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We hope that all new residents will come to the Parish Center to register.

Adult Christian Initiation

If you are interested in exploring the Catholic faith or completing your initiation into the Church please call the Parish Center.

Infant Baptism Preparation If you wish to arrange a baptism at Sacred Heart Church, please contact the Parish Center at 516-379-1356 ext.10. One of our baptism coordinators will be happy to arrange a time to meet with you. Ideally, both Godparents should be practicing Catholics. We will review the procedures for the sacrament and you will be able to fill out all the necessary paperwork. Baptisms are held on the first and third Sunday of each month at 2pm in the church. First time parents need to attend a baptism class. They are held on the last Monday of each month in the church at 7:30pm. Crying babies welcome! Godparents are encouraged but not required to attend.

Sacrament of Matrimony Please contact the Parish Center at least one year in advance of the intended date of the wedding. A priest or deacon of the parish will interview you, set the wedding date and help you register for the required marriage preparation program. Marriage Preparation is held in the parish three times a year. Please contact Deacon John @ DunmoreDoc@gmail.com for dates and times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation A priest is available each Saturday at 4:00PM in the church. Please don't hesitate to call a priest at the Parish Center for an appointment for Confession at another time.

Sacraments for the Homebound If you or a family member are not able to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments of Communion, Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Center.

We thank you for your generosity

**Monday, November 28, 2022**

9AM Nina Nicolich

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

9AM Mary Quirk

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

9AM Janet Heney

Thursday, December 1, 2022

10AM Alexander & Teresa Gregov

Friday, December 2, 2022

9AM Purgatorial Society

Saturday, December 3, 20225PM Joyce A. Baranek
Nina Nicolich
Eileen Dever
Timothy James Dunleavy**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

10AM Bruno & Lina Villa

12PM Ligia Ruiz DeAgudelo

5PM Anna Friedman
Rosemary & Arthur Losee
Mary & Louis Boschetti
Baby Scott Vincent Castella*In our thoughts and prayers.**Taylor Agurto**Joanne Angelastro**Milan Baranek**Edward Bennett**Mary Berberich**Carol Byer**Ed Beyer**John Brennan**Joanne Campbell**Baby Jack**Baby Kaylee**Dolores Costello**Lisa DelCampo**Anthony DeLuca**AJ DeLuca**John De Luca**DiMatteo Family**Betty DiNicola**Eileen Dobrinkat**Matthew Dwyer**John & Maria Eletto**Robert Galvin**Gloria Hannifin**Pat Hesse**Barbara Jenkins**Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher**Gail Kmitis**Jackie Kraemer**Andrew LaClaustra**Brian Mohr**Jack McGreevy**Katherine McGreevy**John McMullin**Taylor Oshan**Jack Palamaro**Peter Palamaro, Jr.**Eileen Pio**Flo Puff**Ginesia Reale**John Rocco**Benny Sarnelli**Randall Sinz**Mary Sweeney**Herb Staudter**Theresa Vacchio**Nelson Villafior**Aidan Walden**Peggy Watts**Alyssa Zangari**Rosemarie Ziminski**Robert Ziminski***Prayers for the Sick**

In an effort to make sure parishioners who are ill are properly prayed for we would like to keep our Sick List as up to date as possible. Names will remain for one full month, but will be **removed at the end of every month**, unless there is a request by the family to extend the prayers for the following month.

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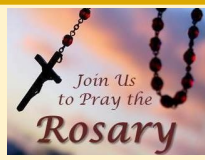
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Let us remember all our parishioners who have been called home to our Loving God.



Join Us to Pray the **Rosary**


Every weekday morning at 8:30am

Ministry of Praise


Pope's Prayer Intention December

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations
 We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



There will be NO meeting of the prayer shawl ministry this month.



If you or someone you know needs assistance with bills, rent, food, or other monetary help, please email SVDP@sacredheartnm.org or call the Parish Center and someone from our St. Vincent de Paul Society will return your call.

"It is not sufficient for me to love God if I do not love my neighbor. I belong to God and to the poor."
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PARISHIONERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

**Sacred Heart Parish salutes and
commends to prayer:**

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Sgt. Richard DeTommaso, U.S. Army, Korea
PFC Kendrick McCann, U.S. Army, Korea
Sgt. First Class Lee Ann Gouveia, U.S. Army
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L CPL Kevin P. Vaughan, U.S.M.C.
Major Christopher Darconte, U.S. Air Force
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Sgt. Brandon Furia, U.S.M.C.
PFC Matthew Macario, U.S. Army,
Afghanistan
Lt. James Corino, Army
Lt. Commander William H. Mohr, Navy
Amn. 1st Class Daniel Gilroy, U.S.A.F.
Lt. Daniel T. Lopez, U.S. Air Force
Captain Patrick O'Sullivan U.S.N.A. U.S.M.C.
Lt. j. g. Michael Napolitano U.S. Navy
John Devoti Lt. Col. U.S.M.C.
2nd Lieutenant Jordan Paladino- US Army

Prayer For The Safety of Our Service Men & Women

Almighty and Eternal God, protect these men and women as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety to all who love them. May they ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sacred Heart Purgatorial Society

*Helen & Joseph Tatarka, Marianne Collins,
Patricia A. Bove, Caroline & Francis
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Everett Corum, Jr, James J. Stasi, Maureen &
Robert Murphy, Josephine Valenti,
Ellen C. Rafter, Donald J. Johnson, Eileen
Clarke, Dolores Kulich, Vera Farrell, James
Tannehill, William G. Mohr, Shaun Hughes,
Edward Walsh & Family, Frances Forgione,
Lillian Milana, Randall Cordero, Edward
Hesse, Regina Platt, James Artura,
Edward A. Kennedy, Carolyn McDonough,
Carmel L. Carleo, Raymond P. Carleo, James
G. Dwyer, James P. Soldo, Robert Tom
Riordan, Henry Darnaud, Stephen J. Brigandi,
Sr., Ryan Palma, John Fitzpatrick, Amesse
Furchak, Marlene Lawson, Richard
Brazenor, Joseph & Dora Accurso, Mary &
Frank Gandini, Pat Darienzo, Jr., Tom and
Mary Carroll, Brother Hugh Patrick Turley,
FMS, Michelle Palma Furchak, Charlotte & Joe
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Ann Kelly, Margaret, Joseph, Jack & Catherine
Eschmann, Kay Alida Eschmann
Joseph Sommer, Charles Vaccaro, Epifania
Napit, Nancy DeStefano, Lester Smith,
Camille and George Pashalides, Patrick M.
Darienzo, Thomas J. Maloney, Jack Faust,
Theresa Reilly Fred J. Cardinale, Thomas
McLoone, Joseph Massaro, Daniel Contartesi,
Catherine Contartesi, Teresa & Joseph
Sullivan, Helen & Joseph Tatarka,
Fred & Theresa Peruggia,
Josephine and Leo Scotto, Michael &
Philomena Peruggia
Ronald Gandini, Clare Shorak,
Edward J. Lunden
Elizabeth & John Chambers*



**The next Anointing of the Sick is
Friday, December 2nd**



December 12th, 13th & 14th at 7pm in the church.

Jim Ryan is a former educator and financial advisor, but it was through his volunteer work with prisoners in the Yaphank jail he realized his ability to inspire and alter people's perspectives on life.

Since then he has traveled the country, giving talks to a wide variety of audiences, while continuing his volunteer work at the jail.



The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ.

Altogether, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior.

Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent. The progressive lighting of this symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Since Advent is a time to stir-up our faith in the Lord, the wreath and its prayers provide us a way to augment this special preparation for Christmas. Moreover, this good tradition helps us to remain vigilant in our homes and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

Faith, Hope, Joy & Love



Sacred Heart Giving Tree

Please take a tag from the Giving Tree in the church lobby and return the gift card to the Parish Center by December 12th.

Some of you have asked about buying actual gifts. While this is a beautiful tradition, giving the families gift cards allows them to shop for gifts for their children, as they know their wants and likes.

We thank you so much for your generosity.



Typically the last Sunday of the month is Pantry Sunday. Because of your consistent generosity and the donations from our Faith Formation Students, our pantry is well stocked with most items.

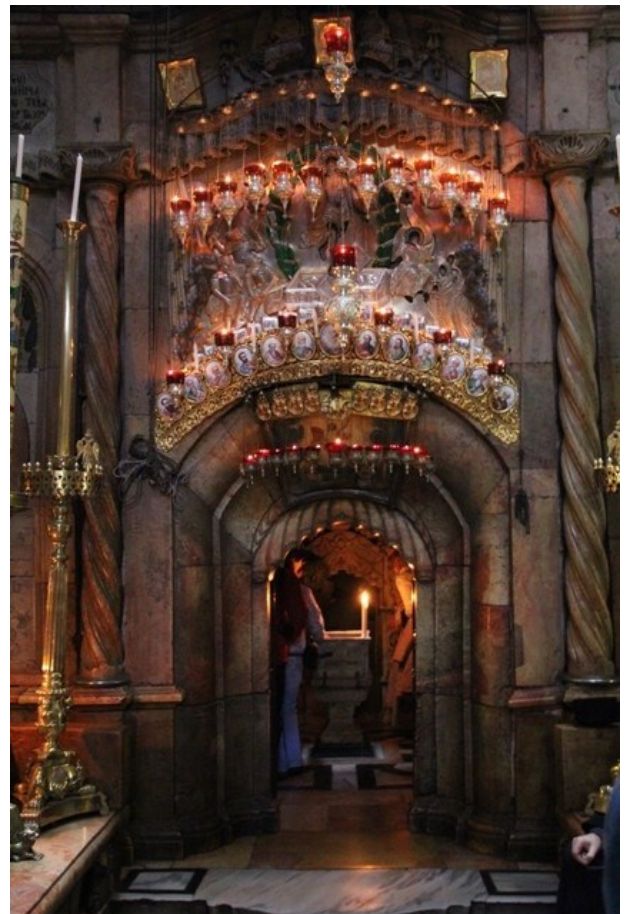
What we could really use is: **butter, milk, eggs, yogurt, cream cheese** and **coffee**. If your means allow, any one of these items would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Several of our parishioners were fortunate enough to spend ten days in the Holy Land, visiting incredible sites such as Bethlehem, Golgotha, the Holy Sepulchere and Jericho. Our parish Facebook page has photos from reach day of the trip: Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart.

Fr. Stephen and Fr. Lee had the honor of celebrating Mass in Jesus' tomb





Last week, SEAS hosted a Mother and Son Events Night. Down in the cafeteria, boys in grades K-8 were able to paint a scarecrow with their mom. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to be Picasso for the night. Up in the gym, boys in grades 5-8 had a sports and races night with their moms. They played cornhole, basketball, had scooter races, Hawaiian dress up, steal the bowling pin (bacon), and horse and buggy races. The amount of fun and laughter in the gym was fabulous!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA!



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—NOVEMBER 27, 2022

First Reading*Isaiah 2:1-5*

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5,6-7,8-9*

Rejoicing, let us enter the house of the Lord.

Second Reading*Romans 13:11-14*

Be prepared, salvation is near.

Gospel Reading*Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

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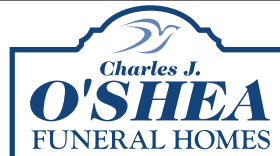
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