


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

A photograph showing the silhouettes of three people climbing a rocky peak. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long shadows. The people are positioned on the rock, with one person at the top and two others below, reaching up. The background is a dark, hazy landscape.

Whoever is not
against us...

Is for us!

Mark 9:38-41

September 29, 2024
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Staff

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Parish Website:
Sacredheartnm.org

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.



Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, 12pm-4pm



Monday, September 30, 2024

9AM Marianne Mulholland

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

9AM Marjorie Cardinale

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

9AM MaryAnn Buckley

Thursday, October 3, 2024

9AM Genesis Reale

Friday, October 4, 2024

Anointing of the Sick

9AM Purgatorial Society

Saturday, October 5, 2024

First Saturday Mass

9AM Ida Chiarelli

5PM Genesis Reale

Sunday, October 6, 2024

8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

10AM Brian & Joan Jermyn

12PM Charles E. Graham

5PM Tony Panskay

Anointing of the Sick

Friday, October 4, 2024

First Saturday Mass

9am, October 5, 2024

In our thoughts and prayers.

Taylor Agurto

Joanne Angelastro

Milan Baranek

Joanna Battaglia

Mary Berberich

John Brennan

Dylan Buckley

Richard Bustamante

Elizabeth Campbell

Joan Cavanagh

Baby Jack

Baby Kaylee

Marjorie Cirello

Julio Curra

Yolanda DeLustro

Eileen Dobrinkat

Matthew Dwyer

Bill Fife

Gerardo Franzese

Robert Galvin

Charles A. Garvin

Frank Guertin

Veronique Hall

Gloria Hannifin

Carl Hetzel

Alex Hubiera

Barbara Jenkins

Robert Ziminski

Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher

Jeff Kravitz

Jackie Kraemer

Deborah Kruse

William Maroney

Virginia Marquardt

Cathy Mazza

Kathryn Miller

Brian Mohr

Jack McGreevy

Katherine McGreevy

Paul McMullin

Taylor Oshan

Jack Palamaro

Peter Palamaro, Jr.

Tommy "Galleria" Pernice

Eileen Pio

Flo Puff

Tara C. Rebhan

John Rocco

Debbie Ryan

Randall Sinz

Herb Staudter

Mary Sweeney

Theresa Vacchio

Nelson Villafior

Aidan Walden

Lynn Ward

Rosemarie 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 September

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



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

Dear Parishioners,

Next week on October 4th, we will be hosting the St. Francis Bus. Nurses will be on hand to distribute flu shots and basic health screenings. The following day we will have the Blood Drive in the gym. Please stop by!

As we go forward in Outreach we will be continuing stocking our shelves for our neighbors in need. Please pass on sale items in your favorite store. We are stocking all the fixings for hot dinners and soups. We are looking for ingredients for soups, stews and chilis. The following items are always appreciated:

Meat, vegetables, fruit, and cleaning products. Currently we are filling lunchboxes and breakfast bowls.

I want to thank all my volunteers for their dedication to the pantry. I have people shopping, stocking shelves, picking up farm products, baking cakes, making dinners to go and giving out communion to the homebound. I want to thank everyone that helps to bag the bread from Cobs every other week. There will be Cobs in the back of the church on Friday, October 4th.

If you know of a neighbor in need, please let us know!

Ann Heverin
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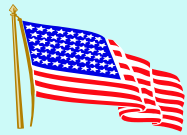
Marjorie Cardinale

WEEKLY COLLECTION INFORMATION

September 22, 2024

Attendance	1112
Envelopes	367
Collection	\$11,479.00
Online Giving	\$1054.42
YTD	\$60,997.32

Thank you for your continued support
of our parish!



PARISHIONERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

**Sacred Heart Parish salutes and
commends to prayer:**

Lt. Dennis Tariche, US Army, Germany
 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
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 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.
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 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
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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 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, Andy Marincsak Cecelia & Albert Bardwil, 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, Ginesia Reale, John D. Maxworthy, Patricia Grecco, Larry Gray, Jim Artura, Jim Vaccacio, Anne Rogan, Rev. Joseph D'Angelo Rosemarie Pergolizzi

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Prayer Shawl Ministry New Members Welcome

Learn to crochet or knit

Come join us on the last Wednesday of the month
10/30, 11/27, 1/29, 2/26, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28, 6/25



Liturgical Minister Training– Fall 2024

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, **all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.**

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training.

One must attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A Lector Workshop is available for both new and experienced lectors. You may not take EMHC Part A and the Lector Workshop on the same day.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Tuesday, Oct. 22 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Part A
Lector Workshop

Tuesday, Oct. 29 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Thursday, Nov. 14 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
Lector Workshop

Wednesday, Dec. 4 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Saturday, Dec. 7 - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A - 9 am - 12 noon
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B - 1pm - 4 pm

(there will be NO Lector Workshop offered on this date)

If you are interested in being trained as a Lector of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please call the Parish Center. 516-379-1356



Students in grades 2 and higher
are invited to join the
**Sacred Heart Children's
Christmas Choir.**

The choir will sing at the 4pm Family Mass
(in the church) on Christmas Eve.

Practice will be from 5:15pm-6:00pm in the
church on the following dates:

October 10, 24, & 29

Nov. 7, 14, 21, & 26

Dec. 5, 12 & 19

To sign your child up or for additional information, please contact our
Music Minister: Jeanne Nunez who will be coordinating the choir at:
childrenschoirshc@gmail.com



Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Our classes are starting next Month. Classes begin on
October 12th from 10am to 12pm.

Please call the Parish Center (516-379-1356) for additional information.



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NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

1:00PM – 3:00PM



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Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to the annual Friends of the Poor Walk which was held on Saturday September 21st. It was a beautiful and successful day!



We are humbled and incredibly thankful by the generosity of the Sacred Heart Parish, and grateful for the support we receive from our Pastor Fr. Stephen in the work that we do. The generous donations that we have received will go towards helping neighbors in our community who are facing financial insecurities. We would not be able to do this without your help.

Thank you and God Bless,
From all of the members of
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
at Sacred Heart

St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus

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Sacred Heart Church parking lot
October 4, 2024
10am-2pm

Candlelight Service



Sacred Heart Bereavement Ministry
invites you and your family to a
Candle Lighting Service

Tuesday,
October 8, 2024
7pm in the church

For additional information, please
contact
Shirley Douglas

516-379-1356



Friday, October 4th is the
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Fr. Nasir invites all to bring their pets at
4pm to the statue of St. Francis for a
special blessing.

Don't have a pet?
Stuffed animals welcome!



Deacon Ministry

Are You Being Called ?

LISTEN!–PRAY!–REFLECT!–DISCERN!

Attend ONE of the following dates:

7:00PM, Wednesday, October 23rd

St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue

1:00PM, Saturday, October 26th

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

7:00PM, Tuesday, October 29th

St. Elizabeth Melville, 175 Wolf Hill Road

RSVP by Monday, October 21st,

TO 631-423-0483 Ext. 178

OR by email to

diaconateformation@drvc.org

We look forward to seeing you!



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 23, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this year's general election, New York voters will decide whether to approve a proposed amendment to the State Constitution. Officially known as "Proposal One", the amendment would add new language to the State's version of the "Bill of Rights" that, if approved, could insert gender ideology into child and adult sports, schools, hospitals, and even our churches.

The proponents of Proposal One refer to it as the "Equal Rights Amendment" and claim that the amendment is intended to protect the right to access an abortion. Proposal One, however, does nothing to ensure "equal rights" nor does it have anything to do with the legality of abortion in New York.

Since 1938, the State Constitution has guaranteed the right to the equal protection of the laws and has barred discrimination against any individual by a public or private institution based upon "race, color, creed or religion." Now, eighty-five years after the adoption of the Constitution's prohibition on discrimination, the State Legislature has discovered that we need an "Equal Rights Amendment" that ensures a "right" to an abortion in New York.

New York's abortion laws are already among the most permissive in the nation. Proposal One does nothing to alter the abortion laws or to further liberalize them. In fact, the word "abortion" does not appear anywhere in the proposed amendment. New Yorkers who vote in favor of Proposal One because they believe it will provide additional legal guarantees related to abortion are victims of a misleading campaign that masks the true purpose of the amendment.

Voters need only to read the language set forth in Proposal One to learn its actual purpose and to discern its potential for harm. While they will find no mention of abortion, voters will discover that, if adopted, Proposal One would prohibit discrimination based upon "gender identity" or "gender expression." This language would transform the laudable and longstanding anti-discrimination article in the State Constitution into a legal weapon that would force institutions across the state—public and private, religious, and secular—to accommodate the most radical forms of gender ideology.

Under this language, for example, a CYO girls' basketball team, or a local girls' soccer club, could be forced to allow a biological male to participate on the team if he wishes to do so because of his "gender expression." To bar such a person from the team would constitute an act of illegal discrimination.

The same language can be employed against health clubs, public and private schools, restaurants, and other public places to mandate that these institutions open their bathrooms and locker rooms to anyone, regardless of biological sex, based upon an individual's "gender identity." To restrict access to a bathroom or locker room according to biological sex would be another form of unconstitutional discrimination.

Furthermore, Proposal One would undermine the bedrock religious liberty protections that the State Constitution is supposed provide for Catholic parishes, schools, and hospitals, as well as for the religious institutions administered by other faiths. The amendment would expose a church or school to a lawsuit if, for example, it refused to hire a "transgender" catechist or dismissed an employee for the promotion of notions about gender that are antithetical to Church teaching. A teacher could demand to be called by a "preferred pronoun", as could any student, regardless of age. A refusal to adopt this sort of language regime would violate the Constitution.

Catholic hospitals that do not perform gender-related surgeries could be sued for illegal discrimination against people who wish to express their gender identity through a medical procedure.

Supporters of Proposal One dismiss these concerns as far-fetched fearmongering. Yet they cannot offer any other plausible application of the language in the amendment. Unlike proposals in other states that were designed to limit the power of a state legislature to regulate access to abortion, Proposal One never mentions abortion, nor does it expressly restrict the power of the State Legislature to pass laws related to abortion. Instead, the amendment adds a "word salad" of terms to the State Constitution that would turn the shield of anti-discrimination protection into a sword that can be used to pierce religious and secular institutions in order to impose, by force of law, a gender ideology that voters have never endorsed.

New York's Constitution has, for nearly a century, expressly prohibited discriminatory practices. Proposal One does nothing to enhance the universally accepted principle of equality before the law. Proposal One is, instead, a deceptive effort to impose an ideological agenda upon the State disguised by popular and inoffensive rhetoric about "equal rights" and by appealing to voters who believe the state's abortion laws are at risk of change. But, to paraphrase the Gospel, by its language you shall know it. The words of Proposal One reveal its true intent and the effects it would have if adopted.

New Yorkers who do not wish to see the State Constitution used to implement a harmful gender ideology that would reach into nearly every facet of ever day life, from sports to schools, from bathrooms to gyms to hospitals—even into churches, synagogues and mosques—must vote "NO" on Proposal One.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



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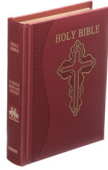


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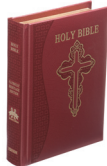
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