

Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart
720 Merrick Ave
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March 10, 2024 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

Pastoral Staff

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 Deacon Charles Kammerer
 Deacon John Heverin

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

Mon.—Fri. 9am—12pm & 1pm -4pm

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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.

March 3, 2024

Envelopes	414
Attendance	1304
Mail Ins	\$882.83
Collection	\$17,642.00
Year to Date	\$490,278.16



Monday, March 11, 2024

9AM Michael & Mary Jane Palma
(Living)

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

9AM Debbie Ryan

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

9AM Michael Hughes

Thursday, March 14, 2024

9AM John Rynn

Friday, March 15, 2024

9AM Rocco Furino

Saturday, March 16, 2024

5PM Dolores & Virgilio Adames
Kevin Cuddy
Dolores DeVito

Sunday, March 17, 2024

8AM Cullum Family (Living)
10AM Brooke Ellison
12PM Cecilia Bardwil
5PM Paul Acardi
Parishioners of Sacred Heart

In our thoughts and prayers.

<i>John Ackerman</i>	<i>Barry McCann</i>
<i>Taylor Agurto</i>	<i>Murray Family</i>
<i>Johanna Amador</i>	<i>Jack Palamaro</i>
<i>Zach Arezzi</i>	<i>Peter Palamaro, Jr.</i>
<i>Antonia Backer</i>	<i>Eileen Pio</i>
<i>Milan Baranek</i>	<i>Ann Polhemus</i>
<i>Carol Beyer</i>	<i>Carl & Joanna Pope</i>
<i>Ed Beyer</i>	<i>Flo Puff</i>
<i>John Brennan</i>	<i>Ginesia Reale</i>
<i>Dylan Buckley</i>	<i>Tara C. Rebhan</i>
<i>Beth Campbell</i>	<i>Ann Rhoads</i>
<i>Joan M. Cavanagh</i>	<i>Vincenza Rini</i>
<i>Carlos Chacon</i>	<i>Mr & Mrs. Romano</i>
<i>George Danile</i>	<i>Michael Ryan</i>
<i>Lisa DelCampo</i>	<i>Virginia Sandas</i>
<i>Evelio DelCampo</i>	<i>Benny Sarnelli</i>
<i>Anthony DeLuca</i>	<i>Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke</i>
<i>John DeLuca</i>	<i>Randall Sinz</i>
<i>Matthew Dwyer</i>	<i>Jacqueline Sinz</i>
<i>AJ Eletto</i>	<i>Robert Stanco</i>
<i>Melvina Feldman</i>	<i>Mary Sweeney</i>
<i>William Fife</i>	<i>Herb Staudter</i>
<i>Deepa Gupta</i>	<i>Clark Sun</i>
<i>Veronique Hall</i>	<i>Christopher Vaccacio</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</i>	<i>Nelson Villaflor</i>
<i>Bob Hoffman</i>	<i>Aidan Walden</i>
<i>Victoria LaMaina</i>	<i>John Witzenbocker</i>
<i>Theresa LaMaina</i>	<i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i>
<i>Denise Licari</i>	<i>Robert Ziminski</i>
<i>William Maroney</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 March

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



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
Joan Darnaud
Kelly D. Maher



The Bread & Wine for the week of
March 10, 2024,
in honor of
Michael & Mary Jame Palma
donated by
Morning Mass Friends

***Ready, Set, Go ...
to Sacred Heart CYO Track Registration!***

Open to all Girls & Boys in Kindergarten through Grade 8

Registration is \$140 with a full uniform (shorts, shirt & sweatshirt) or \$100 if no uniform is needed. Practices begin in April and are held Thursday evenings at Calhoun High School. Grades K – 3 practice from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. and grades 4 – 8 from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. Track meets are in May and June (some on Saturdays and some on Sundays).

Girls' Track Coaches: Susan Carroll – (516)223-3651 & Rich Spencer
Boys' Track Coach: Joe Lynch – (917)344-9224 & Laura Pfeifer
Please follow the link for online registration.



<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/bf11493b-bdd8-4fc4-8919-95f9c2d3ce5b>

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
- Sgt. Brandon Furia, U.S.M.C.
- PFC Matthew Macario, U.S. Army, Afghanistan
- Lt. James Corino, Army
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- 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

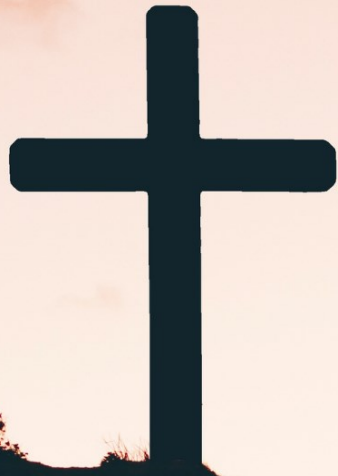
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Anointing of the Sick will take place

Friday, April 5, 2024



**Wednesday, 3/27
at 7pm**

**Prepare for the
Great Three Days
with Adoration.**

LENTEN FAMILY HOLY HOUR

Adore

Join us at this time of Eucharistic Revival in our Church for a night of adoration, praise and worship, prayer, and reflection as we draw near to the holiest days of the year!



Please Join us on March 15th, as we pray Mary's Way of the Cross here in the church. Presented by The Knights of Columbus of Jeremiah J Reilly Council of Sacred Heart @ 7:00 PM will be praying these Stations following Mary—the Holy Mother of Jesus—as she follows her Son in anguish, after He has been condemned to death. Please join us then on this journey, following in the footsteps of Our Blessed Lady, seeing as she sees and reflecting on our own lives. All are welcome to attend

**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.



Thank you to all who donated to our Soup Supper!

Spiga

Butternut Squash Soup & dinner rolls

Elisa's

Pasta Fagioli & Pumpkin Soup

Guy Anthony's

Minestrone Soup

RS Beanery

Broccoli Soup

New Wave Seafood

New England Clam Chowder

Cobs Bread

Hot Cross Buns & bread

Catholic Daughters

Lentil Soup

Lisa Dwyer

Macaroni & Cheese



Sunday, March 17, 2024

Pretzels were developed as an option to satisfy abstinence and fasting laws of the time. Eggs, fat, and milk were forbidden during Lent. So, the remaining ingredients that one could use included water, flour, and salt. A young monk baked the first pretzel — making a Lenten bread of water, flour, and salt, forming the dough into the prayer position of the day and baking it as soft bread. These first pretzels would have been much like the soft pretzels we have today.

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 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.

JERRY CATALANO STOCK MARKET SWEEPS

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Here is your chance to participate in raising funds for Fr. Reilly Council Knights of Columbus of the Merrick's and win money in the bargain. Each ticket costs \$10 which is individually numbered from 000-999. For example, if the Dow Jones on March 8th ends at 1234.56, ticket 456 is the winner for that week. This will repeat for 26 weeks.

Look for the Dow Jones close on Friday afternoon (after 4pm) on the news, in Saturday's paper, online on stock apps, etc. Each ticket is valid for 26 weeks from March 8, 2024, until August 30, 2024. That comes out to \$0.38 per week.

A weekly prize of \$100 will be awarded to the ticket number corresponding to the last three digits of the close of the Dow Jones Industrial Average for each Friday.

You will be notified if you are a winner via the phone number provided on the return stub. There is no limit to how many weeks each ticket can win.

For tickets please contact Lou Otarola, PGK 516-375-1581 and he will arrange to get them to you ASAP. Please make checks payable to: Father Reilly Council 6561

Thank you for your support and good luck!

CYO NEWS

Congratulations to the Sacred Heart 7th Grade Girls Basketball team on winning the 2023-2024 CYO Diocesan Basketball Championship. The team secured the title with a thrilling come from behind overtime victory.

The team included the following players:

Lilyanna Alberto
Christiania Eroman
Hannah Serio

Charlotte Barodin
Alison Niedfeld
Olivia Zukowski

Lia Biscardi
Caroline Scadutto

Anthony Biscardi - Head Coach John Barodin - Asst. Coach Lori Biscardi - Scorekeeper



*Tuesday, March 19, 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.*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesdays, from 12pm-4pm



Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.

Mother Teresa

Upcoming DEADLINES

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Palm Sunday Bulletin:
Thursday, March 14, 2024

Easter Sunday Bulletin:
Thursday, March 21, 2024

BLOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

**Saturday, April 6, 2024
8:00am-2:00pm**

**Sacred Heart Church &
Fr. Reilly Council #6561,
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For more information, please contact Ann Heverin 516-379-6123 or Gabe Alarcon 516-728-2666

*Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.
Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.
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Saturday, March 23, 2024
St. Joseph School, Garden City, NY

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Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Pam Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday, March 23, 2024: 5pm

Sunday, March 24, 2024: 8am, 10am, 12pm and 5pm

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation, Monday, March 25, 2024:

Confession: 3pm-9pm

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Parish Holy Hour: 7pm

THE GREAT THREE DAYS

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

Morning Prayer: 9am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 8pm

Night Prayer: 10pm

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

Morning Prayer: 9am

Family Stations of the Cross (outdoors): 12pm

Passion of Our Lord and Veneration of the Cross: 3pm

Traditional Stations of the Cross: 7pm

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

Morning Prayer: 9am

Great Vigil of Easter: 7pm

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Mass Schedule: 8am, 10am (church), 10am (gym), 12pm

THERE IS NO 5PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY





St. Christopher's Parish Lenten Retreat

*Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday
March 18, 19, & 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM*

Presenter: Fr. Mike Joly

Father Mike Joly, totally blind since age 6, was ordained in 1994. He has spent much time in adult and youth retreats and formation. He draws on music as a medium for connecting with the faithful. Fr. Mike welcomes opportunities to share what motivates his life and how to approach obstacles. Finding meaning, purpose, and direction in his own vocation, Fr. Mike works to communicate how universally available this is in everyone's life.

Music, Scripture, Prayer



SACRED HEART PARISH MINISTRIES



Ministry	Coordinator	Contact Information
Altar Linens	Ingrid Samperi	frontdesk@sacredheartnm.org
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Ushers	Jim Costello	cosjam@gmail.com

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

Tel: (516) 481-5525

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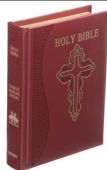
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