



**Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart**  
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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.

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

**Attendance:** 852  
**Envelopes:** 304  
**Collection:** \$12,260.00  
**Year to Date:** \$1,458,610.12

**Monday, June 5, 2023**

9AM Graziella Mignano

**Tuesday, June 6, 2023**

9AM Joseph Armienti

**Wednesday, June 7, 2023**

9AM Bridget &amp; Joseph Power

**Thursday, June 8, 2023**

9AM Anne Marie Vaccacio (Living)

**Friday, June 9, 2023**

9AM Annette Murphy

**Saturday, June 10, 2023**5PM Michael Pillig  
Olive & Alfred VanSluytman  
Noel Sampogna  
Jack Bober (Living)  
Mary & Michael McInerney**Sunday, June 11, 2023**8AM Ida Gaudagno  
10AM Vito Mongelli  
12PM Santo, Ida & Julie Luberto  
5PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
Eleanor Celano  
Dolores Costello*In our thoughts and prayers.*

<i>Taylor Agurto</i>	<i>Victoria LaMaino</i>
<i>Joanne Angelastro</i>	<i>Dan Macchia</i>
<i>Milan Baranek</i>	<i>Helen Massoni</i>
<i>Frank Barbieri</i>	<i>John McMullin</i>
<i>Mary Berberich</i>	<i>Minerva Nunez</i>
<i>Carol Byer</i>	<i>Taylor Oshan</i>
<i>Ed Beyer</i>	<i>Jack Palamaro</i>
<i>John Brennan</i>	<i>Peter Palamaro, Jr.</i>
<i>Dylan Buckley</i>	<i>Eileen Pio</i>
<i>Baby Jack</i>	<i>Flo Puff</i>
<i>Baby Kaylee</i>	<i>Ginesia Reale</i>
<i>Evelio Del Campo</i>	<i>Tara C. Rehan</i>
<i>Lisa DelCampo</i>	<i>Ann Rhoads</i>
<i>Anthony DeLuca</i>	<i>Benny Sarnelli</i>
<i>AJ DeLuca</i>	<i>Maureen T. Schmitz</i>
<i>John De Luca</i>	<i>Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke</i>
<i>Betty DiNicola</i>	<i>Mary Sweeney</i>
<i>Christopher Duignan</i>	<i>Herb Staudter</i>
<i>Matthew Dwyer</i>	<i>Clark Sun</i>
<i>Richard Dziuba</i>	<i>Elizabeth Turley</i>
<i>Harold Flay</i>	<i>Theresa Vacchio</i>
<i>William Fife</i>	<i>Nelson Villafior</i>
<i>Elizabeth Fotinopoulos</i>	<i>Aidan Walden</i>
<i>Robert Galvin</i>	<i>John Weber</i>
<i>Veronique Hall</i>	<i>John Witzzenbocker</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</i>	<i>Alyssa Zangari</i>
<i>Pat Hesse</i>	<i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i>
<i>Jack McGreevy</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.

## FRANCES BLAKE 300 CLUB MAY 2023 WINNERS

### \$300 Winner

Jillian Dodge #114

### \$100 Winner

Mr. Salvatore Catalano #104

### \$75 Winner

Mrs. Maria Turner #187

### \$50 Winner

Mr. Joseph Kelly #208

### \$25 Winners

Mr. & Mrs. John LaBarbera #029

Mrs. Patricia Linden #255

Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt #053

Dorothy Lupo #076

### \$15 Winners

Beth Hassler #242

Mr. Salvatore Catalano #183

Mrs. Mildred Balisatura #150

Mrs. Susan LaBarbera #262

Mrs. Dot Alvarez #051

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 June.



## Boy Scout Car Wash!

The car wash will take place on Saturday, June 10th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Merrick Avenue Middle School, 1870 Merrick Avenue.



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

**For the abolition of torture**  
We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

The bulletin deadline is  
12pm Monday.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Beginning June 2, 2023 the Parish Center will close at 12pm on Fridays. We will resume normal Friday hours in September.



Court Mother Seton of the Catholic Daughter's of the Americas will hold a Supermarket Bingo on Friday, June 16, 2023, at 7pm in the cafeteria of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. Doors open at 6pm.

Admission: \$10, includes 1 set of Bingo cards, coffee, tea, cake. Raffle available. For additional information please call: Jackie: 516-781-7846

## 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*



**Anointing of the Sick will take place  
Friday, July 7, 2023**



*Sacred Heart Spirit Day  
Parish BBQ: Sunday, June 25th  
after the 12pm Mass*

DJ, childrens' games: something for everyone!

While this is a free event for the parish please RSVP so we know how many hamburgers and hot dogs we need to purchase. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Sides: RSVP to Lisa Dwyer  
(516) 835-1495

Desserts: RSVP to Barbara Massaro  
(516) 826-6577

**Drawing for the Sacred Heart Raffle  
will be held at the BBQ.**

Thanks to some very generous parishioners, we will also have a Food Truck this year!



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.

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and through us into the hearts of those who are poor.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters.



- Paper towels
- Gallon bags
- Quart bags
- Strawberries
- Bananas
- Coffee
- Tea
- Milk

Thank you for your continued support of our pantry.



OVER 50 CLUB

We will have our annual End of Year Luncheon on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 from 12pm-4pm at the Coral House in Baldwin. The cost is \$58 and the money must be paid no later than June 7, 2023.

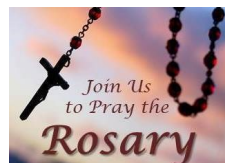
It is a served luncheon with butler passed hors d'oeuvres, 3 courses of delicious food, wine and cold beverages and a special dessert bar with coffee and tea. For further information call Mary @ 516-378-1335. It will be an enjoyable afternoon!



Need to register for September? Please visit our parish website: [Sacredheartnm.org](http://Sacredheartnm.org) for Registration Forms and information.

**REMINDER:** Early Bird Registration end June 2nd.

If you are registering a First Grader or new student, please include a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.



The Rosary Society will meet on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 3pm in the church.

Join us to pray together and then enjoy refreshments together.

We look forward to seeing you!

**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.



The Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang needs peanut butter, jelly and bread. If you are able to donate any of these items, please drop them off at the Parish Center.

The PB&J crew also needs additional volunteers. They meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am in the school cafeteria. No experience needed!



**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



In lieu of our next meeting we will meet for lunch at the Wantagh Inn  
3264 Railroad Ave, Wantagh  
June 13, 2023 @ 12:30 pm  
\$35 per person

Call Marie Reale ASAP at  
(516) 376-6624



Exposition  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday  
from 12pm -4pm

# SPIRIT DAY PASTOR'S PRIZES

## TICKETS: \$5 EACH OR 3/\$10

(Available at the Parish Center or at Spirit Day, 6/25)



**Empire Pass and 2 Tommy Bahama  
Beach Chairs  
Blue Tickets**



**\$100 worth of Lottery Tickets  
Purple Tickets**

**Yeti Soft Cooler  
Green Tickets**





Thank you to Father Stephen, Troop 123, Atlantic Nursery, and Bethpage Federal Credit Union for supporting my Eagle Project.

The troop and I cleaned out weeds and ivy behind the parish and planted a new garden for the parish to enjoy.



If you have not had a chance to see the new plants and flowers, please take a moment to go and take a look, I hope you like it.

Declan Cody



**SUNDAY CONNECTION—TRINITY SUNDAY****First Reading**

*Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9*

Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt. Sinai.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Daniel 3:52-56*

We praise God who is exalted above all forever.

**Second Reading**

*2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 3:16-18*

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

*While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many."*

## *Corpus Christi Procession*



**Sunday, June 11, 2023 after the 12pm  
Mass**

We will offer praise and adoration to our Lord Jesus Christ in Liturgy,  
Procession & Benediction

The Eucharistic Procession will follow the 12pm Mass.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated at 2 "chapels" along the way. We will end our procession with a final Benediction back at Sacred Heart.

All are invited.

Please come in comfortable clothing. Wear your walking shoes and bring the kids!

We need altar servers and people to carry the canopy over the Blessed Sacrament. We also need readers.


Margaret Mary was chosen by Christ to arouse the Church to a realization of the love of God symbolized by the heart of Jesus.

A Visitation nun was “not to be extraordinary except by being ordinary,” but the young nun was not to enjoy this anonymity. A fellow novice termed Margaret Mary humble, simple, and frank, but above all, kind and patient under sharp criticism and correction. She could not meditate in the formal way expected, though she tried her best to give up her “prayer of simplicity.” Slow, quiet, and clumsy, she was assigned to help an infirmarian who was a bundle of energy. On December 21, 1674, three years a nun, she received the first of her revelations. She felt “invested” with the presence of God, though always afraid of deceiving herself in such matters. The request of Christ was that his love for humankind be made evident through her.

During the next 13 months, Christ appeared to her at intervals. His human heart was to be the symbol of his divine-human love. By her own love Margaret Mary was to make up for the coldness and ingratitude of the world—by frequent and loving Holy Communion, especially on the first Friday of each month, and by an hour’s vigil of prayer every Thursday night in memory of his agony and isolation in Gethsemane. He also asked that a feast of reparation be instituted.

Like all saints, Margaret Mary had to pay for her gift of holiness. Some of her own sisters were hostile. Theologians who were called in declared her visions delusions and suggested that she eat more heartily. Later, parents of children she taught called her an impostor, an unorthodox innovator. A new confessor, the Jesuit Claude de la Colombière, recognized her genuineness and supported her. Against her great resistance, Christ called her to be a sacrificial victim for the shortcomings of her own sisters, and to make this known.

After serving as novice mistress and assistant superior, Margaret Mary died at the age of 43, while being anointed. She said: “I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus.”



**GOD IS LOVE**  
JUNE  
MONTH OF THE  
MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Bishop John O. Barres has declared the month of June in the Diocese of Rockville Centre as the Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, proclaiming to the world that “God is Love.”

To learn more, visit:  
[WWW.DRVCGODISLOVE.ORG](http://WWW.DRVCGODISLOVE.ORG)

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## SACRED HEART PARISH MINISTRIES



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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