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4TH Sunday of
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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.

Thank you for your generosity.


Tuesday, December 26, 2023

9AM Colleen M. Truono

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

9AM Theresa Madeline Valenti

Thursday, December 28, 2023

9AM Catherine Melley

Friday, December 29, 2023

9AM Nelina Ladia

Saturday, December 30, 2023

 5PM Josephine Richter
Edward A. Irving

Sunday, December 31, 2023

 8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 10AM Catherine Darienzo
 12PM All Deceased Parishioners
 5PM **(Vigil for Solemnity)**
 Theresa & Philip Horsting
 Anna Ancona Friedman

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 & 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 & 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 Villaflor</i>
<i>Gail Kmitis</i>	<i>Aidan Walden</i>
<i>Victoria LaMaina</i>	<i>John Witzenbocker</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

Anthony A. Pellegrino



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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
L CPL Anthony Rusciano, U.S.M.C.
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SSgt. Edgar C. Francisco, U.S.M.C.
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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

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, Jerry Catalano, Ida Guadagno, Catherine Darienzo Clare & Walter Shorak, Sr. Adeline Haig, John D. Maxworthy, Patricia Grecco,



Anointing of the Sick will take place

Friday, January 5, 2024

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

FAITH FORMATION



**There are no Faith Formation classes
December 19th-January 2nd. Classes resume on
WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2024.**

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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.



Christmas Flower Memorials

William Kissane, Jr.
Frederick Engelhart
Marion Engelhart
Donaly Engelhart
Helen & Joseph Tartaka
Teresa & Joseph Sullivan
Jeanne M. Ferguson
Barbara J. Terry
Dr. John Hollis
Cathleen Marincsak
Frances Daly
Ellen marincsak
Andre Marincsak, Sr.
Paul & Julia Coppola
Corinne Clark
Thomas L. Clark
John H. Stender
Cecilia DiNapoli
David Bivona
Joseph DiNapoli
Fred Procopio
Anthony Procopio
Lina & Bruno Villa
Alfred Van Sluntman
Olive Van Sluytman
Villa Family
Moliner Family
VanSluytman Family
Mario Santulli
John Orlando
Edwind Wilinski
Richie Lee
Arthur Muller
Anthony Guadagno
Ida Guadagno
Slipkowski Family
Brostek Family
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Mr. Joseph E. Cullum, Jr.
Mr. Edward J. Cullum
Lillian Milana
Rosalie Schmidlin
Florence Lorenzo

Margaret M. Friel
Edward Davis
Alice Stapleton
Sophie Kostew
Ted Kostew
Thomas Weber
William Weber
MaryAnn Maddon
Paddy Maddon
Ronald Clark
Pizybylowski Familiy
John & Ann McManus
Charlie & Eileen Giglio
Theresa McManus
John McManus, Jr.
Jim & Mary Mannion
Rico & Jean Cotumaccio
Anna M. Ciccolella
Anthony Ciccolella, Sr.
Doreen Ciccolella
Lisa Scotto
Frank Ciccolella
Frank P. Ciccolella
Violet & John Nagel
Hermine & Ernest Gruber
Nettie Turdo
Dominick Turdo
Lillian Polis
Anthony Polis
John Maxworthy
Raymond Soffientini
Matthew & Lee Staszak
Angelo & Rita Cisario
Carmela Gianetta
Arthur Gianetta
Arthur & Marilyn Hintz
Fran Ianconetti
Tom Iaconetti
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Ann & Dan Sullivan
Pat & Ernie Marinelli
Margaret & Ed Kennedy
Andrew Mangual
Vincent & Catherine Salerno

Eugene Iaconetti
Louise & Jim Villani
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D'Aguenmo Family
O'Brien Family
Morgan Family
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Joseph V. Davis, Sr.
Michael Aurilia
Danny & Margaret McGrory
Patrick Mulholland
Audrey Mulholland
Dorothy Duffy
Edward Duffy
Carol Weinbaum
Kevin Duffy
John Fitzpatrick
Stella Fugallo
Ida Luberto
Sanot & Julie Luberto
Camille & William Talia
John Behr
Kathy Behr Harren
Frank Mangiaracino
Harold & Patty Flay
Rocco & Connie DeStefano
Gerge & Sally Schnell
Harold & Jeannette Flay
James & Mildred Dunleavy
Wengler Family
Domenic & Carmella Alonge
Martine Dallemmand
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Fasano
Mr. & Mrs. Gerge Sweeney
Catherine Damiani
Barbara & Joseph Beiger
Ronald Reinhardt
John Sherman
Ferguson Family
Kevin Wellstead
Toby & Lee Daly
Jean & Kenneth Eriksen
Melaccio Family
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Christmas Flower Memorials

Rose Baldassi
James Baldassi
Edward Harron
Scott A. Sepe
Joseph J. Graham, Jr.
Virginia Santoro
Pat Santoro
Joseph Graham
Elizabeth Graham
Kathleen Feminello
Thomas Feminello, Jr.
Diane Hagerman
Robert C. Hagerman
Arthur V. Panebianco
Rose Panibianco
Lucio Panebianco
Grace Pietroleonardo
Vito Pietroleonardo
O'Brien Family
Rossi Family
Daniel Contartesi
Catherine Contartesi
Edward Slavin
Margaret Slavin
Patricia McNierney
John McNierney
Smith Family
Zina Campanala
McKenna Family
Gerald & Catherine Rottkemp
Consalvo & Carmela Caruso
Joseph Caruso
James P. McNerney
Nicholas Marhatis
Louise & Joseph Cook, Jr.
Pat Richardson
Fred, Sr.
Laura Meyers

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Maureen Mullen
John Kilkenny
John Murphy
Philip Tunbull, Sr.
Mory Turnbull
Gregory Turnbull
Louis Camillers
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Marianne Chengrian
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Joseph & Mary Gallo
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Mr. & Mrs. Galan Romero
Anna Epp
Babette Paul
Theresa Horsting
Philip Horsting
Messana Family
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Frank & Mary Buono
Vincent Carillo
Carmen Nardella
All Friends
Wilma & Peter Amedeo
Sorrantonio Family
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Donnelly Family
Anthony Nardella
Sol Small
Joseph Ursino
Celia Ursino

Mary Donohue
Thomas Donohue
Marion Perlow
Ronnie Sesio
Joe Sesio
Anne Sesio
John Mazza
Alda McGovern
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Catherine E. Dwyer
Danny McGrory
Margaret McGrory
Terry McGrory
Peter LaMaina
Mary LaMaina
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M. Frank
Charles Rook, Sr.
Barbara H. Rook
Charles Rook, Jr.
David E. Rook
Richard J. Brazenor
Irene M. Brazenor
Robert G. Brazenor
Lt. Colonel Robert Brazenor
The Towey Family
Vito Mazzara
Mary Mazzara
Anne Carillo
Joseph Wollweber
William Kissane, Sr.
Madeline Kissane
Robert Schmidlin
Sal & Muriel Coviello
Mr. Alfred J. Anderson
Dominick Campanale
Lester Smith



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 Mass on December 24th, Christmas Eve, (4pm) is a Christmas Mass.

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

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



Ministry	Coordinator	Contact Information
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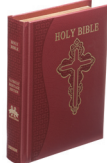
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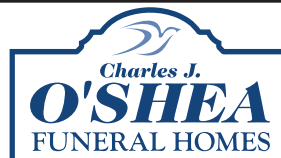
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