



*Let them grow  
together until  
harvest*

MATTHEW 13:30

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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. First time parents need to attend a baptism class. They are held on the last Monday of each month in the Parish Center 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, July 16, 2023**

<b>Attendance:</b>	901
<b>Envelopes:</b>	339
<b>Collection:</b>	\$13,080.00
<b>Online Giving</b>	\$1,115.48
<b>Year to Date:</b>	\$1,560,332.16

**Monday, July 24, 2023**

9AM Theresa Horsting

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

9AM Kathryn A. Eschmann

**Wednesday, July 26, 2023**

9AM Jim Soldo

**Thursday, July 27, 2023**

9AM Grace M. Crosby

**Friday, July 28, 2023**

9AM Dora Accurso

**Saturday, July 29, 2023**5PM Stephen & Marie Brigandi  
June Forcina  
Lester Smith  
Marie Marcigliano  
Fr. Stephen Brigandi (Living)**Sunday, July 30, 2023**8AM Margaret Mary Castellon  
10AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
12PM Villaire Villefranche  
5PM John R. Weber  
Thomas Lillis  
Nydia Aponte*In our thoughts and prayers.*

<i>Taylor Agurto</i>	<i>Theresa LaMaina</i>
<i>Johanna Amador</i>	<i>Dan Macchia</i>
<i>Antonia Backer</i>	<i>Helen Massoni</i>
<i>Milan Baranek</i>	<i>John McMullin</i>
<i>Frank Barbieri</i>	<i>Minerva Nunez</i>
<i>Mary Berberich</i>	<i>Digna Ong</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>Vincenza Rini</i>
<i>AJ DeLuca</i>	<i>Michael Ryan</i>
<i>John De Luca</i>	<i>Benny Sarnelli</i>
<i>Christopher Duignan</i>	<i>Maureen T. Schmitz</i>
<i>Matthew Dwyer</i>	<i>Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke</i>
<i>Richard Dziuba</i>	<i>Randall Sinz</i>
<i>Harold Flay</i>	<i>Mary Sweeney</i>
<i>William Fife</i>	<i>Herb Staudter</i>
<i>Robert Galvin</i>	<i>Elizabeth Turley</i>
<i>Veronique Hall</i>	<i>Theresa Vacchio</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</i>	<i>Nelson Villafior</i>
<i>Pat Hesse</i>	<i>Aidan Walden</i>
<i>Bob Hoffman</i>	<i>John Witzzenbocker</i>
<i>Jack McGreevy</i>	<i>Alyssa Zangari</i>
<i>Pat Guckert</i>	<i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i>
<i>Victoria LaMaina</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.



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

### For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



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

*Russell J. Laliberte  
Johanna Amador  
Carol A. Snell*

The bulletin deadline is  
12pm Monday.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Parish Center will close at 12pm on Fridays. We will resume normal Friday hours in September.



*The Bread & Wine for the week of July 23, 2023 are donated in memory of Milagros Torchia (50th Birthday) donated by Nicole Niceforo*



The Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang needs sandwich bags, boxes and gloves. 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!



*The Altar Flowers for the week of July 23, 2023 are donated in memory of Dora Accurso donated by Marie & Frank Gandini*

## 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. 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, Edward J. Lunden, Elizabeth & John Chambers, Frank, Eleanor & Jimmy Gill, Helen & Joseph Tartarka, Teresa & Joseph Sullivan, Jerry Catalano, Ida Guadagno, Clare & Walter Shorak*



**Anointing of the Sick will take place**

**Friday, August 4, 2023**

Next Week's Readings: Sunday, July 30, 2023

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

### First Reading

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130

The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

### Second Gospel Reading

Romans 8:28-30

God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-52 (shorter form: Matthew 13:44-46)

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.



Thank you for your constant support of our Pantry!

We need chicken noodle soup, pasta, capri sun, tuna fish oil/water, canned chicken, shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent, disposable razors, tooth paste, paper towels, graham crackers

We would appreciate any fresh produce from your garden. We also now have neighbors that use gluten free products.

**FRANCES BLAKE 300 CLUB  
JULY 2023 WINNERS**

**\$300 Winner**

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Safrath #292

**\$100 Winner**

Susan Dunn #023

**\$75 Winner**

Ms. Maryse Haig #022

**\$50 Winner**

Mrs. Elda Jones #027

**\$25 Winners**

Mr. & Mrs. James Koester #102  
Mrs. Joanne Brazenor #075  
Mrs. Joan Kennedy #024  
Mrs. Maureen Paladino #168

**\$15 Winners**

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Torres #260  
Mr. William Gilvey #191  
Mr. Salvatore Catalano #257  
Mr. Joseph Kelly #208  
Ms. Rose DiGiose #235

The August 2023 Grand Prize Drawing of the Frances Blake 300 Club will be held at the end of August. All paid up members have one chance to win \$1,000!

**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.

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.



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.

## **“Love for Lemons” Lemonade Fundraiser Thank you!**

**Thank you to all who generously donated their time and monetary donations to the “Love for Lemons” lemonade fundraiser on July 16th.**

**Because of such generosity, 3 charities will be receiving over \$600! The breakdowns of contributions are as follows:**

**St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital: \$274.00  
The Ronald McDonald House: \$209.00  
Wounded Warrior Project: \$181.50**

**Thank you and God Bless!  
-The Dunleavy family**



*Dear brothers and sisters!*

“His mercy is from age to age” (*Lk* 1:50). This is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (cf. *Lk* 1:39-56). Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth addressed the Mother of God with words that, millennia later, continue to echo in our daily prayer: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (v. 42). The Holy Spirit, who had earlier descended upon Mary, prompted her to respond with the *Magnificat*, in which she proclaimed that the Lord’s mercy is from generation to generation. That same Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations: between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly or to push them to the margins of life, as tragically happens all too often in our time.

This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to World Youth Day. Both celebrations remind us of the “haste” (cf. v. 39) with which Mary set out to visit Elizabeth. In this way, they invite us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment. Mary’s visit to Elizabeth and their shared awareness that the Lord’s mercy is from generation to generation remind us that, alone, we cannot move forward, much less save ourselves, and that God’s presence and activity are always part of something greater, the history of a people. Mary herself said this in the *Magnificat*, as she rejoiced in God, who, in fidelity to the promise he had made to Abraham, had worked new and unexpected wonders (cf. vv. 51-55).

To better appreciate God’s way of acting, let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. Those who focus only on the here and now, on money and possessions, on “having it all now”, are blind to the way God works. His loving plan spans past, present and future; it embraces and connects the generations. It is greater than we are, yet includes each of us and calls us at every moment to *keep pressing forward*. For the young, this means being ready to break free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing something productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities. Let us all look ahead! And allow ourselves to be shaped by God’s grace, which from generation to generation frees us from inertia and from dwelling on the past!

In the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, between young and old, God points us towards the future that he is opening up before us. Indeed, Mary’s visit and Elizabeth’s greeting open our eyes to the dawn of salvation: in their embrace, God’s mercy quietly breaks into human history amid abundant joy. I encourage everyone to reflect on that meeting, to picture, like a snapshot, that embrace between the young Mother of God and the elderly mother of Saint John the Baptist, and to frame it in their minds and hearts as a radiant icon.

Next, I would invite you to make a concrete gesture that would include grandparents and the elderly. Let us not abandon them. Their presence in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God’s holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside!

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is meant to be a small but precious sign of hope for them and for the whole Church. I renew my invitation to everyone – dioceses, parishes, associations and communities – to celebrate this Day and to make it the occasion of a joyful and renewed encounter between young and old. To you, the young who are preparing to meet in Lisbon or to celebrate World Youth Day in your own countries, I would ask: before you set out on your journey, visit your grandparents or an elderly person who lives alone! Dear grandparents, dear elderly brothers and sisters, may the blessing of the embrace between Mary and Elizabeth come upon you and fill your hearts with peace. With great affection, I give you my blessing. And I ask you, please, to pray for me.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2023,  
Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

## SACRED HEART PARISH MINISTRIES



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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