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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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
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.

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The warning of Jeremiah, speaking on behalf of God, bemoans the "shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture." The "shepherds" that Jeremiah is referring to are Israel's rulers. The nation's rulers, along with the priests and prophets, were supposed to play a role in helping the nation fulfill its vocation as God's people. Yahweh had carefully and lovingly shepherded Israel and Judah. But those whose duty it was to be His instruments were, for the most part, a huge disappointment.

Without good and righteous leadership, the very covenant between God and the people had suffered. These rulers had not, as God wished, protected the frail and powerless. Poor leadership had brought disaster to the nation, for when Jeremiah was writing these words, the Babylonian captivity had already begun. Eventually, the royal line would end and the nation would be taken into exile. Before it was over, Jerusalem and its temple would lie in ruins.

When national or religious leadership is defective, the consequences for ordinary people are disastrous.

Today we face a similar dilemma. The Church today is suffering with the perennial virus of a people in transition: loss of perspective, polarization and disunity. We know something about the agony of transition, of being scattered, of discontinuity and the turbulence of crisis. But crisis has always triggered the best of Christian reflection. The experience of change, of suffering, of hopes uncertain, can force us to dig deep into our tradition and to discover its power anew.

And despite the gloomy conditions that Jeremiah is highlighting among God's people, the reading has a breath of hope – and for this we can be grateful. While the rulers are blamed and threats are leveled against them, there is a promise for a brighter future. God is stepping in to "gather the remnant," to bring them back from exile, "to their meadow." To accomplish this renewal, God promises to appoint shepherds who will fulfill their appointed office faithfully. And He promises even more. A special shepherd will be sent, "...I will raise up a righteous shoot to David." A new time is coming, despite the present distress. God promises not to abandon the people, but to renew them and form a new community with faithful leadership.

God's promise to the people is fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus personifies God's compassion for both the disciples - who will shepherd in Jesus' name - and for the people - who need to be gathered and raised up. Jesus is more than a shepherd; he is God's compassion made flesh.

The compassion of Jesus the Shepherd is as intense now as it has always been for the needs of the crowds. He has not forgotten them; he has not forgotten us. He speaks to us all. Each of us has shepherding responsibilities to family, the young, the needy and to society in general. All of the baptized are sent out to speak and act in Jesus' name.

What's clear in our first and third readings this week is that a scattered and needy people are not on their own to figure things out or put their house in order by themselves. God, speaking through Jeremiah, makes it clear to a shepherd-less people, "I myself will gather the remnant of the flock....I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them." Jesus is the proof that God is doing just that. Not only is Jesus assuming the shepherding task, but he is training others to carry on when he is gone.

It's obvious from the words of Jesus that our role as disciples of the Gospel is, first and foremost, that of reconciling, healing and uniting our people. We are to do that, not by using the power of the Gospel to instill fear and trembling; not to denigrate people who have differing points of view or belief-systems. Nor is it to exclude certain people from ministry, either because of gender or because their expression of faith doesn't live up to what we believe to be the norm.

Throughout Mark's gospel those following Jesus are usually called "disciples." But in today's passage they are called "apostles." It is the only time in the gospel that Mark uses that title. It's a new name for them and suggests a new relationship with Jesus. The Shepherd is preparing "apostles," then and now, those to be sent in his name to teach and act as he did – to shepherd His people as He Himself did. The promise we heard in Jeremiah is being fulfilled in Jesus. "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock...." That's what God did. That's what God is doing. God sends a new Shepherd whose heart is moved with compassion for the scattered sheep, just as God's was.

The call to be "apostles" and "shepherds" is not just made to our national or religious leadership. That call is meant for each of us as well and is equally critical. Each of us can play a part in this moment's potential for growth, by finding ways to speak to one another in His name for the good of the God's people. We can face what assails our society, be witnesses to hope and continue to preach, teach and heal as He did.

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).



RETROUVAILLE RETREAT

August 13 - 15, 2021

Is your marriage going down the right road. . . or is it a little off the track? Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. For more information call Rich at 732-236-0671 or Annette 732-672-0748.

ANNUAL APPEAL 2021

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Thanks to the generosity of 155 families and individuals from our parish family we have exceeded our Total Parish's Goal of \$33,992. Our parish also qualifies for the 2% discount on our monthly assessment expense because through your generosity we made our goal in paid pledges by June 30th!

The Annual Appeal now becomes a fundraiser for our parish. We have \$7,129 in pledges that have not been paid yet. **IF YOU HAVE A BALANCE REMAINING ON YOUR PLEDGE, PLEASE CONTINUE TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE PAYMENTS. ALL FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE REBATED BACK TO THE PARISH AND LIKE A FUNDRAISER WILL BE "ASSESSMENT FREE."**

There is still time to participate in the Annual Appeal. Envelopes are available at the entrances to the church. You can also make your gift online at the Archdiocese's website www.rcan.org/sharing. Please be sure to select Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst so our parish receives credit. **MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL APPEAL!!**

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.*

With the pandemic issue still being felt by many, the Sacred Heart Food Pantry is letting those in need know there is food also available at St. Micheal's Rectory, 624 Page Ave, Lyndhurst, every Wednesday 10:00AM to noon, The only information needed is name, address, phone number and I.D.

Upcoming Food Pantry Open Dates:

Saturday, August 21st

ONLINE GIVING AT SACRED HEART

Forgot your envelope or wallet? **Did you know you could give to our parish online through GoFundMe or Zelle?** Giving to our parish is just a few clicks away on your cell phone, tablet and computer. It's quick and easy.

To use GoFundMe visit:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/sacred-heart-church-lyndhurst> to make your gift to our parish through GoFundMe.

To use Zelle

If you are a Zelle user at your bank you can create a Zelle payee for Sacred Heart parish using the sacredheartchurch@comcast.net email address.

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, 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, 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, Dorothy Mayerchak, Joseph D'Amore, Beth Branigan, Luca Ataide, William Readie

DECEASED: Gloria Damiani, Nicholas Della Valle, Eutropia Arotinco

CHURCH BELLS CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE

The Sacred Heart Church bell rings:



MONDAY JULY 19TH

In Honor of: The Memory of James M. Cavalcante

Donated by: Jim & Isabel Cavalcante

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FRIDAY 12:30 - 3:30

During Eucharistic Adoration, the faithful pray to Jesus Christ, who is present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist, also referred to as the Blessed Sacrament, is typically kept in a tabernacle at your parish church.

While it is true that you can pray to God anywhere and that He is always within you, it is especially powerful to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. In the presence of the Eucharist, we pray to the power and sacrifice that it represents — the body of Jesus, who gave His life so that we may live. It is His body, blood, soul and divinity that is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist.



JULY 18, 2021
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00 pm Luzmila Agrestegui,
Julia Flores Rodriguez, &
Francisco Durand

SUNDAY - Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Special Intention
10:30 am Leon Lejda
12:00pm James M. Cavalcante
1:30 pm Cesar Parodi &
Evelina Constanza Parodi

MONDAY - Weekday

12:00pm Vito Sinopoli, Jr.

TUESDAY - Weekday/St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

12:00pm Eric Lindsay

WEDNESDAY - Weekday/St. Lawrence Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:00pm Souls In Purgatory

THURSDAY - St. Mary Magdalene

12:00pm Theresa Di Michele

FRIDAY - Weekday/St. Bridget, Religious

12:00pm Special Intention

SATURDAY - Weekday/St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest/Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Innocent Orji

Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00 pm Mario Calessella

SUNDAY - Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart
9:00am Rocky & Louise Paolazzi
10:30 am Joanne Owens, Rita Owens,
Rose Bevacqua
12:00pm Michael Stecz
1:30 pm Alberto Centenaro

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Parish Picnic

As we begin to return to a more recognizable sense of "normal" we are starting to look for an opportunity to get our parish family together for a social event. It's been such a long time since we been able to gather and enjoy each others' company! With this in mind, we are hoping to have a parish picnic in the green area behind the Parish Center (former convent) and parking lot in mid to late August. Watch the bulletin for more details.

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