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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, December 2, 2024**

9AM Allyson Novak

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

9AM Christopher Respol

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

9AM Lucy DeRose

Thursday, December 5, 2024

9AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Friday, December 6, 2024

9AM Purgatorial Society

Saturday, December 7, 2024

9AM Raymond Carleo, Jr.
 5PM John & Rose Hasselberger
 Julio Marino
 Joan & James Callaghan
 Robert Francis Dunn

Sunday, December 8, 2024

8AM Anthony & Ida Guadagno
 10AM Elizabeth & Michael Creamer
 12PM Catherine Darienzo
 5PM Anna Friedman
 Harold McMillan
 Dorothy & James McGowan
 Parishioners of Sacred Heart

In our thoughts and prayers.

<i>Taylor Agurto</i>	<i>William Maroney</i>
<i>Joanne Angelastro</i>	<i>Barry McCann</i>
<i>Milan Baranek</i>	<i>Murray Family</i>
<i>Joanna Battaglia</i>	<i>Violeta Quiskamp</i>
<i>Mary Berberich</i>	<i>Jack Palamaro</i>
<i>John Brennan</i>	<i>Peter Palamaro, Jr.</i>
<i>Dylan Buckley</i>	<i>Eileen Pio</i>
<i>Richard Bustamante</i>	<i>Ann Polhemus</i>
<i>Elizabeth Campbell</i>	<i>Carl & Joanna Pope</i>
<i>Joan Cavanagh</i>	<i>Flo Puff</i>
<i>Matthew Cavanaugh</i>	<i>Tara Rebhan</i>
<i>Gloria Chirico</i>	<i>Ann Rhoads</i>
<i>Baby Jack</i>	<i>Vincenza Rini</i>
<i>Baby Kaylee</i>	<i>Mr & Mrs. Romano</i>
<i>Marjorie Cirello</i>	<i>Michael Ryan</i>
<i>Cristiano Claros</i>	<i>Virginia Sandas</i>
<i>Julio Curra</i>	<i>Benny Sarnelli</i>
<i>Lisa DelCampo</i>	<i>Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke</i>
<i>Eddie DelCampo</i>	<i>Randall Sinz</i>
<i>Yolanda DeLustro</i>	<i>Jacqueline Sinz</i>
<i>Matthew Dwyer</i>	<i>Robert Stanco</i>
<i>Bill Fife</i>	<i>Mary Sweeney</i>
<i>Gerardo Franzese</i>	<i>Herb Staudter</i>
<i>Robert Galvin</i>	<i>Clark Sun</i>
<i>Frank Guertin</i>	<i>Christopher Vaccacio</i>
<i>Veronique Hall</i>	<i>Nelson Villafior</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</i>	<i>Aidan Walden</i>
<i>Carl Hetzel</i>	<i>Lynn Ward</i>
<i>Alex Hubiera</i>	<i>John Witzzenbocker</i>
<i>Barbara Jenkins</i>	<i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i>
<i>Robert Ziminski</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 pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



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



**January 12, 2025,
1pm-3:30pm
in the gym**

boys & girls ages 9-14



As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the Parish Center bell.

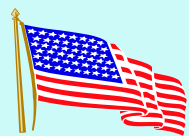
They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call 516-379-1376 or email us at SVDP@sacredheartnm.org.

Anointing of the Sick
Friday, December 6, 2024

First Saturday Mass
9am, December 7, 2024
Rosary at 8:30am



PARISHIONERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

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

Captain 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
 SSGt. Edgar C. Francisco, U.S.M.C.
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 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.
 Lt. Colonel 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
 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
 L CPL 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, Antonio Rosselli

Peanut butter, jelly and bread
are always
appreciated by our PB&J Gang.



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This Thanksgiving so many of our neighbors in need had a wonderful meal thanks to your generosity. With your continued help, we will serve many of our neighbors for Christmas as well.

A special thank you to our Faith Formation students for their donations.

Jesus asks us to do for others because in doing so we do for Him. In doing this we continue the work of Jesus.

Your spirit of kindness and giving to others has continued the work of Jesus here in our parish and beyond. For that I am truly grateful.

Ann, Parish Outreach

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Christmas Card Raffle

Support our regional school by purchasing a Christmas card raffle for \$10. Each card equals 31 opportunities to win cash up to \$2,500. Great stocking stuffers.

Contact main office of school at 516-785-5709 to purchase through December 23rd.

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New Members Welcome
 Learn to crochet or knit.

Come join us on the last
 Wednesday of the month at 2pm
 in the Parish Center
 1/29, 2/26, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28, 6/25

ROSARY SOCIETY

Save the Date!

Monday, December 2, 2024, at 3pm
 the Rosary Society will gather for
 our Christmas Party.

We will begin the festivities at
 Emerald City Salon
 2204 Jerusalem Ave
 North Merrick

Join us as we pray the Rosary and
 then enjoy food and fun. Please
 bring a grab bag gift (no more than
 \$10) and your best voice so we can
 sing our Christmas Carols.

For further information, call Joanne
 at 516-554-6100.

Looking forward to seeing you at
 the gathering!



Boy Scout Troop 123 Annual Wreath Sale

To purchase wreaths from Troop 123 you can choose from two options:

Pre-order option with home delivery (see form below)

*Purchase at Saturday and Sunday Masses, December 7th and 8th
until wreaths are sold out.*

- To pre-order, fill out form below and enclose checks payable to **BSA Troop 123** and mail with form to:

BSA Troop 123
 c/o Susan Cody
 1150 Jackson Place
 Baldwin, NY 11510

- Orders Must Be Received By **November 27, 2024.**
- Delivery will be Contactless. Your wreath will be delivered directly to your home on **Saturday Afternoon, December 7th.**
- **Note:** *Quantities are limited and will sold on a first come, first served basis.*
Grave Blankets & Poinsettias only available on a pre-order basis.

*If any questions, please contact Susan Cody at (516) 428-2983 or
 codymom123@yahoo.com.*

Pre-Order Form

_____ Wreaths	@ \$25.00 = _____
_____ Grave Blanket (Pre-Order Only)	@ \$50.00 = _____
_____ Poinsettia (6.5") (Pre-Order Only)	@ \$15.00 = _____
	Total Due = _____

Please Deliver To:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone #: _____



Giving Tree

Our annual GIVING TREE will be set up Thanksgiving Weekend.

Please take a STAR from the GIVING TREE and return your WRAPPED gift with the STAR attached, under the tree, by December 13.

If you are donating a GIFT CARD kindly include the dollar amount on the card.

These gifts will be distributed to our neighbors in need. We thank you in advance for spreading the joy of Christmas.



The Immaculate Conception

How is Mary a parallel of Eve? Adam and Eve were both created immaculate--without original sin or its stain. They fell from grace, and through them mankind was bound to sin. Christ and Mary were also conceived immaculately. Through them mankind was redeemed from sin. Christ is thus the New Adam, and Mary the New Eve.

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 8th, is the First Sunday of Advent.
The Feast Day is moved to December 9, 2024..**

Mass is celebrated on Monday, December 9th, at 9am, 12pm and 7pm.

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12pm Mass until the 7pm Mass

The Parish Center is closed on December 9, 2024.

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Advent!

*Many of you have asked for a Mass Intention for a loved one during the Christmas Season. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate all the requests due to the limited number of Masses. Once again this year I decided to add a **Christmas Novena**. This will enable the parish to remember your loved ones in a special way during the Christmas Season. Beginning December 25th and continuing through New Year's, your loved ones will be remembered at Mass each day. An envelope for this Christmas Novena is included with your most recent envelopes. If you choose, please fill in 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 Christmas Novena will be listed in a special bulletin insert on Sunday, January 12, 2025.*

Bambinelli Sunday! I invite all our children to bring the baby Jesus from their creches to the Family Mass on Sunday, December 15th for a special blessing.

I invite all of you to join us for our Tree Lighting and Creche Blessing after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, December 21st

I am grateful that there are so many good things happening in our parish! Please know each of you remain in my prayers.

Fr. Stephen



As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), the USCCB is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this **"event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."**

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.

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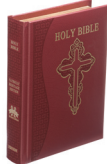
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