

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

— THE TIME IS FULFILLED, AND —
**THE KINGDOM
OF GOD IS AT HAND;**
REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL.
MARK 1:15



February 18, 2024 — First Sunday of Lent

Pastoral Staff

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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.

February 11, 2024

Envelopes	412
Attendance	1175
Mail Ins	\$3,225.55
Collection	\$17,029.00
Year to Date	\$439,040.52



Monday, February 19, 2024

9AM John Fitzpatrick

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

9AM Connie & Anthony Santangelo

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

9AM Lawrence Gray

Thursday, February 22, 2024

9AM Paul Christopher

Friday, February 23, 2024

9AM Devon Hubner

Saturday, February 24, 2024

5PM Marta Carranza
Richard T. McInerney
Marie Cosgrove
Florence & Leo Crawford
Ed & Ceil Eighmey
Gary Eighmey

Sunday, February 25, 2024

8AM Maria & Arturo Sposato
10AM John Hasselberger
12PM Cecilia Bardwil
5PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

In our thoughts and prayers.

John Ackerman	Murray Family
Taylor Agurto	Jack Palamaro
Johanna Amador	Peter Palamaro, Jr.
Zach Arezzi	Nick Paul
Antonia Backer	Eileen Pio
Milan Baranek	Ann Polhemus
Carol Beyer	Flo Puff
Ed Beyer	Ginesia Reale
John Brennan	Tara C. Rebhan
Dylan Buckley	Ann Rhoads
Beth Campbell	Vincenza Rini
Carlos Chacon	Mr & Mrs. Romano
Lisa DelCampo	Michael Ryan
Evelio DelCampo	Virginia Sandas
Anthony DeLuca	Benny Sarnelli
John DeLuca	Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke
Nancy DeStefano	Randall Sinz
Matthew Dwyer	Jacqueline Sinz
Richard Dziuba	Robert Stanco
AJ Eletto	Mary Sweeney
William Fife	Herb Staudter
Deepa Gupta	Clark Sun
Veronique Hall	Christopher Vaccacio
Gloria Hannifin	Vacchio Family
Bob Hoffman	Nelson Villaflor
Gail Kmitis	Aidan Walden
Victoria LaMaina	John Witzzenbocker
Theresa LaMaina	Alyssa Zangari
William Maroney	Rosemarie Ziminski
John McMullin	Robert Ziminski
Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher	

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 February

For The Terminally Ill

February's prayer intention is that the sick, "who are in the final stages of life, and their families receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment."



Dinty Moore beef stew
corned beef hash
pancake mix
syrup
Fresh fruit
Boost (vanilla or chocolate)
tuna (solid white, oil or water)
canned chicken
canned salmon
chicken noodle soup
peanut butter
children's cereal
Honey Nut Cheerios
tissues
laundry detergent (small)



Donations of peanut butter and jelly are needed and appreciated.

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

*Frederick Matalevich
Razel Madrid Rubio*



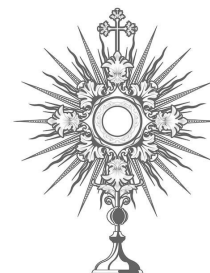
The Bread & Wine for the week of February 18, 2024 is in memory of

Paul Christopher

Donated by his fellow Sacristans

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays, from 12pm-4pm
in Church



**God dwells in our midst in the most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
St. Maximilian Kolbe**

PARISHIONERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Sacred Heart Parish salutes and commends to prayer:

Lt. Jack Tariche USMC, Okinawa
 Sgt. 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
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 Afghanistan
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 Lt. Commander William H. Mohr, Navy
 Amn. 1st Class Daniel Gilroy, U.S.A.F.
 Lt. Daniel T. Lopez, U.S. Air Force
 Lt. Michael Napolitano U.S. Navy
 John Devoti Lt. Col. U.S.M.C.
 2nd Lieutenant Jordan Paladino- US Army
 Pvt. Frank DeTrano, U.S.M.C.

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

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, Larry Gray, Jim Artura



Anointing of the Sick will take place

Friday, March 1, 2024



Prayer: More time given to prayer during Lent will draw us closer to the Lord. We might pray especially for the grace to live out our baptismal promises more fully.

Fasting: Fasting is one of the most ancient practices linked to Lent. Vatican II called us to renew the observance of the ancient paschal fast: Abstaining from meat traditionally linked us to the poor, who could seldom afford meat for their meals. That should be the goal we set for ourselves: a sparse and simple meal.

Almsgiving: Almsgiving is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us.

Dear Parishioners,

Many of you participated in our Christmas Novena and so I have decided to have an Easter Novena. This will enable the parish to remember your loved ones in a special way during the Easter Season. Beginning March 31, 2024, (Easter Sunday) and continuing through May 19, 2024 (Pentecost), your loved ones will be remembered at Mass each day.

An envelope for this Easter Novena was included with your envelopes. If you choose, please print the names of your deceased family and friends and drop it in the collection with whatever donation you wish. These envelopes will be placed on the altar for the duration of the Novena. All the names that were remembered in our Easter Novena will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, May 26, 2024.

We will pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent at 7:00pm. Each week a different Parish Ministry will lead the Stations. We will have a Soup Supper on Friday, March 8th and Lenten Speaker on Tuesday, March 5th at 7pm in the church. (additional information to follow).

*I am grateful that there are so many good things happening in our parish! Please know each of you remain in my prayer,
Fr. Stephen*

**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.



Congratulations to all winners of the
second half of January's St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton Christmas Card Raffle.

We are so thankful for all of the support
we received from the parishioners to
make this fundraiser a success.
Thank you!

16. Phil Hoffman
17. Angela Miceli
18. Danielle Angerhauser
19. Al Huemmer
20. Tom Wade
21. Tim Staines
22. Corine Casagrande
23. Ann Marie & Larry Burgin
24. Kevin Sellers
25. Ginny Devane
26. Michaela Miskiewicz
27. Concetta Caruso
28. Daniel McCloy
29. Mrs. Estevez
30. Mr. Larke
31. Lindsey & Gregg Sandler



STATIONS of the CROSS

Each Friday in Lent, a different Parish Ministry will lead the Stations of the Cross at **7:00pm** in the church.

All are invited to attend.

February 16th:
Confirmation Students

February 23rd: St. Vincent de Paul:

March 1st: Altar Servers

March 8th: Outreach/Rosary Society/
Catholic Daughters

March 15th: Knights of Columbus

March 22nd:
Faith Formation Students



If you or someone you know needs assistance with bills, rent, food, or other monetary help, please email 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, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Bereavement Support Groups—St. Bernard Parish (Levittown)

Saturday, April 6, 2024—June 1, 2024, weekly support group for the newly bereaved. Facilitated by Dr. Lou Sabatini. Group meets in the Parish center from 11:00am—12:15pm

Monday, March 18, 2024 (continuing the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month), support for bereaved parents. The group will meet in the Parish Center from 7:00pm-8:15pm

There is a one time registration fee of \$25 for each group. Please contact Sister Christine Sammons @ 516-731-6074 to register.

April 13, 2024—May 18, 2024—**TRAINING GROUP FOR BEREAVEMENT.** Those who attend the six meetings and do observation of the support group receive a certificate. Please contact Dr. Sabatini directly to register: 516-660-1352. There is a \$75 fee and you will receive a training manual.



Friday, March 8, 2024
5:30pm in the school cafeteria.
(Soup, Pretzels, Bread and Mac & Cheese)

All are invited to a Soup Supper, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the church. Free will offering at the door for Outreach appreciated. Please use the form below to RSVP.

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Lenten Soup Supper—Friday, March 8, 2024

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of adults: _____

Number of children under 12: _____

Lent: A Time For Giving

This year Sacred Heart Parish invites all our children to participate in our Lenten Activity:

KIDS HELPING KIDS

Each week during Lent we are asking the children to bring an item to be donated to Parish Outreach.

These 'kid friendly' items are a great way for families to talk about how even the youngest parishioners can make a difference to someone in need in our very own neighborhood.

Week 2 (2/25) juice boxes

Week 3 (3/3) Kids' cereal

Week 4 (3/10) pancake mix & syrup

Week 5 (3/17) chips (any kind)

Week 6 (3/24): Easter basket treats

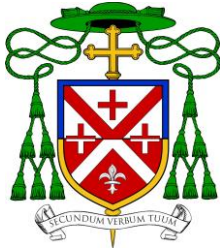
Please put your donations in the box in the church lobby each week when you come to Mass.





*Tuesday,
February 20, 2024
7pm in the church*

*Truly you have formed my inmost being;
you knit me in my mother's womb.
I give you thanks that I am fearfully,
wonderfully made;
wonderful are your works.*



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Lent 2024

*...We need our prayer to rise with greater insistence to the Father,
So that He may hear the voice of those who turn to Him
on the confidence of being answered... Pope Francis*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On Sunday, January 21 of this year, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee Year. The Holy Father is calling on the faithful “to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God.” This Year of Prayer, the Holy Father explained, is dedicated “to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world.”

In response to the Holy Father’s initiative, together with Bishop Barres, all the Bishops and I would like to encourage you, especially during this 2024 Season of Lent in particular, to focus on prayer. Traditionally, during this time all Christians are called to practice fasting, prayer, repentance, and almsgiving as a way of drawing us closer to God and reflecting on the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection in anticipation of the gift of new life at Easter. All pillars of Lent complement and support each other. Customarily, fasting is a way of disciplining ourselves and expressing our repentance for our sins. By abstaining from certain foods or activities, we show our love for God and our gratitude for His mercy. Fasting also helps us to empathize with those who are less fortunate and to share our resources with them. In fact, prayer binds all these Lenten practices all together, giving them an extra strength and direction. In days to come, as we prepare for the celebration of Easter, let us take this great opportunity to renew ourselves in the life of prayer, making it not just a duty or an obligation but also as a privilege and a joy.

Prayer is a gift from God, connecting us with Him and allowing us to experience His love in our lives. It is a ground for an authentic encounter which God uses to transform us and to make us more like Christ to one another. It is also a power that God grants us to overcome sin and evil and to advance His cause in the world, especially very much needed peace as we reflect these days on the situations in Ukraine, the Holy Land, Syria, Congo, and many other troubled places.

Personal Prayer. A classic description says that prayer is “the raising of our mind and heart to God.” We all might have our own experiences of prayer, and we can define prayer in our own and unique ways. However, most important is the fact that during sacred time of the year each of us should make the best effort to make a time for prayer, short or longer, in our daily lives. There are many ways in which we can engage with it during Lent. Many people might continue to follow a lectionary and other materials that provide Scripture readings and reflections for each day of Lent and be led by it to prayer. It is possible use prayer books, journals, apps, or online resources that offer different forms of prayer, such as meditation, contemplation, praise, worship, adoration, thanksgiving, and supplication. In some

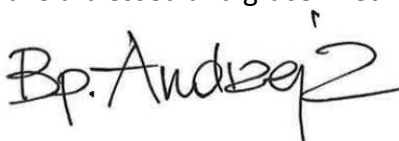
places there are groups of friends, or parishioners, who join prayer meetings, retreats, or online communities that share prayer requests and support each other in prayer. Most people create a prayer space in their home or workplace that helps them to focus on God. We should all look for an opportunity to pray without distractions and practice silence or solitude as a way of listening to God and being attentive to His presence. Whatever method or style of prayer we choose, the important thing is to pray with sincerity of heart, humility, honesty, and openness. During Lent, we should pray especially for the grace of conversion, so we can be inspired to experience the need of repentance and change and be led to encounter Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance. May we all grow in a deep desire to know the Lord more intimately and to love him more fully with the hunger for his grace and a thirst for his Spirit.

Communal Prayer. Time spent in prayer is never only personal. We all know that every individual action of one person has an impact on the whole community. Together in prayer, as we walk a synodal way, we grow in a deep sense of awareness that every act of love or time of common worship can profoundly strengthen and sanctify the whole Christian community and the whole human family. We are all connected in a special way as members of the Body of Christ, and we share the same mission and vision by celebrating of the Eucharist. This is the most profound and ultimate way of prayer. At each Mass we engage personally with the Paschal Mystery of the Lord and make it our own to be led by him, through the sacrifice of the cross to the glory of his Resurrection and our life in Him. The mystery of the Cross and the mystery of love Jesus shares with us can be understood in a deeper sense through prayer. Renewing our commitment to attend the Mass every Sunday would be the best step to renew ourselves in the life of prayer.

Prayers for the World. Both the celebration of the Eucharist and our personal daily prayer nourishes our faith, strengthens our hope, and increases our charity towards others. During Lent and beyond we are called to share our gifts and resources with the world around us, especially with those who are in need. We are to take care of the poor, the oppressed and the marginalized, and are to join them in their struggle for justice and dignity in the best way we can. Every good deed is always inspired and properly executed with the assistance of our continuing prayers, making us God's instruments of peace, justice, and mercy, which is so much needed in the world today.

Dear Friends, prayer is basically a conversation with God who is waiting for us. It doesn't have to be made up of loads of words as it is all about the conversion of heart. It's not just "saying prayers", it is more about living by them, letting our heart declare our love for God and others. Let this Lent be for all of us a sacred time of our spiritual renewal in prayer so we can all become who we are supposed to be in relationship with God and with each other. Our life prayer is a statement about who we are. The future of the world depends on our prayers and begins in us. Even though our prayers do not give any extra reverence to God, they certainly make us more revered before Him so we walk "humbly with the Lord."

Have a blessed and grace filled Lent,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bp. Andrzej Zglejszewski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski
Episcopal Vicar

SACRED HEART PARISH MINISTRIES



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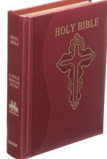
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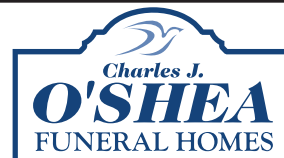
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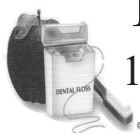
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