

**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 &amp; 1pm -4pm

**Parish Outreach**

**Mrs. Maureen Paladino**  
 Outreach Office: 516-379-6123  
 Monday —Thursday 10am-1:00pm  
 parishoutreach@sacredheartnm.org

Mrs. Kathy Ammirati—Volunteer Coordinator ext. 22  
 Mrs. Mary Katz - Finance Administrator ext. 16  
 Mrs. Ingrid Samperi Receptionist ext. 10  
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**Faith Formation Coordinator Grades 1-5**

Mrs. Cecilia Bradley cbradleyshrep@gmail.com

**Parish Website:**  
**Sacredheartnm.org**

**Music Director**

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**Pastoral Associate/Faith Formation Coordinator Grades 6-8**

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**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.

A SPECIAL  
**THANK YOU**  
 FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

**Monday, April 10, 2023**

9AM Christopher Schwarz

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

9AM Jean &amp; William Harkins

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

9AM Ryan Lejarde

**Thursday, April 13, 2023**

9AM Joseph Manoni

**Friday, April 14, 2023**

9AM Jerry Catalano

**Saturday, April 15, 2023**5PM Lester Smith  
Kay Eschmann  
Rose & Frank DeCristofaro  
Lina & Bruno Villa**Sunday, April 16, 2023**8AM Fr. Peter Sarpong (Living)  
10AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
12PM Yvette Boulanger  
5PM Edward Bennett*In our thoughts and prayers.*

<i>Taylor Agurto</i>	<i>Pat Hesse</i>
<i>Joanne Angelastro</i>	<i>Jean Kestel</i>
<i>Milan Baranek</i>	<i>Gail Kmitis</i>
<i>Mary Berberich</i>	<i>Dan Macchia</i>
<i>Carol Byer</i>	<i>Helen Massoni</i>
<i>Ed Beyer</i>	<i>Jack McGreevy</i>
<i>John Brennan</i>	<i>John McMullin</i>
<i>Dylan Buckley</i>	<i>Taylor Oshan</i>
<i>Baby Jack</i>	<i>Jack Palamaro</i>
<i>Baby Kaylee</i>	<i>Peter Palamaro, Jr.</i>
<i>Joan Cavanagh</i>	<i>Eileen Pio</i>
<i>Dolores Costello</i>	<i>Flo Puff</i>
<i>Evelio Del Campo</i>	<i>Ginesia Reale</i>
<i>Lisa DelCampo</i>	<i>Tara C. Rebhan</i>
<i>Anthony DeLuca</i>	<i>Ann Rhoads</i>
<i>AJ DeLuca</i>	<i>Benny Sarnelli</i>
<i>John De Luca</i>	<i>Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke</i>
<i>DiMatteo Family</i>	<i>Randall Sinz</i>
<i>Betty DiNicola</i>	<i>Mary Sweeney</i>
<i>Eileen Dobrinkat</i>	<i>Herb Staudter</i>
<i>Christopher Duignan</i>	<i>Elizabeth Turley</i>
<i>Matthew Dwyer</i>	<i>Theresa Vacchio</i>
<i>Richard Dziuba</i>	<i>Nelson Villaflor</i>
<i>Harold Flay</i>	<i>Aidan Walden</i>
<i>William Fife</i>	<i>John Weber</i>
<i>Robert Galvin</i>	<i>Alyssa Zangari</i>
<i>Veronique Hall</i>	<i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</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.



The Parish Center is closed on Monday, April 10th. A Blessed Easter to all.

### 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.



Thank you for your generosity to Parish Outreach. Because of your thoughtfulness we were able to make wonderful Easter Baskets for our families

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, syrup  
sugar (small), juice boxes,  
canned chicken, laundry detergent  
small bottles of olive oil, granola bars

We also accept perishable items:  
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.



### Ministry of Praise Pope's Prayer Intention for April

**For a culture of peace and non-violence**  
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



*Sunday,  
April 23, 2023,  
immediately  
following the  
12pm Mass.*

## 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, May 5, 2023  
There is NO anointing on  
Friday, April 7th.**

## 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.

Each number is good for 26 weeks (only .38 per week) from March 3, 2023, through August 25, 2023. The weekly winner of \$100 will be determined by the last 3 digits of the weekly closing of DOW-JONES 30 Industrial Stock Average.

(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  
516-375-1581

## FRANCES BLAKE 300 CLUB MARCH 2023 WINNERS

### \$300 Winner

Salvatore Catalano #179

### \$100 Winner

Robert J. Lupo #160

### \$75 Winner

Donna Schick #060

### \$50 Winner

Anne Louise Lark #241

### \$25 Winners

Donna Cettina #056

Louise Maxworthy #091

Lillian Margas #231

Rev. Stephen Brigandi #275

### \$15 Winners

Susan LaBarbera #200

Patricia Rossi #142

Rosalie Hursala #236

Susan LaBarbera #262

Virginia Sandas #010

You can still join or renew for \$30 and be included in drawings through August 2023. Send in your payment today! The next drawing of the Frances Blake 300 Club will be held at the end of April.

## Liturgical Minister Training – Spring 2023

**The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors.**


**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A** - This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One must attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

Lector Workshop is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Please contact the parish for additional information.

# Calling all Easter Egg Hunters!



*Come join us after the 10am Family Mass  
on April 16<sup>th</sup> for an Easter Egg Hunt as we  
celebrate the season of Easter!*

*Members of our Knights of Columbus have  
graciously offered to provide bagels  
and coffee.*

*We promise an Eggstraordinary time!  
You may even see a special guest!*



DIocese of Rockville Centre  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 9, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Every Easter, you and I are reminded of the power of the Paschal Mystery. Commemorating the celebration of the first Eucharist at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, walking with Jesus on the road to Calvary on Good Friday in the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, and celebrating Christ's triumphant conquering of sin and death in the Mass of the Resurrection on Easter is a potent reminder of God's love for us.

During this season of Easter and this time of National Eucharistic Revival, it becomes even clearer to us that the Paschal Mystery is not a mere historical event, but a mystery in which we are privileged to participate every time we celebrate the Mass. In the Easter sequence, we sing: "Christians, to the Paschal Victim, offer your thankful praises!" The word, *Eucharisti*, which means, *thanksgiving*, implies that every time the Church gathers for the celebration of the Mass, she offers an act of "thankful praise" to the Lord. In this act of offering thanksgiving to God in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we as a priestly people offer the sacrifices of our lives with the offering of the Body and Blood of the Lord, by which our sacrifices take on new value and meaning (see, CCC, §1368).

Love is central to the mission of the Church. The sacrifices that we offer to God each day and in the celebration of the Eucharist are an expression of our love for him and for his people. When Christ appeared to Peter and the apostles on the Sea of Galilee after his Resurrection, he asked Peter: "Do you love me?" As he responds, "yes, Lord" to that three-fold questioning, Christ calls him to mission: "feed my lambs...tend my sheep...feed my sheep" (see John 21:15-19) Like Peter, you and I are faced with that same question from the Lord: "do you love me?" In other words, do we take the contemplative time that our hearts yearn for to renew our love for the Lord? In the offering of our time in prayer we are reminded of the very nature of God's love. Through that experience of true love, we realize that as disciples of Christ, you and I are called to mission: to bring the love of Christ to world; to glorify the Lord by our lives; to extend the Divine Mercy to those who suffer; to let the earth shake with the joy of the Resurrection!

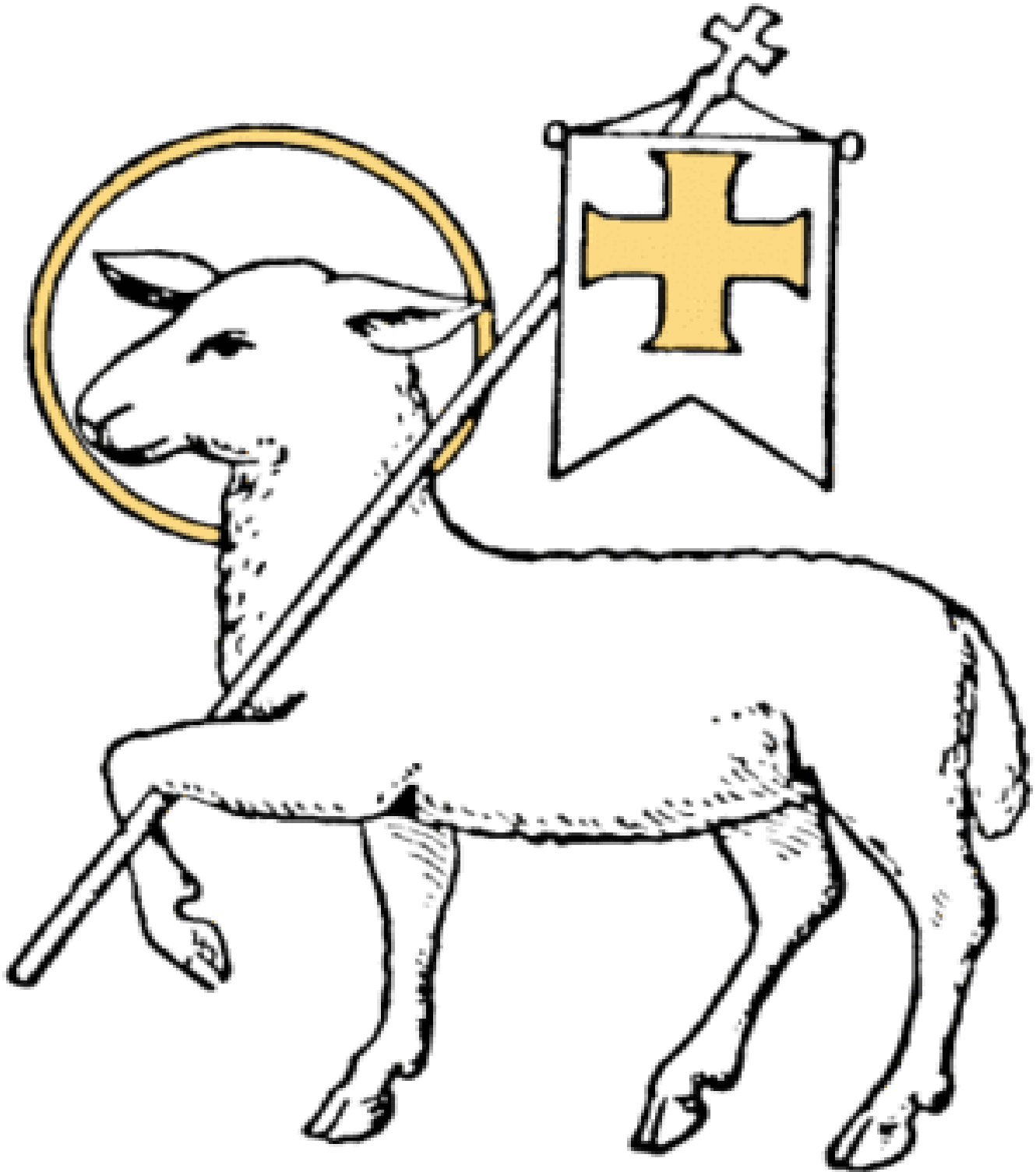
Every human heart is created to love. As we grow deeper in our devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as a Diocese this June, we ask the Lord to strengthen our hearts to love as Jesus loves and for the zeal to proclaim to those we encounter that "God is Love" (1 John 4:8,16).

I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

# THE LAMB OF GOD



One of the most important symbols of Christ is the lamb.  
“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” Please display this picture on your door during the great the Easter Season. It is taken down on Pentecost, May 28th.

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## SACRED HEART PARISH MINISTRIES



Ministry	Coordinator	Contact Information
Altar Linens	Ingrid Samperi	frontdesk@scaredheartnm.org
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	Deacon John	deaconjohn@sacredheartnm.org
Bereavement	Shirley Douglas	shirdoug530@yahoo.com
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CYO	Ray Murphy	rm1693@aol.com
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Music Ministry	Elizabeth Woods	musicdirector@sacredheartnm.org
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	Ginny Daly	
Outreach	Maureen Paladino	parishoutreach@sacredheartnm.org
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Rosary Society	Joanne Bivona	Parish Center: 516-379-1356
Scripture Study	Shirley Douglas	shirdoug530@yahoo.com
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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