


Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart
720 Merrick Ave
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The Heart of Jesus in North Merrick



MAN
SHALL NOT
LIVE ON
bread
alone
— but by —
EVERY WORD
THAT COMES FROM
THE MOUTH
of God
Matthew 4:4

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

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
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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.

February 19, 2023**Attendance:** 1147**Envelopes:** 388**Collection:** \$ 15,359.00**Year to Date:** \$1,214,502.83

**Monday, February 27, 2023**

9AM Ida Guadagno

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

9AM Martin V. Sudano

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

9AM Juan Julio Marino

Thursday, March 2, 2023

9AM Purgatorial Society

Friday, March 3, 2023

9AM Maureen O'Hara

Saturday, March 4, 2023

9AM Raymond Carleo

5PM John McManus, Sr.

Lois O'Callaghan

Joseph Celano

Sunday, March 5, 2023

8AM Garod Mosai Brodas

10AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

12PM AnnMarie Guertin

5PM Peter DeRise

Anne O'Toole

Vincent J. Casey

*In our thoughts and prayers.**Taylor Agurto**Joanne Angelastro**Milan Baranek**Edward Bennett**Mary Berberich**Carol Byer**Ed Beyer**John Brennan**Dylan Buckley**Baby Jack**Baby Kaylee**Joan Cavanagh**Dolores Costello**Evelio Del Campo**Lisa DelCampo**Anthony DeLuca**AJ DeLuca**John De Luca**DiMatteo Family**Betty DiNicola**Eileen Dobrinkat**Christopher Duignan**Matthew Dwyer**Richard Dziuba**Harold Flay**Robert Galvin**Veronique Hall**Gloria Hannifin**Pat Hesse**Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher**Marco Ireland**Barbara Jenkins**Gail Kmitis**Dan Macchia**Brian Mohr**Jack McGreevy**John McMullin**Taylor Oshan**Jack Palamaro**Peter Palamaro, Jr.**Eileen Pio**John Primavera**Flo Puff**Ginesia Reale**Tara C. Rebhan**Ann Rhoads**John Rocco**Benny Sarnelli**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.



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.

Lent is a call to “give alms for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

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.

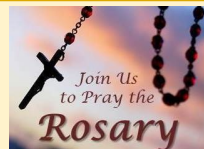
I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.

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

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you have questions about your faith?
Are you someone who would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation? (Communion or Confirmation) Someone who is seeking to become a Catholic? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider calling our Parish Center or emailing: ctannehillshc@gmail.com



Ministry of Praise Pope's Prayer Intention for March

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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
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L CPL Troy Grassi, U.S.M.C., Iraq
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Pvt. Andrew Reynolds, U.S. Army
3rd CS P.O. Joseph La Form, U.S. Navy
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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**

JERRY CATALANO STOCK MARKET SWEEPS

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Here is your chance to participate in raising funds for Fr. Reilly Council Knights of Columbus of the Merrick's and win money in the bargain. We are asking you to buy (OR SELL) for \$10 each. Each "TICKET" has a stamped number from 000-999. The numbers are only valid if they have been paid for prior to each Friday's weekly closing.

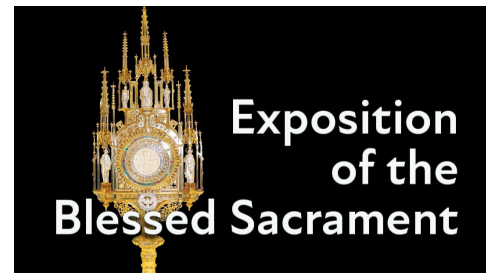
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(For example: if the DOW-JONES weekly closing was 2347.62, the winner that week would be the holder of ticket 762). Since the DOW-JONES moves up or down each day, the winning number may vary each week. Look in the newspaper or TV news for the closing average each Friday. You will be notified if you are a WINNER. Don't forget, you can win more than one week and 'SELLERS' of winning tickets receive \$10.00.

For tickets please contact

Lou Otarola, PGK

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Every Wednesday from
12pm-4pm.

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 every Monday.
Thank you for your cooperation.



Please visit the Outreach Clothing
Closet, Monday or Wednesday
between 10am & 1pm.

Prayer Shawl
Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on February 28th at 7 o'clock in the Parish Center. If you cannot make it please call Marie 516-662-3055.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers
Ministry will meet on Saturday,
March 25th from 1-2:00 p.m. at
the North Merrick Public
Library Conference Room.



STATIONS *of the* **CROSS**

Each Friday in Lent, a different Parish Ministry will lead the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in the church.

All are invited to attend.

March 3rd: Altar Servers

March 10th: Faith Formation

March 17th: Choir/Rosary Society/
Catholic Daughters

March 24th: 8pm Journey, Cross &
Crucifixion

March 31st: Confirmation Students



At this time we are especially in need of:

- Peanut Butter (Creamy)
- Jelly
- Hand Soap (Pump)
- Dish Soap
- Tissues
- Spaghetti Sauce (Jar)
- Canned Spaghetti/Ravioli
- Ketchup/Mustard/Mayo
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Sugar (Small)
- Juice Boxes
- Chicken in the Can
- Laundry Detergent
- Small Bottles of Oil
- Granola Bars

We also accept perishable items such as:

Milk, Eggs, Cheese, Butter, Fresh Fruit, Bread and Fresh or Frozen Vegetables.

(Try and bring these items in on Mondays or Tuesdays between 10am and 1pm)

Your donations are deeply appreciated.



BAKE SALE

Sunday, March 5th after the 10am Mass



Bulletin Deadline is **Tuesday, 12pm.** Please submit all bulletin information by noon the Tuesday prior to the weekend you'd like the information in the bulletin. Thank you.

Lent: A Time For Giving

This year Sacred Heart Parish invites all our children to participate in our Lenten Activity:
KIDS HELPING KIDS

Each week during Lent we are asking the children to bring an item to be donated to Parish Outreach.

These 'kid friendly' items are a great way for families to talk about how even the youngest parishioners can make a difference to someone in need in our very own neighborhood.

Week 2 (3/5)
juice boxes

Week 3 (3/12)
syrup

Week 4 (3/19)
pancake mix

Week 5 (3/26)
your favorite snack

Week 6 (4/2):
Easter basket treats

Please put your donations in the box in the church lobby each week when you come to Mass.

Lent: So What's Up with the Number 40?

Joe Paprocki



These forty days of Lent, O Lord, to you we fast and pray..." We all know that Lent has 40 days, but it may cause us to wonder about the significance of the number 40. Did you know that the number 40 appears in the Bible nearly 200 times? What's up with that?

In the Bible, the number 40 is symbolic and represents a significant period of time during which an individual's faith is tested. What is Lent? It is a significant period of time during which *our* faith is tested. Another word for test is *examination* or *assessment*. During Lent, we assess where we are in terms of our commitment to the Lord.

A good way to help our students begin Lent is to help them assess themselves. In the Catholic Tradition, we call this an examination of conscience. By doing an examination of conscience, we can identify the areas of our lives where we need to grow. Then we can develop an action plan for Lent so that our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving have a clear focus.

Back to the number 40. Whenever we see the number 40 in the Bible, we are being alerted to symbolic significance. The Catholic Church does not adhere to a literal translation of the Bible but recognizes that the truth of the Bible is expressed in many forms, including figurative language. If not, it would be an incredible coincidence that everything during biblical times took either 40 days and nights or 40 years!

Dear Parishioners,

Many of you participated in our Christmas Novena and so I have decided to have an Easter Novena. This will enable the parish to remember your loved ones in a special way during the Easter Season. Beginning April 10, 2023 (Easter Sunday) and continuing through May 28, 2023 (Pentecost), your loved ones will be remembered at Mass each day.

An envelope for this Easter Novena will be included with your envelopes. If you choose, please print 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 Easter Novena will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, May 28, 2023.

We will pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent at 7:30pm. Each week a different Parish Ministry will lead the Stations.

2/24: Knights of Columbus

3/3: Altar Servers

3/10 Faith Formation

3/17: Choir, Catholic Daughters, Rosary

3/24: Journey, Cross & Crucifixion (8pm)

3/31: Faith Formation Confirmation Students

*The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion is a journey back through time. It is an opportunity to walk with Christ and become one with Him and the people who were with him on those final hours before his death. This live dramatization of Jesus' suffering and death will be presented at **Sacred Heart on Friday, March 24th, at 8pm**. I strongly encourage you to make this prayerful experience part of your Lent.*

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*

SACRED HEART PARISH MINISTRIES



Ministry	Coordinator	Contact Information
Altar Linens	Ingrid Samperi	frontdesk@sacredheartnm.org
Altar Servers	Fr. Peter	Parish Center: 516-379-1356
Baptism Preparation	Deacon Charlie	deaconcharles@sacredheartnm.org
	Deacon John	deaconjohn@sacredheartnm.org
Bereavement	Shirley Douglas	shirdoug530@yahoo.com
Catholic Daughters	Marie Reale	marg12453@gmail.com
CYO	Ray Murphy	rm1693@aol.com
Eucharistic Ministers	Ann Heverin	ann.heverin@gmail.com
Knights of Columbus	Gabe Alarcon	bluekoho@aol.com
Lectors	Alison Casey	queenali67@aol.com
Liturgical Environment	Anne Engelhart	annkengelhart@gmail.com
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Ministry of Consolation	Shirley Douglas	shirdoug530@yahoo.com
Music Ministry	Elizabeth Woods	musicdirector@sacredheartnm.org
OCIA	Shirley Douglas	shirdoug530@yahoo.com
	Ginny Daly	
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Over 50 Club	Mary DeSantis	(516) 378-1335
PB&J Group	Maureen Paladino	parishoutreach@sacredheartnm.org
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Marie Gandini	gandinime@gmail.com
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Rosary Society	Joanne Bivona	Parish Center: 516-379-1356
Scripture Study	Shirley Douglas	shirdoug530@yahoo.com
St. Vincent de Paul	Francine Fennessey	svdp@sacredheartnm.org
Ushers	Jim Costello	cosjam@gmail.com

Our parish is always looking for new ministries.
 If you have an interest in starting one, please call Carol at the
 Parish Center: 516-379-1356

Tel: (516) 481-5525

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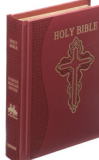
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