

Joy

*Happiness and joy
will overwhelm them.*

- Isaiah 35:10



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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 16, 2024**

9AM Virgilio & Dolores Adames

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

9AM Joan Darnaud

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

9AM Ann M. Sullivan

Thursday, December 19, 2024

9AM Thomas McKenna

Friday, December 20, 2024

9AM John Hillin

Saturday, December 21, 2024

5PM Charles Puglisi

Sunday, December 22, 2024

8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

10AM Joseph Licari

12PM Joseph Grice

5PM Sharon Wipperman

Paul Joseph Christopher

*In our thoughts and prayers.**Taylor Agurto**Joanne Angelastro**Milan Baranek**Joanna Battaglia**Mary Berberich**John Brennan**Richard Bustamante**Elizabeth Campbell**Joan Cavanagh**Matthew Cavanaugh**Gloria Chirico**Baby Jack**Baby Kaylee**Marjorie Cirello**Cristiano Claros**Julio Curra**Lisa DelCampo**Eddie DelCampo**Yolanda DeLustro**Matthew Dwyer**Bill Fife**Gerardo Franzese**Robert Galvin**Frank Guertin**Veronique Hall**Gloria Hannifin**Carl Hetzel**Alex Hubiera**Josephine Ingardi**Barbara Jenkins**Robert Ziminski**Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher Robert Ziminski**William Maroney**Richard McCoy**Murray Family**Violeta Quiskamp**Jack Palamaro**Peter Palamaro, Jr.**Eileen Pio**Ann Polhemus**Carl & Joanna Pope**Flo Puff**Tara Rebhan**Ann Rhoads**Vincenza Rini**Mr & Mrs. Romano**Michael Ryan**Virginia Sandas**Benny Sarnelli**Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke**Randall Sinz**Jacqueline Sinz**Robert Stanco**Mary Sweeney**Herb Staudter**Clark Sun**Christopher Vaccacio**Nelson Villafflor**Aidan Walden**Lynn Ward**Christine Weigand**John Witzbocker**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

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.
We especially remember
Marie H. Wawrzynski



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BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9-14

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

boys & girls ages 9-14



*The Bread & Wine for the week
of December 15, 2024*

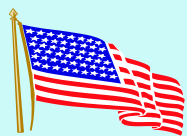
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Anointing of the Sick
Friday, January 3, 2025

First Saturday Mass
9am, January 4, 2025

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
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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

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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



Our final meeting for
 2024 will be held on
 Tuesday, December 17,
 2024, at 1:30pm in the
 school cafeteria.

Mrs. Claus will be there to give out
 Christmas gifts to one and all!
 Hope to see you as we gather to
 wish one another a Merry Christmas
 and Happy New Year!

A blessed Christmas to our entire
 Sacred Heart family!

**WEEKLY COLLECTION
 INFORMATION**

December 8, 2024

Attendance	1248
Envelopes	395
Collection	\$16,873.00
Online Giving	\$4443.13
YTD	\$244,991.93

Thank you for your support
 of our parish!



Due to the upcoming holidays, the
 deadline for the 12/29 bulletins is
Monday, December 16th.

All items for the bulletin must be
 submitted by 12pm. Thank you for your
 cooperation.



In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving... please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 21st: 5pm (Blessing of creche after Mass)

Sunday, December 22nd: 8am, 10am, 12pm & 5pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th: 4pm (gym)
4pm (church)
10pm (church)

Wednesday, December 25th: 8am (church)
10am (church)
12pm (church)
12pm (gym)

(There is no 5pm Mass on Christmas Day)

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 31st: 5pm

Wednesday, January 1st: 9am and 12pm
(There is no evening Mass on New Year's Day)

The Parish Office is closed 12/25, 12/26 & 12/27 and will reopen on Monday, December 30th

SUNDAY CONNECTION

DECEMBER 15, 2024—Gaudete Sunday

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist teaches the path of repentance and announces Christ.

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.



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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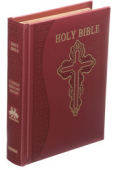


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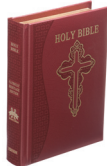
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