

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

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 16, 2025*



*“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours.  
Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.  
Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man.  
Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!  
Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.*

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

Mon.—Fri. 9am—12pm & 1pm—4pm  
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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, February 17, 2025**

9AM Jerry Catalano

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

9AM Joseph Laurice

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

9AM John Fitzpatrick

**Thursday, February 20, 2025**

9AM Eugene Gallivan

**Friday, February 21, 2025**

9AM Eugenia Nunez

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**5PM Cecelia & Albert Bardwil  
Noel Sampogna  
Catherine Duddy  
Mario L. Persico**Sunday, February 23, 2025**8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
10AM John Hasselberger  
12PM Marianne Mulholland  
5PM Arturo & Maria Sposato  
Dino Liberatoscioli*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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 Villaflo</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>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, Jennie & Christopher Maniscalco, 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, Ann & Steve Petroglia, Frank, Eleanor & Jimmy Gill, Jerry Catalano, Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher, 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.

*Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher*

**Anointing of the Sick**  
Friday, March 7, 2025

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

### PRESIDENTS' DAY



The Parish  
Center is  
closed Monday

February 17th

### WEEKLY COLLECTION INFORMATION February 9, 2025

Attendance	967
Envelopes	313
Collection	\$10,363.00
Online Giving	\$4513.69
YTD	\$ 443,737.37

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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  
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 L CPL Kevin P. Vaughan, U.S.M.C.  
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 U.S.M.C. Deployed Aircraft Carrier Iwo Jima  
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 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  
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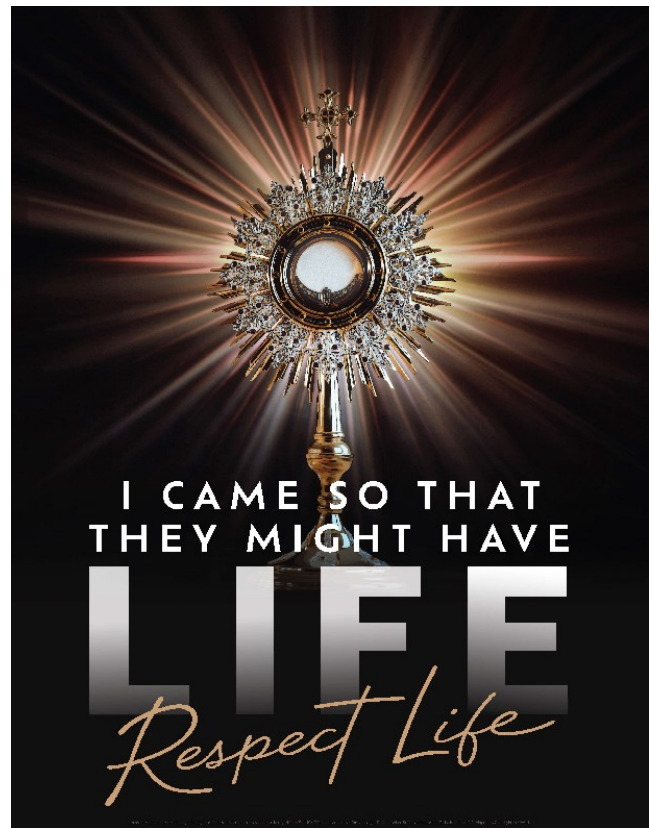
### **Prayer For The Safety of Our Service Men & Women**

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.*



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

Jelly & Peanut butter donations gratefully accepted.



**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,

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 towels	Cleaning products
Pancake mix	Syrup	Butter
Hot dogs	Children's cereal	Yogurt
Children's snacks	Laundry detergent	Marinara sauce
Rice	Snacks	Jelly



### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe. Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call 516-379-1376 or email us at [SVPD@sacredheartnm.org](mailto:SVPD@sacredheartnm.org).



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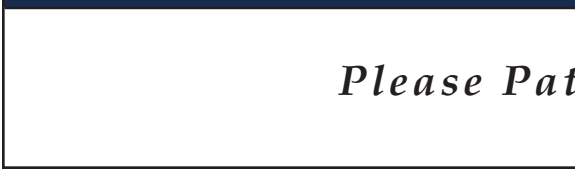
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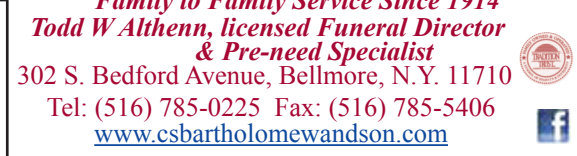
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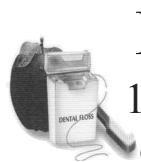
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