \$24,352 (84.28% 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.**

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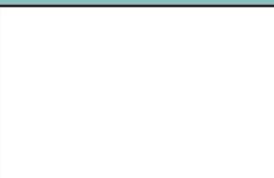
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