

December 11, 2022—Gaudete Sunday



Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart  
720 Merrick Ave  
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Phone: 516-379-1356  
*The Heart of Jesus in North Merrick*

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 Deacon John Heverin

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Fax**

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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](mailto: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.

**December 4, 2022**

Attendance: 1167

Envelopes: 372

Collection: \$17,841.00

Year to Date: \$1,009,080.00

**Monday, December 12, 2022**

9AM Peter Via

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

9AM Peter Via

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

9AM Ena J. Haig

**Thursday, December 15, 2022**

9AM Ralph P. Messana

**Friday, December 16, 2022**

9AM Virgilio &amp; Dolores Adames

**Saturday, December 17, 2022**5PM  
Walter Schoenfeld  
Eileen Dever  
Edward Kennedy  
Maria Gigante  
Ann Vespoli**Sunday, December 18, 2022**8AM Theresa & Philip Horsting  
10AM Joseph Licari  
12PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
5PM Ann M. Sullivan  
Barbara Patton  
Chris Palermo  
Perla Paragas*In our thoughts and prayers.*

|                                    |                            |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Taylor Agurto</i>               | <i>Barbara Jenkins</i>     |
| <i>Joanne Angelaastro</i>          | <i>Gail Kmitis</i>         |
| <i>Milan Baranek</i>               | <i>Andrew LaClaustra</i>   |
| <i>Edward Bennett</i>              | <i>Brian Mohr</i>          |
| <i>Mary Berberich</i>              | <i>Jack McGreevy</i>       |
| <i>Carol Byer</i>                  | <i>Katherine McGreevy</i>  |
| <i>Ed Beyer</i>                    | <i>John McMullin</i>       |
| <i>John Brennan</i>                | <i>Taylor Oshan</i>        |
| <i>Joanne Campbell</i>             | <i>Jack Palamaro</i>       |
| <i>Baby Jack</i>                   | <i>Peter Palamaro, Jr.</i> |
| <i>Baby Kaylee</i>                 | <i>Eileen Pio</i>          |
| <i>Dolores Costello</i>            | <i>John Primavera</i>      |
| <i>Evelio Del Campo</i>            | <i>Flo Puff</i>            |
| <i>Lisa DelCampo</i>               | <i>Ginesia Reale</i>       |
| <i>Anthony DeLuca</i>              | <i>Ann Rhoads</i>          |
| <i>AJ DeLuca</i>                   | <i>John Rocco</i>          |
| <i>John De Luca</i>                | <i>Randall Sinz</i>        |
| <i>DiMatteo Family</i>             | <i>Mary Sweeney</i>        |
| <i>Betty DiNicola</i>              | <i>Herb Staudter</i>       |
| <i>Eileen Dobrinkat</i>            | <i>Theresa Vacchio</i>     |
| <i>Matthew Dwyer</i>               | <i>Nelson Villaflor</i>    |
| <i>John &amp; Maria Eletto</i>     | <i>Aidan Walden</i>        |
| <i>Robert Galvin</i>               | <i>John Weber</i>          |
| <i>Veronique Hall</i>              | <i>Alyssa Zangari</i>      |
| <i>Gloria Hannifin</i>             | <i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i>  |
| <i>Pat Hesse</i>                   | <i>Robert Ziminski</i>     |
| <i>Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher</i> |                            |

**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.



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

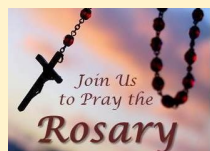
### Third Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people.

We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

**Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.**

*"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



Every weekday morning  
at 8:30am



*Let us remember all our parishioners who have been called home to our Loving God.  
We especially remember  
Catherine Corrao  
Lillian Nugnes*

**CAUTION**

**COLD & FLU  
SEASON**

If you are sick, take care of yourself. We care for the Body of Christ by first taking care of our own body. The obligation to participate in Mass is not required for those who are sick. If you are sick, do not worsen your illness by trying to get to church, and do not put others at risk of catching your illness.

It is not sinful to miss Mass if you are sick; it is an act of charity. If your children are sick, keep them home from Mass and religious education. Don't cough or sneeze into your hands. Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, then throw it away. If you don't have a tissue handy, do what school children are taught to do: cough or sneeze into your shirt sleeve and avoid touching the area of fabric you coughed into.

Wash your hands often, especially if you are an usher or Eucharistic Minister. Soap, water, and a good scrubbing are the best defense against the cold and flu viruses. Scrub your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Avoid shaking hands with others before, during, and after Mass if you are sick or have been in direct contact with someone who is sick.

## 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  
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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 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,  
Frank, Eleanor & Jimmy Gill*



**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**

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| <b>\$300 Winner</b>      |      |
| Ernie Marinelli          | #101 |
| <b>\$100 Winner</b>      |      |
| Elizabeth Schmidt        | #053 |
| <b>\$75 Winner</b>       |      |
| Maryse Haig              | #022 |
| <b>\$50 Winner</b>       |      |
| James Gavigan            | #165 |
| <b>\$25 Winners</b>      |      |
| Robert J. Lupo           | #160 |
| Sr. Carmelina Lally      | #171 |
| Susan Carroll            | #043 |
| Donna Schick             | #060 |
| <b>\$15 Winners</b>      |      |
| 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.**

**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.

**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!



**Below are the items we would love  
to have in our pantry.  
Our Pantry Wishlist!**

- paper towels**
- napkins**
- cereal**
- tea bags**
- coffee**
- juice boxes**
- hot chocolate**
- shampoo/conditioner**
- Soap**
- detergent**



Congratulations to the following Kellenberg students who were inducted into the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society:

**National Honor Society**

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Antonio Arrigo    | Emily Corrigan   |
| Colleen Costello  | Kerrin Gallagher |
| Kevin McGrory     | Ryan Nunez       |
| Vanessa Romanelli |                  |

**National Junior Honor Society**

- |                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Valentina Arrigo | Kevin Keegan |
| Charles McMahon  | John O'Keefe |
| Philip Romanelli |              |

**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*



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3. All names will be placed into a daily lottery, and from January 1st to the 31st one name will be pulled as the CASH prize winner.
4. It doesn't end there!! Winners will be placed back into the lottery for more chances to win cash!

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BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA!





### **DATES TO NOTE**

**Saturday, December 17th:** Creche Blessing and Tree lighting after the 5pm Mass

Christmas Pageant (after tree lighting) in the gym

**Tuesday, December 20th:** Confessions from 7pm-9pm in the church

**Saturday, December 24th:** Confessions from 12pm-2pm in the church

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

December 24th: 4pm (gym)  
4pm (church)

December 25th: 8am (church)  
10am (church)  
10am (gym)  
12pm (church)  
12pm (gym)

THERE IS NO 5PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS

### **NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

December 31st: 5pm

January 1st: 8am, 10am and 12pm

THERE IS NO 5PM MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

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