

December 17, 2023—Gaudete Sunday



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

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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, December 10, 2023**

<b>Attendance:</b>	1169
<b>Envelopes:</b>	414
<b>Mail Ins:</b>	\$3667.00
<b>Collection:</b>	\$20,181.00
<b>Year to Date:</b>	\$242,812.24


**Monday, December 18, 2023**

9AM Kenneth Gibbons

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**

9AM Mrs. Durchalter

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

9AM Stephanie &amp; Joe Sommer

**Thursday, December 21, 2023**

9AM Angela Rubino

**Friday, December 22, 2023**

9AM Dominick Criscuola

**Saturday, December 23, 2023**

 5PM Marjorie E. Cardinale  
 James Friel  
 Joseph Licari  
 Dolores Costello  
 Walter Schoendorf

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

 8AM Ida & Anthony Guadagno  
 10AM William P. Connor  
 12PM Julius & Maria Brand

*In our thoughts and prayers.*

<i>John Ackerman</i>	<i>John McMullin</i>
<i>Taylor Agurto</i>	<i>Jack Palamaro</i>
<i>Johanna Amador</i>	<i>Peter Palamaro, Jr.</i>
<i>Zach Arezzi</i>	<i>Nick Paul</i>
<i>Antonia Backer</i>	<i>Eileen Pio</i>
<i>Milan Baranek</i>	<i>Ann Polhemus</i>
<i>Carol Beyer</i>	<i>Flo Puff</i>
<i>Ed Beyer</i>	<i>Ginesia Reale</i>
<i>John Brennan</i>	<i>Tara C. Rebhan</i>
<i>Dylan Buckley</i>	<i>Ann Rhoads</i>
<i>Beth Campbell</i>	<i>Vincenza Rini</i>
<i>Catherine Cavanagh</i>	<i>Mr &amp; Mrs. Romano</i>
<i>Carlos Chacon</i>	<i>Michael Ryan</i>
<i>Anthony DeLuca</i>	<i>Virginia Sandas</i>
<i>John DeLuca</i>	<i>Benny Sarnelli</i>
<i>Christopher Duignan</i>	<i>Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke</i>
<i>Matthew Dwyer</i>	<i>Randall Sinz</i>
<i>Richard Dziuba</i>	<i>Jacqueline Sinz</i>
<i>AJ Eletto</i>	<i>Robert Stanco</i>
<i>John L. Maria Eletto</i>	<i>Mary Sweeney</i>
<i>Harold Flay</i>	<i>Herb Staudter</i>
<i>William Fife</i>	<i>Clark Sun</i>
<i>Veronique Hall</i>	<i>Christopher Vaccacio</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</i>	<i>Vacchio Family</i>
<i>Bob Hoffman</i>	<i>Nelson Villafior</i>
<i>Gail Kmitis</i>	<i>Aidan Walden</i>
<i>Victoria LaMaina</i>	<i>John Wizenbocker</i>
<i>Theresa LaMaina</i>	<i>Alyssa Zangari</i>
<i>William Maroney</i>	<i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i>
<i>Baby Logan Meisse</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  
December**



**For persons with disabilities**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation. .

**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. We especially remember*

*Catherine Darienzo*



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He only wants you.**

**Jesus waits for you.**

\* Wisdom from a participant in our fall 2023 Sacred Heart Parish Wednesday evening Jesus and the Eucharist revival.

## 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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Pvt. Andrew Reynolds, U.S. Army  
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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,  
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Margaret E. Riordan, Joan Fisk, Everett Corum, Jr,  
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Catherine Contartesi, Teresa & Joseph Sullivan,  
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Frank, Eleanor & Jimmy Gill, Helen & Joseph  
Tartarka, Teresa & Joseph Sullivan  
Jerry Catalano, Ida Guadagno,  
Clare & Walter Shorak, Sr. Adeline Haig,  
John D. Maxworthy, Patricia Grecco  
Catherine Darienzo*



**Anointing of the Sick will take place**

**Friday, January 5, 2024**



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 today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving- please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.



*Glory to God in the highest*

The Parish Center is closed Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th.

The Parish Center will be open Wednesday, 12/27, Thursday, 12/28 and Friday, 12/29 from 9am to 1pm.

## Additional All Souls' Remembrances

Salvatore Randazzo  
Maddalena Randazzo  
Irene Hughes  
James Hughes



**A Joyful Sunday.** The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The word "gaudete" is derived from the Latin words "gaudium," joy, and "gaudeo," to rejoice or be glad. *Gaudete* Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy.

**The Term "Gaudete."** *Gaudete* is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas.

**Multiple Reasons for Joy.** There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened because he was born to save us from our sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tm 4:8) and a place in the Father's house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

**A Joyful Color.** Rose represents joy and may be used as the liturgical color for *Gaudete* Sunday.

### FAITH FORMATION



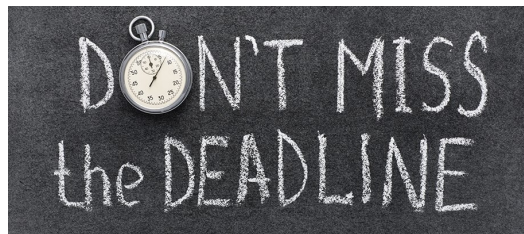
**There are no Faith Formation classes  
December 19th - December 28th.  
Classes resume on Tuesday,  
January 2, 2024.**

**Have a very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!**



The Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Group needs peanut butter,  
jelly and bread.

Thank you for your support.



Due to the upcoming holidays, the  
deadline for the 12/24 and 12/31  
bulletins is

**Monday, December 18th, by noon.**

All items for the bulletin must be  
submitted by 12pm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Christmas Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

- 4pm (Church) - Kathryn Wells
- 4pm—(Gym) - Theresa & Philip Horsting
- 10pm—Stephen & Marie Brigandi

**Monday, December 25, 2023**

- 8am—Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- 10am (Church) —Mary Alice Vaccacio
- 10am (Gym) - All Deceased Parishioners
- 12pm—Anna McManus & John Mc Manus, Jr.





## CYO Volleyball Registration



Sacred Heart CYO is currently registering for the  
2024 Volleyball Season

All registration will be conducted on-line through the Sacred Heart Parish website. The registration fee is \$200 per child. A \$10 discount will be provided for each additional child registered in the program. The maximum family registration fee is \$500.

The registration fee includes the game jersey plus a long sleeved T-shirt for each player.

**Each player is required to bring a volleyball to each practice.**

CYO rules require that you must be a registered parishioner or live within the parish boundaries to be able to play.

Any questions, please email [sacredheartCYOVB@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartCYOVB@gmail.com).

As we get ready for Christmas, please consider donating the following items to the pantry to send out for Christmas Dinner:



Fresh white potatoes	Celery
Fresh sweet potatoes	Cider
Canned Ham	Crescent Rolls
Egg Nogg	Lasagna Noodles
Crackers	Frozen pumpkin pie
Ziti	Cheese slices
Ricotta	Onion Dip (Lipton)
Mozzarella	Sour Cream
Fresh or frozen broccoli	Potato Chips
Fresh carrots	Pretzels
Green olives	Beef gravy
Fresh or frozen string beans	Cookies
Frozen apple pie	Bread crumbs
Crushed tomatoes or sauce	

We are also in need of diapers size 5, 6, 7 & night diapers size 7.

Personal care items: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shaving cream, dove soap, feminine care products

Cleaning products: liquid dish soap, Lysol, steel wool



Because Christmas falls on a Monday this year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent is Christmas Eve. There is no 5pm on Sunday, December 24, 2023. The evening Masses on December 24th, Christmas Eve, (4pm) are Christmas Masses.

The same with New Year's Day. The 5pm Mass on Sunday, December 31st is for Monday, January 1st: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God.

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Saturday, December 23rd: 5pm

Sunday, December 24th: 8am, 10am & 12pm

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday, December 24th: 4pm (gym)  
4pm (church)  
10pm (church)

Monday, December 25th: 8am (church)  
10am (church)  
10am (gym)  
12pm (church)

(There is no 5pm Mass on Christmas Day)

### **NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday, December 31st: 5pm

Monday, January 1st: 9am and 12pm  
(There is no evening Mass on New Year's Day)

## SACRED HEART PARISH MINISTRIES



<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Altar Linens	Ingrid Samperi	frontdesk@sacredheartnm.org
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Scripture Study	Shirley Douglas	shirdoug530@yahoo.com
St. Vincent de Paul	Francine Fennessey	svdp@sacredheartnm.org
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Our parish is always looking for new ministries.

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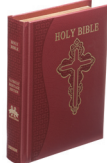
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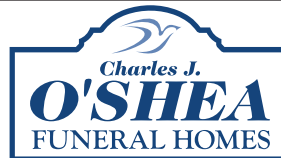
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