

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

July 30, 2023—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom  
of heaven is like the head of a household  
who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."*

**Pastoral Staff**

**Rev. Stephen Brigandi, Pastor**  
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 Deacon John Heverin

**Parish Center****516-379-1356****Parish Center Hours:**

Mon.—Fri. 9am—12pm &amp; 1pm -4pm

**Parish Outreach****Mrs. Ann Heverin**

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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 23, 2023**

<b>Attendance:</b>	874
<b>Envelopes:</b>	318
<b>Collection:</b>	\$10,568.00
<b>Online Giving</b>	\$1,069.44
<b>Year to Date:</b>	\$1,571,969.60

**Monday, July 31, 2023**

9AM Evelyn Patricia Sussman

**Tuesday, August 1, 2023**

9AM Alma Boursiquot

**Wednesday, August 2, 2023**

9AM Marcine Dentici

**Thursday, August 3, 2023**

9AM Siobhan Mundo

**Friday, August 4, 2023**

9AM Purgatorial Society

**Saturday, August 5, 2023**

9AM Ray Carleo

5PM Consuelo Marino (Living)

Angela Katharine Cernyar

**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

8AM Joseph Sabella

10AM Olive &amp; Fred VanSluytman

12PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

5PM Chester Zegler

Raymond Fleureau

*In our thoughts and prayers.**Taylor Agurto**Johanna Amador**Antonia Backer**Milan Baranek**Frank Barbieri**Mary Berberich**Carol Byer**Ed Beyer**John Brennan**Dylan Buckley**Beth Campbell**Evelio Del Campo**Lisa DelCampo**Anthony DeLuca**AJ DeLuca**John De Luca**Christopher Duignan**Matthew Dwyer**Richard Dziuba**Harold Flay**William Fife**Robert Galvin**Veronique Hall**Gloria Hannifin**Pat Hesse**Bob Hoffman**Jack McGreevy**Pat Guckert**Victoria LaMaina**Theresa LaMaina**Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher**Dan Macchia**Helen Massoni**John McMullin**Minerva Nunez**Digna Ong**Taylor Oshian**Jack Palamaro**Peter Palamaro, Jr.**Eileen Pio**Flo Puff**Ginesia Reale**Tara C. Rebhan**Ann Rhoads**Vincenza Rini**Michael Ryan**Benny Sarnelli**Maureen T. Schmitz**Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke**Randall Sinz**Mary Sweeney**Herb Staudter**Elizabeth Turley**Theresa Vacchio**Nelson Villaflor**Aidan Walden**John Witzendocker**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.



### 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.  
Edward Longo*



#### First Saturday Mass

The next First Saturday Mass is August 5, 2023.

The Rosary will begin at 8:30.



*The Bread & Wine for the week of July 30, 2023 are donated in memory of Dora Accurso donated by Marie & Frank Gandini*



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 30, 2023 are donated in memory of Dora Accurso donated by Marie & Frank Gandini*



Every Wednesday from 12pm -4pm

## 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.  
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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  
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Lt. Commander William H. Mohr, Navy  
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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**

**SUNDAY CONNECTION: JULY 30, 2023****First Reading**

Daniel 7:9–10,13–14

The prophet Daniel describes his vision of one like the Son of Man who received dominion from God.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 97:1–2,5–6,9

A Song of Praise to God our King

**Second Reading**

2 Peter 1:16–19

Peter says that the voice heard from Heaven confirmed the truth of his testimony about Christ.

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 17:1–9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration.

In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him.

In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.



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### 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.

In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life  
primarily searching for the kingdom of God.

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.

**Fundraiser to benefit  
St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital  
Sunday, August 6, 2023  
from 10:30am – 3:30pm  
at the main doors of the church.**

**Help kids save kids!**

**If you can't come but would love to donate,**

**feel free to venmo**

**@jennifer-scalise-3**





# Faith Formation



Catechists are needed for all grades.  
Please contact the Faith Formation  
Office for additional information.

Registration Forms are available on our  
**website: [Sacredheartnm.org](http://Sacredheartnm.org)**

If you have not registered, please do so as soon as possible as  
classes are filling up.

**REMINDER: NO REGISTRATIONS FORMS WILL BE  
ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2023**

Schedule information will be emailed the last week of August.  
Classes begin Tuesday, September 12th.

Students in grades **2-8** are expected to hand in  
15 Mass Attendance Cards between September and April.  
These cards are available at the doors of the church and must  
be placed in the collection basket. Please do not drop them off  
at the Parish Center or give them to an usher. If there are  
extenuating circumstances, please contact the  
Faith Formation Office.

## SACRED HEART PARISH MINISTRIES



<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Altar Linens	Ingrid Samperi	frontdesk@sacredheartnm.org
Altar Servers	Fr. Peter	Parish Center: 516-379-1356
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	Deacon John	deaconjohn@sacredheartnm.org
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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  
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