

Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart

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The Heart of Jesus in North Merrick



*“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.”*

January 8, 2023 — Epiphany of the Lord

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Stephen Brigandi, Pastor
 Rev. Peter Sarpong, Associate Pastor
 Deacon Charles Kammerer
 Deacon John Heverin

Parish Center**516-379-1356****Parish Center Hours:**

Mon.—Fri. 9am—12pm & 1pm -4pm

Parish Outreach

Mrs. Maureen Paladino
 Outreach Office: 516-379-6123
 Monday —Thursday 10am-1:00pm

Mrs. Kathy Ammirati—Volunteer Coordinator ext. 22
 Mrs. Mary Katz - Finance Administrator ext. 16
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Elizabeth Woods musicdirector@sacredheartnm.org

Pastoral Associate/Faith Formation Coordinator Grades 6-8

Miss Carol Tannehill ctannehillshc@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society SVDP@sacredheartnm.org

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: DeaconJohn@sacredheartnm.org 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 25, 2022

Attendance: 1,797
 Envelopes: 559
 Collection: \$37,885.00
 Year to Date: \$1,085,649.00

January 1, 2023

809
 277
 \$20,085.00
 \$1,106,524.00

**Monday, January 9, 2023**

9AM Timothy Hickey

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

9AM Lillian Milana

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

9AM Ralph Giglio

Thursday, January 12, 2023

9AM Kathryn Sansone Wells

Friday, January 13, 2023

9AM Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Saturday, January 14, 20235PM Lester Smith
Julia Schmidt
Mary Ruggiero
Christopher Schwarz**Sunday, January 15, 2023**8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
10AM Rose Hasselberger
12PM Peter Derise
5PM Patricia McGuirk
Angela Strombelline
William Flemen*In our thoughts and prayers.*

<i>Taylor Agurto</i>	<i>Pat Hesse</i>
<i>Joanne Angelastro</i>	<i>Marco Ireland</i>
<i>Milan Baranek</i>	<i>Barbara Jenkins</i>
<i>Edward Bennett</i>	<i>Gail Kmitis</i>
<i>Mary Berberich</i>	<i>Brian Mohr</i>
<i>Dylan Buckley</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 Villafior</i>
<i>Harold Flay</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 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

SACRED HEART CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2022 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Parish Center: 516-379-1356.

The letters will be sent out after February 7th. Thank you for your cooperation.



OVER 50 CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 1:30pm in the school cafeteria. The Schedule of Events and flyers for the upcoming trips will be distributed at this meeting. Please try to attend since we have much to discuss! You may call Mary @ 378-1335 for further information.

Happy New Year to all!

The Rosary Society will not meet during January and February. They will begin again the first Monday in March. Check the bulletin for time and place.

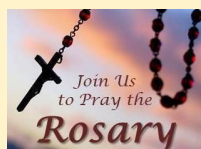
Happy New Year to all!



Let us remember all our parishioners who have been called home to our Loving God. We especially remember Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
 Agnes McMullin
 Anthony Landro



The Bread & Wine for the week of January 8, 2023 have been donated in memory of our Deceased Parishioners



Every weekday morning at 8:30am



Ministry of Praise Pope's Prayer Intention for January For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all

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
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
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Edward J. Lunden, Elizabeth & John Chambers,
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Helen & Joseph Tartarka, Teresa & Joseph Sullivan*



**The next Anointing of the Sick is
Friday, February 3, 2023**

Happy New Year to All!

Many thanks from all of us at Outreach for the outpouring of gift cards, checks, food donations and especially all of the good cheer that was sent our way! It's so nice to open the door to the smiling faces of those of you that make donations!

Without the good people of this parish that are always here for us, we would not be able to continually help our neighbors in need.

That being said – please let us know if you have a neighbor that is struggling to make ends meet – we can offer our help. Let us know if you or a neighbor that can't get out to go to mass anymore would like to receive the Eucharist at home.

We also have a Prayer Ministry if you'd like to be part of that – let us know. The Prayer Ministry prays daily for the special intentions that are left in the basket in the church. Each month you will receive a new list – either by mail or email. The power of prayer is a force to be reckoned with!

All the best in 2023!

Our mail is parishoutreach@sacredheartnm.org.

Our “shopping list” right now includes:

butter
boneless chicken
rice
tuna
canned chicken
chicken noodle soup
tissues
detergent



ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE AS A DEACON?

By virtue of Baptism, we are called to holiness—the lay faithful as well as bishops, priests, and deacons. But have you felt called to serve in a much deeper and committed way?

If you are a man between the ages of 30 and 59, who feels that you are being called to ordained ministry as a deacon in the Church, you are invited to come for an Evening of Prayer and Discernment with other men of faith to discuss and explore that very question.

There is no cost to the evening—just your time and openness.

COME TO ANY ONE OF THESE MEETINGS - PREPARED to LISTEN, to PRAY, to REFLECT, to DISCERN where God is calling you!

EVENINGS are being offered conveniently at THREE LOCATIONS.

7:00PM, Tuesday, January 10 - St. Joseph Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street

7:00PM, Wednesday, January 11 - Maria Regina Seaford, 3945 Jerusalem Avenue

7:00PM, Thursday, January 19 - St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue

EARLY WEEKEND OPTION to be held at 1:00PM, Sunday, January 15 -St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 25 Ocean Avenue

RSVP to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or email to diaconateformation@drvc.org

We thank you and look forward to being with you.

As we begin a new year, I wanted to take a moment to thank all those who made our Christmas celebrations meaningful. It was great to have so many people worshipping with us. There was a spirit of kindness and good will throughout the Masses which was wonderful.

I want to begin by thanking my brother priest, Fr. Peter, and my deacons, Deacon John and Deacon Charlie. They are always encouraging and helpful and it is very much appreciated.

A debt of gratitude to Jim Costello and Bob Lovejoy who along with the members of the K of C made sure we had a worship space in the gym. They do this every year and it's amazing how it just happens. A special thank you to the students from our Faith Formation Program who came and helped them with the set up. I also want to thank the CYO coaches, organized by our Head of Maintenance, Matt O'Brien, for taking down the chairs (on December 26th) and putting everything away so our young people were able to enjoy the gym last week.

Hopefully you noticed how beautiful the church looked. I am grateful for our decorating committee: Amelia Palamaro, Bob & Jill Lowe, Jim & Sue Carroll and their son, John, and Ann Engelhart. As always, Teresa from Voegler's Florist gave her time and energy (and flowers) to make sure our church was as festive as it could be.

The liturgies were special and meaningful thanks to all of those in our liturgical ministries. Our ushers welcomed all our guests with a smile. The lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, music ministry, altar servers and sacristans all enhanced the liturgies. Our choir was a wonderful addition to our liturgy. We were fortunate to have them with us once again. All too often we take these ministers for granted, but our liturgies would not be complete without them.

I also want to thank our counters. Each week they spend the morning (and sometimes longer) making sure all the envelopes are opened and all your generous donations are accounted for. They are a very dedicated group of men and women to whom I am very grateful.

All the efforts of our staff and ministers would not be complete without our parishioners and visitors. I hope you felt the spirit that is Sacred Heart. I am eternally grateful for your continued support of our parish. You give of your time, talent and prayers and I don't want you to think it is ever taken for granted. I truly appreciate all you do for our parish.

My wish for each of you is a new year filled with good health, happiness and peace.

Fr. Stephen



Chalking the Door

An Epiphany tradition for your family.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home.

Marking the doorway to one's home is rooted in the Old Testament. Holy Scripture reminds us that God has at times commanded his people to mark their doors. The Israelites marked their doors with the lamb's blood on the night of the passover (Exodus 12:7).

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance. It can also be written somewhere inside the home.

+20 C M B 23+

The letters C, M, B have two meanings:

They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

The "+" signs represent the cross and 2023 is the year.

Make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism then recite the following prayer:

May the Lord watch over our going out and our coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and physically mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. It is a reminder to let the meaning of the written symbols sink into the depths of our heart and be manifested in our words and actions.



Fr. Jeremiah J Reilly
Council of the Knights
of Columbus is sponsoring
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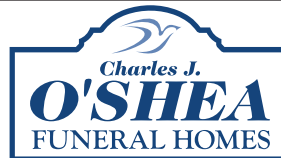
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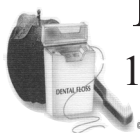
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