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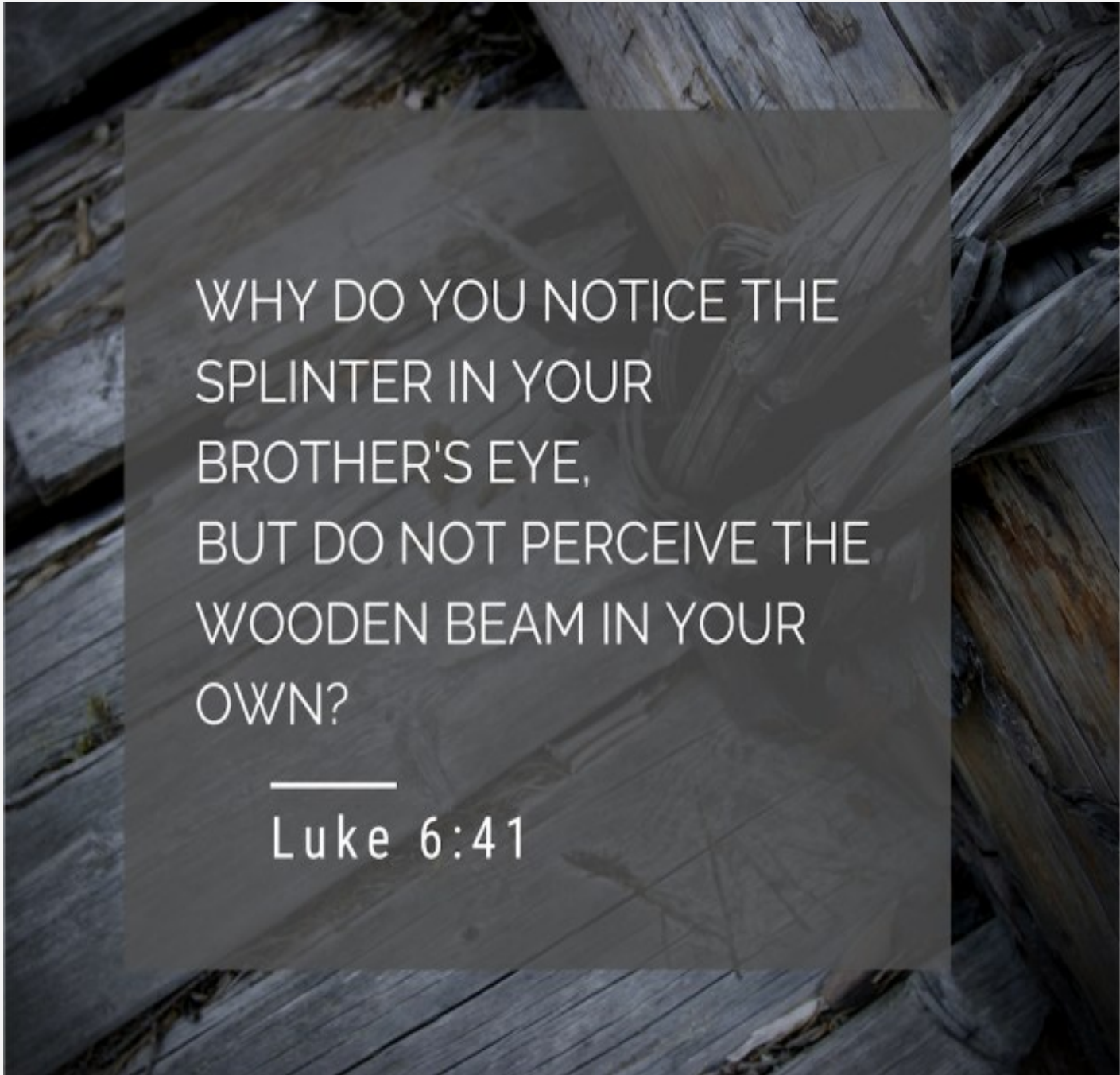
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The Heart of Jesus in North Merrick

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—March 2, 2025



WHY DO YOU NOTICE THE
SPLINTER IN YOUR
BROTHER'S EYE,
BUT DO NOT PERCEIVE THE
WOODEN BEAM IN YOUR
OWN?

Luke 6:41

Pastoral Staff**Rev. Stephen Brigandi, Pastor**Deacon Charles Kammerer
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Mrs. Jeanne Nunez

Parish Center**516-379-1356****Parish Center Hours:**Mon.—Fri. 9am—12pm & 1pm—4pm
(June/July/ August: Friday 9am—12pm)

Mrs. Mary Katz—Finance Administrator

Mrs. Ingrid Samperi—Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Janet Muller—Parish Receptionist (Tues/Thurs)

Mr. Matt O'Brien—Maintenance Director

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 516-379-1376

SVDP@sacredheartnm.org

**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, March 3, 2025

9AM John Ryan

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

9AM Rose Magri

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY

9AM Peter DeRise
 12PM Dante Darpino
 7PM Herb Staudter

Thursday, March 6, 2025

9AM Janice Miller

Friday, March 7, 2025

9AM Purgatorial Society

Saturday, March 8, 2025

5PM John McManus, Sr.
 Richard Eschmann
 Edward Kennedy
 Fr. R. Michael Reid

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8AM Anna Van Fluke
 10AM Susan Talia
 12PM Fern Spinosa
 5PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 Micki Aniano

In our thoughts and prayers.

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| <i>Taylor Agurto</i> | <i>Violeta Quiskamp</i> |
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| <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>Mary Sweeney</i> |
| <i>Matthew Dwyer</i> | <i>Clark Sun</i> |
| <i>Helen Dresner</i> | <i>Robbie Urban</i> |
| <i>Bill Fife</i> | <i>Christopher Vaccacio</i> |
| <i>Gerardo Franzese</i> | <i>Anthony Villarreal</i> |
| <i>Veronique Hall</i> | <i>Mariah Villarreal</i> |
| <i>Gloria Hannifin</i> | <i>Nelson Villafflor</i> |
| <i>Carl Hetzel</i> | <i>Aidan Walden</i> |
| <i>Alex Hubiera</i> | <i>Lynn Ward</i> |
| <i>Robert Ziminski</i> | <i>Christine Weigand</i> |
| <i>William Maroney</i> | <i>John Witzendocker</i> |
| <i>Richard McCoy</i> | <i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i> |
| <i>Murray Family</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: March

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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, Thomas Gallagher, Emma Gallagher, Mary Jane Palma



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

Brian Mohr



Anointing of the Sick
Friday, March 7, 2025

First Saturday Mass

9am, April 5, 2025
Rosary at 8:30am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesdays, from 12pm-4pm



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St. Thomas Aquinas

WEEKLY COLLECTION INFORMATION February 23, 2025

Attendance	1166
Envelopes	404
Collection	\$11458.00
Online Giving	\$865.20
YTD	\$ 469,918.00

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.
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- Pvt. Andrew Reynolds, U.S. Army
- 3rd CS P.O. Joseph La Form, U.S. Navy
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- 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.*



Ready, Set, Go ...

***to Sacred Heart CYO Track
Registration!***

***Open to all Girls in Kindergarten
through Grade 8***

& Boys in Grades 1 through 8

Registration is \$150 with a full uniform (shorts, shirt & sweatshirt) or \$100 if no uniform is needed. Practices begin in April and are held Thursday evenings at Calhoun High School.

Grades K – 3 practice from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. and grades 4 – 8 from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Track meets are in May and June (some on Saturdays and some on Sundays).

Girls' Track Coaches: Susan Carroll
(516) 236-1573 & Rich Spencer

Boys' Track Coaches: Joe Lynch,
Grades 4 - 8- (917) 344-9224

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Additional volunteers are needed to help make sandwiches on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am in the school cafeteria. Jelly & peanut butter donations gratefully expected.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

New members welcome Learn to crochet or knit.

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

Items needed:

peanut butter
cookies
tissues
canned tuna

jelly
butter
paper towels
canned chicken

snacks
juice boxes
yogurt
marinara sauce



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in your own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit..."

It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart.

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

Wednesday, March 5, 2025



Ashes will be distributed at the following Masses & Services:

9am Mass, 12pm Mass

4pm Word Service , 7:00pm Mass

There are no Faith Formation classes on Ash Wednesday. Students should go to church with an adult for ashes at their scheduled class time.



Knights of Columbus
Father Jeremiah J. Reilly Council #6561
720 Merrick Avenue
Merrick, NY 11566



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Kevin Agoglia: Deputy Grand Knight
Richard Mason: Chancellor
Malhew Dwyer: Warden

The Jerry Catalano Stock Market Sweeps

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Here is a chance to participate in a fundraiser for our Council while able to win money at the same time. Each ticket costs \$10.00 which are individually numbered 000-999. For example, if the Dow Jones on March 21st ends at 1234.56, ticket 456 is the winner for that week. This will repeat for 26 weeks. Look for the Dow Jones closing amount each Friday afternoon (After 4:00 PM) on the news, in Saturday's Newspaper, online, on stock apps, etc.

Each Ticket Number is valid for 26 weeks starting Friday, March 21, 2025 thru Friday, September 12, 2025. The cost is only \$0.38 per week.

A weekly prize of \$100.00 will be awarded to the ticket number corresponding to the last three digits of the closing amount of the Dow Jones Industrial Stock Average for each Friday. You will be notified if you are a winner via the phone number provided on your return stub. There is no limit to how many weeks each ticket can win. Also, no limit to the number of tickets you can purchase.

For tickets please contact Lou Otarola at 516-375-1581 and I will arrange to get the tickets to you ASAP. Please Make Checks Payable to:

Fr. Jeremiah J. Reilly Council #6561

"Thank You for Your Support and Good Luck."
All ticket sales are retroactive back to week one.

Fraternally,
Lou Otarola, PGK



CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

Now is the time to **JOIN** the **Frances Blake 300 Club** or to renew your membership!

Twice a year—in February and August—one lucky winner receives a check for \$1,000. This February's winner is **Camille Tizzano**
Congratulations!

Additionally, in each of the other 10 months of the year, Club Members have 13 chances to win a cash prize ranging from \$15 to \$300!

A 6-month membership is only \$30.
That's just \$5 a month. We have many numbers available.

Why not take a number for yourself?

Or as a gift for someone you love?

Who knows? Yours may be the next winning number drawn.

Call the Parish Center (516-379-1356) for information, or email Ingrid at isamperi@sacredheartnm.org.

**Payment should be received by
MARCH 27, 2025.**

Lent: A Time For Giving

This year Sacred Heart invites all our children to participate in our Lenten Activity: **KIDS HELPING KIDS**
Each week during Lent we are asking the children to bring an item to be donated to Parish Outreach.

These 'kid friendly' items are a great way for families to talk about how even the youngest parishioners can make a difference to someone in need.

Week 1 (March 9th):

lunch box snacks

Week 2; (March 16th):

fruit gummies

Week 3 (March 23rd): juice boxes

Week 4 (March 30th): pancake mix

Week 5 (April 6th): syrup

Week 6 (April 13th):

Easter basket treats

Please put your donations in the box each week when you come to Mass.



ASH WEDNESDAY

LENT BEGINS

WHAT IS LENT?

The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by praying, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.

PRAYING | FASTING | ABSTINENCE



WHAT IS FASTING?



One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?



Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

DAYS OF FAST?

Ash Wednesday

Good Friday

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?

Ash Wednesday

All Fridays of Lent

Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Catholics from age < 18 to 59 >



The sick are excused from fasting

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Mandatory for everyone



older than 14 years old



Source: Code of Canon Law



THE CHURCH

Organizations & Ministries

Ministry	Coordinator	Contact Information
Altar Linens	Ingrid Samperi	frontdesk@sacredheartnm.org
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	Carol Tannehill (Grades 2, 7 & 8)	ctannehillshc@gmail.com
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Rosary Society	Joanne Bivona	Parish Center: 516-379-1356
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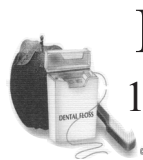
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