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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.

November 20, 2022**November 27, 2022**

Attendance:	1169	1100
Envelopes:	387	315
Collection:	\$14,044.00	\$12,985.00
Year to Date:	\$978,254.00	991, 239.00

**Monday, December 5, 2022**

9AM Maureen Butler

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

9AM Eileen Dever

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

9AM Nicholas & Leticia Carleo

5PM Frances O'Hea

Thursday, December 8, 2022**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

9AM Elizabeth & Michael Creamer

12PM Lester Smith

7:30PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Friday, December 9, 2022

9AM Marilyn Arnone

Saturday, December 10, 2022

5PM Santo, Ida & Julie Luberto

Peter DeCarolis

Michael Gillespie

Joan Bivona (Living)

Mary Flowers

Sunday, December 11, 2022

8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

10AM Roe & John Hasselberger

12PM Jack Faust

5PM Paulino Cervoni

Twana McIntosh

Fransica Rodriguez

*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**Andrew LaClaustra**Brian Mohr**Jack McGreevy**Katherine McGreevy**John McMullin**Taylor Oshan**Jack Palamaro**Peter Palamaro, Jr.**Eileen Pio**John Primavera**Flo Puff**Ginesia Reale**Ann Rhoads**John Rocco**Randall Sinz**Mary Sweeney**Herb Staudter**Theresa Vacchio**Nelson Villaflor**Aidan Walden**John Weber**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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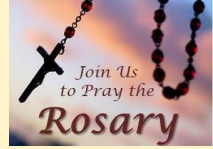
TICKETS: Sue Fitzpatrick (516) 623-2383
 INFO: Lisa Dwyer (516) 835-1495

men invited cash bar



*Faith...
Rest in Peace*

Let us remember all our parishioners who have been called home to our Loving God. We especially remember Robert Drake



Every weekday morning at 8:30am




The Bread & Wine for the week of December 4th are in memory of Baby Scott Vincent and Baby Casey Therese Castella donated by their mom, Alison Casey

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Christmas Card Raffle

Support our regional school by purchasing a Christmas card raffle for \$10.

Each card equals 31 opportunities to win cash up to \$2,500. Great stocking stuffers. Contact main office of school at 516-785-5709 to purchase through December 19th.



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."
-St. Vincent de Paul*

PARISHIONERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

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

Spc. John McCann, U.S. Army, Italy
Sgt. Richard DeTommaso, U.S. Army, Korea
PFC Kendrick McCann, U.S. Army, Korea
Sgt. First Class Lee Ann Gouveia, U.S. Army
L CPL Anthony Rusciano, U.S.M.C.
L CPL Troy Grassi, U.S.M.C., Iraq
SSgt. Edgar C. Francisco, U.S.M.C.
Col. James K. Lavine, U.S.M.C.
Lt. Col. Timothy W. Schnelle, U.S.M.C.
Pvt. Andrew Reynolds, U.S. Army
3rd CS P.O. Joseph La Form, U.S. Navy
L CPL Kevin P. Vaughan, U.S.M.C.
Major Christopher Darconte, U.S. Air Force
U.S.M.C. Deployed Aircraft Carrier Iwo Jima
Sgt. Brandon Furia, U.S.M.C.
PFC Matthew Macario, U.S. Army,
Afghanistan
Lt. James Corino, Army
Lt. Commander William H. Mohr, Navy
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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
Cacossa, Margaret E. Riordan, Joan Fisk,
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
Francomano, John Hursala, Mae & John Dugo,
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 &
Virginia Marquardt, Philomena Peruggia
Ronald Gandini, Clare Shorak,
Edward J. Lunden,
Elizabeth & John Chambers*



**The next Anointing of the Sick is
Friday, January 6, 2023**

**December 12th, 13th & 14th at
7pm in the church.
EXPERIENCING GOD'S PRESENCE**



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.

**FRANCES BLAKE 300 CLUB
NOVEMBER 2022 WINNERS**

\$300 Winner	
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James Gavigan	#165
\$25 Winners	
Robert J. Lupo	#160
Sr. Carmelina Lally	#171
Susan Carroll	#043
Donna Schick	#060
\$15 Winners	
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gandini	#135
Ann Marie Vaccacio	#232
Helen Marconi	#184
Mike & Mary Jane Palma	#300
Daniel & Ann Rogan	#078

The December 2022 Monthly Drawing of the Frances Blake 300 Club will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. All paid up members have 13 chances to win! **Remember to send in your payment.**

The Immaculate Conception

How is Mary a parallel of Eve? Adam and Eve were both created immaculate--without original sin or its stain. They fell from grace, and through them mankind was bound to sin. Christ and Mary were also conceived immaculately. Through them mankind was redeemed from sin. Christ is thus the New Adam, and Mary the New Eve.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass is celebrated on Wednesday, December 7th, at 5pm and on Thursday, December 8th at 9am, 12pm and 7:30pm. The Parish Center is closed on December 8, 2022.

**Ministry of Praise Pope's Prayer
Intention for 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.



Many thanks and blessings to all who donated checks, gift cards and Thanksgiving food items. A huge shout out to Keith and Sharon Eriksen, Sue Carroll and all the volunteers who brought the prepared Thanksgiving meals to our parishioners. And many thanks to our bakers. Those that attended the Thanksgiving Mass were treated to homemade bread, blessed by Fr. Peter. I'm sure they were a delicious addition to many Thanksgiving tables!

These acts of kindness are just a small percentage of the many services performed by our faith community at Sacred Heart. It really warms my heart to be a part of this outreach Community. There are so many moving parts that I was not aware of. I am so glad to be the Outreach Coordinator in our parish and look forward to joining hands and hearts in prayer and service with everyone at Sacred Heart.

I am grateful that all the tags were taken from the Christmas trees in the church lobby. We are still accepting gift cards to Target, Walmart, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Old Navy and Kohls. If you'd like to donate, please drop your gift card in the basket when you attend Mass or leave it at the Parish Center. I can't thank you enough for your generosity.

Maureen Paladino



**BLESSING OF THE
OUTDOOR
CRECHE AND
CHRISTMAS TREE
LIGHTING**

Saturday, December 17th
after the 5pm Mass.

Dear Parishioners,

Many of you have asked for a Mass Intention for a loved one during the Christmas Season. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate all the requests due to the limited number of Masses. This year I decided to add a Christmas Novena. This will enable the parish to remember your loved ones in a special way during the Christmas Season. Beginning December 25th and continuing through New Year's, your loved ones will be remembered at Mass each day. An envelope for this Christmas Novena is included with your most recent envelopes. If you choose, please fill in the names of your deceased family and friends and drop it in the collection with whatever donation you wish. These envelopes will be placed on the altar for the duration of the Novena. All the names that were remembered in our Christmas Novena will be listed in a special bulletin insert on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to wish you a Blessed Advent and thank you once again for your support of our Thanksgiving Raffle. The generosity of our parishioners continues to overwhelm me. We are truly blessed.

*I invite all of you to spend some time preparing to celebrate our Savior's birth by attending our parish mission **Experiencing God's Presence** December 12-14th at 7pm in the church. Additional information is on page 6 of the bulletin.*

Bambinelli Sunday! I invite all our children to bring the baby Jesus from their creches to the Family Mass on Sunday, December 11th for a special blessing.

*I invite all of you to join us for our Tree Lighting and Creche Blessing after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, December 17th. Immediately following this is our **Christmas Pageant in the gym**. Our children have been practicing for several weeks and I am sure it will be a wonderful event. My thanks to Jackie Luciani and Christa Hughes for organizing the entire production.*

We will have priests available on Tuesday, December 20th from 7pm to 9pm in the church for confessions. Additionally, we will offer the sacrament from 12pm-2pm on Saturday, December 24th since we are unable to have confession at our regular time.

I am grateful that there are so many good things happening in our parish!

*Please know each of you remain in my prayer,
Fr. Stephen*



Operation Christmas Child packing day was phenomenal today! The students packed 843 boxes! Thank you Mrs. Aron for organizing this special day of giving back and your dedication. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped with the packing and transportation. The Christmas spirit is truly alive and well here at SEAS!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA!



Bambinelli Sunday "Bless the Baby Jesus"



ALL ARE INVITED TO BRING A BABY JESUS NATIVITY FIGURINE TO MASS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
10AM MASS



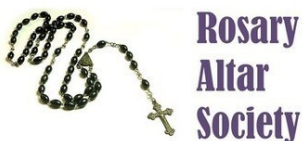
OVER 50 CLUB

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 12pm at La Piazza Caterers on Merrick Road. It's located between Frankel and Lincoln Blvds.

There will be a delicious served buffet, music, gifts, raffle and perhaps a visit from Santa!

The cost is \$43 per person. Check your calendars and join in the festivities. For additional information please call Mary: 516-378-1335.

We wish our entire Sacred heart Family a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!



The Rosary Society will meet on Monday, December 5th at 3pm in the church to pray the Rosary. All are invited to attend.

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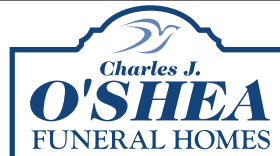
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