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Mon.—Fri. 9am—12pm & 1pm -4pm

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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: 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.

January 29, 2023**Attendance:** 1,177**Envelopes:** 403**Collection:** \$14,542.00**Year to Date:** \$1,166,086.00

**Monday, February 6, 2023**

9AM Daniel F. Sullivan

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

9AM Vincenzo Assalone

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

9AM Ramon & Rafaela DeJesus

Thursday, February 9, 20239AM Dr. Terrence P. Cescon
(Living)**Friday, February 10, 2023**

9AM Monica Ryder Cooke

Saturday, February 11, 20235PM Theresa McManus
Charles Rook
Nick Orlandino
Angelo Tilocca
John Behr
Kathy Behr Harren**Sunday, February 12, 2023**8AM Charisse C. Isip
10AM Sam Lukas
12PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
5PM Inge Goetz
Sharon Sigmund
Ida Guadagno*In our thoughts and prayers.*

Taylor Agurto	Marco Ireland
Joanne Angelastro	Barbara Jenkins
Milan Baranek	Gail Kmitis
Edward Bennett	Brian Mohr
Mary Berberich	Jack McGreevy
Dylan Buckley	Katherine McGreevy
Carol Byer	John McMullin
Ed Beyer	Taylor Oshan
John Brennan	Jack Palamaro
Joanne Campbell	Peter Palamaro, Jr.
Baby Jack	Eileen Pio
Baby Kaylee	John Primavera
Joan Cavanagh	Flo Puff
Dolores Costello	Ginesia Reale
Evelio Del Campo	Tara C. Rebhan
Lisa DelCampo	Ann Rhoads
Anthony DeLuca	John Rocco
AJ DeLuca	Benny Sarnelli
John De Luca	Randall Sinz
DiMatteo Family	Mary Sweeney
Betty DiNicola	Herb Staudter
Eileen Dobrinkat	Theresa Vacchio
Robert Dolgos	Nelson Villaflor
Matthew Dwyer	Aidan Walden
Harold Flay	John Weber
Robert Galvin	Alyssa Zangari
Veronique Hall	Rosemarie Ziminski
Gloria Hannifin	Robert Ziminski
Pat Hesse	
Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher	

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.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, “You are the light of the world,” he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds. Be a “light” to those living in poverty and a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Promises of Our Lord to Saint Margaret Mary For Souls Devoted to His Sacred Heart

I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.

I will give them peace in their families.

I will console them in all their troubles.

I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.

I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.

Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.

Tepid souls shall become fervent.

Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.

I will bless those places wherein the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.

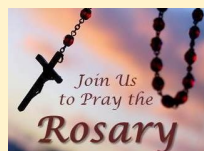
I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.

Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.

In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.



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



Every weekday morning
at 8:30am

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.



Ministry of Praise Pope's Prayer Intention for February For Parishes

“We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.”

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,
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,
Virginia Marquardt, Michael & Philomena
Peruggia Ronald Gandini, Clare Shorak,
Edward J. Lunden, Elizabeth & John Chambers,
Frank, Eleanor & Jimmy Gill
Helen & Joseph Tartarka, Teresa & Joseph Sullivan
Jerry Catalano, Ida Guadagno*

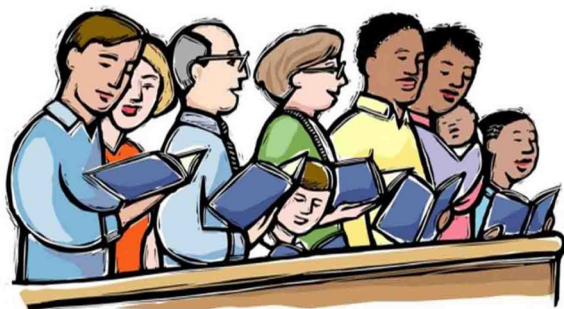


**The next Anointing of the Sick is
Friday, March 3, 2023**

FAMILY MASS

Join us each Sunday for our
Family Mass at 10am.

Children & Family Homily



The family that prays together,
stays together!



All are invited to celebrate Scout Sunday on at the 10am Mass on February 12, 2023. We will gather a s a parish to recognize these young adults and thank them for their service to our parish and community.

After Mass, stop in the school for a breakfast sponsored by the Scouts.



We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 22, 2023. However, you may not know where the ashes come from. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are the ashes from palms saved from the previous Palm Sunday. The ashes are a sign of the public penance to which we are all called during the Lenten season.

As we promise to repent and believe in the Gospel, the ashes brand us with the sign of the cross — a sign of our commitment to the journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey which ends with the new life of baptism and baptismal renewal during the Easter season.

This year we invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way.

We ask you to bring old palms from your home on **February 11th & 12th** and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.

And don't forget to pick up your **Little Black Lenten Book** on February 18th & 19th when you come to church.

SUNDAY CONNECTION—LOYOLA PRESS

First Reading

Isaiah 58:7-10

In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112:4-9

The just person will be a light in the darkness.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Congratulations to our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners! Members of the Knights of Columbus presented the winners with their awards at the Family Mass on Sunday, January 29, 2023.



Grades K-2

1st Place: Reagan Lianos

Grades -6-8

1st Place: Joseph Solorzano

2nd Place: Grace Scotto

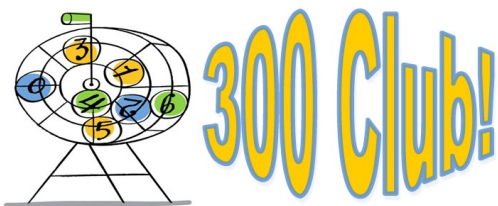
3rd Place: Lea Biscardi

Grades 3-5

1st Place: Emma Williams

2nd Place: Francesca Ranallo

3rd Place: Chase Catalano



**FRANCES BLAKE 300 CLUB
January 2023 WINNERS**

\$300 Winner

Sharon & Keith Eriksen #015

\$100 Winner

Elda Jones #027

\$75 Winner

Anthony Cassone #243

\$50 Winner

Lisa Johnson #069

\$25 Winners

Susan LaBarbera #200

Larry Pinto #028

Ray Murphy #199

Mike & Mary Jane Palma #300

\$15 Winners

Joseph Paladino #007

Ray Murphy #293

Jerry Catalano #104

Joseph Kelly #208

John Collins #088

The Grand Prize drawing of the Frances Blake 300 Club will be held at the end February

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.



As always, many thanks for all the donations!

This week we are in need of:

cookies

tissues

Gift cards to ShopRite & Stop & Shop

The Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang is in need of disposable tablecloths and sandwich bags.

Psalm 41:1 Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him.



Come visit the Sacred Heart Outreach Closet!

Did you know that we have a gently used and new clothes closet? We invite you to come in and take a look.

We have women's, men's and children's items. Monetary donations welcome but not necessary.

Drop by on Monday or Wednesday between 10am & 1pm. You'll be glad you did!

Maureen

Sunday Gospel Activities

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Feb 5, 2023

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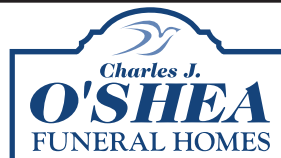

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