

Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart

720 Merrick Ave

North Merrick, NY 11566

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The Heart of Jesus in North Merrick

**AND WHEN THEY HAD
BROUGHT THEIR BOATS
TO LAND, THEY LEFT
EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED HIM.**

LUKE 5:11



Pastoral Staff

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 Rev. Nasir Gulfam, Associate Pastor
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Mon.—Fri. 9am—12pm & 1pm—4pm
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Mrs. Mary Katz—Finance Administrator
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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, February 10, 2025**

9AM Monica & Ryder Cooke

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

9AM Nicholas DeSantis

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

9AM Mark Zucco

Thursday, February 13, 2025

9AM Frances O'Hea

Friday, February 14, 2025

9AM Deceased Parishioners

Saturday, February 15, 20255PM James Kostulas
Theresa McManus
Richard Suriano
Martha Vukov**Sunday, February 16, 2025**8AM William Edward Duluden, Jr.
10AM Sally Sleeman
12PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
5PM Santa Cortesiano*In our thoughts and prayers.*

<i>Taylor Agurto</i>	<i>Violeta Quiskamp</i>
<i>Joanne Angelastro</i>	<i>Jack Palamaro</i>
<i>Milan Baranek</i>	<i>Peter Palamaro, Jr.</i>
<i>Joanna Battaglia</i>	<i>Eileen Pio</i>
<i>Mary Berberich</i>	<i>Carl & Joanna Pope</i>
<i>John Brennan</i>	<i>Flo Puff</i>
<i>Richard Bustamante</i>	<i>Ann Rhoads</i>
<i>Elizabeth Campbell</i>	<i>Vincenza Rini</i>
<i>Joan Cavanagh</i>	<i>Tess Rivera</i>
<i>Matthew Cavanaugh</i>	<i>Mr & Mrs. Romano</i>
<i>Gloria Chirico</i>	<i>Michael Ryan</i>
<i>Roland Costen</i>	<i>Benny Sarnelli</i>
<i>Baby Kaylee</i>	<i>Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke</i>
<i>Lisa DelCampo</i>	<i>Julian Sherman</i>
<i>Eddie DelCampo</i>	<i>Randall Sinz</i>
<i>Yolanda DeLustro</i>	<i>Madeline Soregaroli</i>
<i>Melvin Douglas</i>	<i>Herb Staudter</i>
<i>Matthew Dwyer</i>	<i>Mary Sweeney</i>
<i>Bill Fife</i>	<i>Clark Sun</i>
<i>Gerardo Franzese</i>	<i>Robbie Urban</i>
<i>Veronique Hall</i>	<i>Christopher Vaccacio</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</i>	<i>Anthony Villarreal</i>
<i>Carl Hetzel</i>	<i>Mariah Villarreal</i>
<i>Alex Hubiera</i>	<i>Nelson Villafior</i>
<i>Robert Ziminski</i>	<i>Aidan Walden</i>
<i>William Maroney</i>	<i>Lynn Ward</i>
<i>Richard McCoy</i>	<i>Christine Weigand</i>
<i>Murray Family</i>	<i>John Witzendocker</i>
<i>Violeta Quiskamp</i>	<i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i>
<i>Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher</i>	<i>Robert Ziminski</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.

Pope's Prayer Intention February

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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 Forgiome, 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 Joe & Charlotte Francomano



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

Anointing of the Sick
Friday, March 7, 2025

First Saturday Mass
9am, March 1, 2025
Rosary at 8:30am



*The Bread & Wine for the week
of February 9, 2025
Have been donated by
Kathryn Bernat
in memory of
Anne & Frank Bernat*

WEEKLY COLLECTION INFORMATION February 2, 2025

Attendance	1227
Envelopes	392
Collection	\$15,578.00
Online Giving	\$1479.90
YTD	\$428,860.68

Thank you for your support
of our parish!



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.
 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.
 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.*

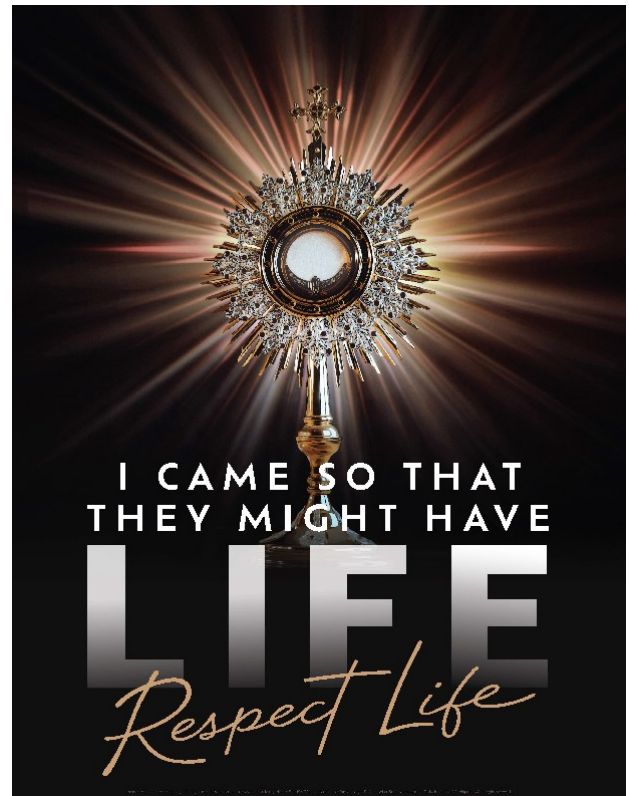


Additional volunteers are needed to help make sandwiches on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am in the school cafeteria.

RESPECT
LIFE



Pro Life Ministry
Meeting
Tuesday, February
11 at 7pm
Parish Center



**Pro Life Holy Hour
Come to pray for life before our
Lord Jesus Christ in
the Eucharist
7pm Tuesday February 18**

FR. NASIR

I received word from the Diocese and Fr. Nasir that he will be leaving Sacred Heart at the end of February to take a sabbatical. We wish him well as he uses this time to continue his studies.

Fr. Stephen

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Valentine's Day!

The Pantry is keeping busy. We are looking for some volunteers, especially on Wednesday. Our hours are from 10:00 to 1:00. If you would be interested, please give us a call.

The Bereavement ministry is looking for people who can accompany a family during the wake and funeral process, as well as people that would like to help chair a weekly meeting for the bereaved. Training will be provided. There has been an increased demand for Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound. Please consider volunteering to bring communion to those who cannot travel to Mass. Training will be in April. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

The needs of the pantry are:

Tuna fish	Canned chicken	Cookies
Toilet paper	Paper towel	Cleaning products
Pancake mix	syrup	Butter
Hot dogs	Children's cereal	Yogurt
Children's snacks	Laundry detergent	



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that "whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me."

Please pray for the poor and the suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

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

SUNDAY CONNECTION—LOYOLA PRESS**Gospel Reading***Luke 5:1-11*

The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

SOUPER BOWL DRIVE

***FOOD INSECURITY DOESN'T END WHEN THE HOLIDAYS DO—
IT'S A YEAR-ROUND CHALLENGE.***



HELP STOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY

FEBRUARY 1-9, 2025

Join our team of MVPs in the fight against hunger!
Be a champion for your community by participating in our canned food
drive.

Please help stock our parish food pantry and provide support to neighbors in
need during the cold winter months. Non-perishable items may be placed in
the donation box in church vestibule. Thank you.





The St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Fathers Club invites you to join us for our St. Patrick's Day event on **Saturday March 8, 2025, from 7-11pm** in the **School Gymnasium** with proceeds benefiting the Emergency Education Fund.

The night will include raffles, an Irish Soda bread contest and live entertainment including bagpipers and Show Stompin' Irish Dance School, featuring St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton students performing.

**Admission is \$50.00/person or \$380.00 for a table of 8.
Dinner, dessert and beer, wine, soda, and water included.
This is an adult only event.**

Please scan the QR code or visit:
<https://seaspatricksgivesmart.com/>

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THE CHURCH

Organizations & Ministries

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