

Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart  
720 Merrick Ave  
North Merrick, NY 11566  
Phone: 516-379-1356

*The Heart of Jesus in North Merrick*



Luke 4:1-13

March 9, 2024 — First Sunday of Lent

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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, March 10, 2025**

9AM Thomas A. Kelly, Jr.

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

9AM Mary Jane Palma

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

9AM Debra Ryan

**Thursday, March 13, 2025**

9AM Christina Bower

**Friday, March 14, 2025**

9AM Herbert Staudter

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

5PM Barbara Puvogel  
Kevin Eriksen  
Frank Capobianco  
Delores Angela DeVito

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

8AM Allyson Novak  
10AM Grace Doherty  
12PM Dolores & Virgilio Adams  
5PM Rolando O Paulino  
Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
Norma Gonsalves

*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>Mary Berberich</i>	<i>Eileen Pio</i>
<i>Rich Best</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>Stan Cadet</i>	<i>Tess Rivera</i>
<i>Matthew Cavanaugh</i>	<i>Tara Rebhan</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>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 Witzenbocker</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.

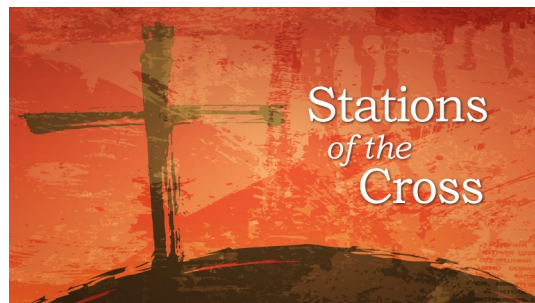
We especially remember

*Susan Inge*



**Anointing of the Sick**  
Friday, April 4, 2025

**First Saturday Mass**  
9am, April 5, 2025



Every Friday during Lent at  
7pm in the church

### WEEKLY COLLECTION INFORMATION March 3, 2025

Attendance	1233
Envelopes	416
Collection	\$16,605.00
Online Giving	\$912.56
YTD	\$ 487,435.56

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.*



***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)223-3651 & Rich Spencer

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

& Laura Battiloro,  
Grades 1 - 3 – (516)668-6067

Please follow the link for online registration.

[https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/  
Form/748c5452-8a6b-48e9-8485-e667e479dcc6](https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/748c5452-8a6b-48e9-8485-e667e479dcc6)





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

Jelly & Peanut butter donations gratefully excepted.

## 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

Dear Parishioners,

On Saturday, March 29, 2025, Parish Outreach will host a Lenten Soup Supper. We will have it in the cafeteria immediately following the 5pm Mass. All are welcome. All proceeds from the soup supper will support our Outreach Program which is currently supporting 85 people.

We are looking for donations of all kinds of soup. Last year it was meatless because it was on a Friday. This year it's a Saturday and any type of soup is welcome. Some ideas: pasta fagioli, chicken noodle, butternut squash, mushroom, broccoli & cheddar or tortellini.

We are also looking for donations of bread, butter and macaroni & cheese. Jelly doughnuts and hot cross buns would be appreciated.

The needs of the pantry are:

cooking oil	jelly
crunchy peanut butter	regular coffee
regular instant coffee	canned chicken
hot dogs	hamburgers
pork chops	fresh vegetables
fresh fruit	ground turkey



## First Sunday of Lent



In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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

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



We will meet on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in the school cafeteria at 1:30pm. Please note the date change.

There will be a sig-up for the Essex Steam Train and Riverboat trip on May 30, 2025. We will need payment as well as sign-up. There are a limited amount of seats available so please be sure to attend!

For additional information, please call Mary @ 516-378-1335.



The weekly bulletin deadline is Monday at 12pm. There are early deadlines due to Palm Sunday and Easter.

Palm Sunday Bulletin: April 3rd  
Easter Sunday Bulletin: April 10th

Thank you for your cooperation.



The Parish Center is closed on Monday, March 17, 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.





**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](mailto:isamperi@sacredheartnm.org).

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

**Sacred Heart Pro-Life  
Committee Meeting  
Tues 3/11 at 700pm**

We will be having our monthly meeting for the Sacred Heart Pro-Life

Committee. We will be discussing the parish’s upcoming Pro-Life events and current topics in the Pro-Life ministry. We will be meeting in the Parish Center.

New members always welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

*Mission statement:*

*With prayer and spiritual guidance from our Blessed Mother and our Lord Jesus Christ, we will promote the right to life of the unborn to the natural end of life. Our ministry will raise awareness of the responsibility of Catholics to stand with the Church's uncompromising defense of life from conception to natural death.*





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# Return to Me.

## 40 DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Starting on March 7th, visit **40 different parishes** across Long Island for the 40 days of Lent.

### MARCH

**March 7: Our Lady of Ostrabrama**

Cutchogue | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**March 8: St. Gertrude**

Bayville | 3:00-4:45 p.m.

**March 9: Mary Immaculate**

Bellport | 1:30-2:30 p.m.

**March 10: St. Raymond**

East Rockaway | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**March 11: St. Luke**

Brentwood | 5:00-6:00 p.m.

**March 12: Our Lady of Lourdes**

Malverne | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**March 13: Our Lady of the Assumption**

Copiague | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**March 14: St. Catherine of Sienna**

Franklin Square | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**March 15: St. Francis Cabrini**

Coram | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**March 16: Holy Cross**

Nesconset | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

**March 17: St. Patrick**

Huntington | 12:00-8:00 p.m.

**March 18: St. Joseph**

Hewlett | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**March 19: Most Holy Trinity**

East Hampton | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

**March 20: Our Lady of Mercy**

Hicksville | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**March 21: St. Aloysius**

Great Neck | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**March 22: Sacred Heart**

Island Park | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**March 23: St. Anthony of Padua**

East Northport | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**March 24: St. Mary**

East Islip | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**March 25: Resurrection**

Farmingville | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**March 26: St. Boniface**

Elmont | 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**March 27: St. Agnes**

Greenport | 5:00-9:00 p.m.

**March 28: Our Lady of Lourdes**

Massapequa Park | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**March 29: Good Shepherd**

Holbrook | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**March 30: Sacred Heart**

North Merrick | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

**March 31: St. Joseph**

Kings Park | 6:00-7:00 p.m.

### APRIL

**April 1: St. Bernard**

Levittown | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**April 2: St. Jude**

Mastic Beach | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**April 3: St. Gerard Majella**

Port Jefferson Station | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**April 4: St. Aidan**

Williston Park | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**April 5: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary**

Roosevelt | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**April 6: St. John the Evangelist**

Riverhead | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

**April 7: St. Martin of Tours**

Bethpage | 7:30-9:00 p.m.

**April 8: Our Lady of the Mirac. Medal**

Wyandanch | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

**April 9: Holy Name of Mary**

Valley Stream | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**April 10: St. Louis de Montfort**

Sound Beach | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**April 11: St. Thomas the Apostle**

West Hempstead | 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

**April 12: Our Lady of Grace**

West Babylon | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

**April 14: St. Rose of Lima**

Massapequa | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

**April 15: Our Lady of Lourdes**

West Islip | 12:30-7:30 p.m.

**April 16: St. Kilian**

Farmingdale | 12:45-7:30 p.m.



To learn more, visit:  
[drvc.org/return25](https://drvc.org/return25)



**ALL ARE WELCOME/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Friday, March 29, 2024**  
**6:00pm in the school cafeteria.**  
**(Soup, Pretzels, Bread and Mac & Cheese)**

All are invited to a Soup Supper, following the 5pm Mass.  
 Please use the form below to RSVP.  
 Suggested donation \$5 per person  
 All proceeds benefit our Parish Outreach.

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Lenten Soup Supper—Friday, March 29, 2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children under 12: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUNDAY CONNECTION—LOYOLA PRESS****Gospel Reading***Luke 4:1-13*

In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.



DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is no coincidence that the global inauguration of our 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope occurred on the Solemnity of the Holy Family. The Jubilee Year of Hope in this 2025 Lenten season runs through the family and fidelity to the splendors of the liberating and objective truths of Christ and the Catholic Church on Marriage and the Family.

Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead individual family members to Christ's light of conversion and repentance. Conversion and repentance, in turn, open families to a family spirit and daily chemistry animated by the Holy Spirit. Family patterns ensnared in the rats of sin become family patterns transformed by the grooves of grace, humility, charity and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Jubilee Year of Hope runs through every family experiencing Christ's Cross: grief, tragedy, crisis, tension, alienation, and transition.

Pope Francis emphasized: "All of us have received the gift and task of bringing hope wherever hope has been lost, lives broken, promises unkept, dreams shattered and hearts overwhelmed by adversity. We are called to bring hope to the weary who have no strength to carry on, the lonely oppressed by the bitterness of failure, and all those who are broken-hearted. To bring hope to the interminable, dreary days of prisoners, to the cold and dismal lodging of the poor, and to all those places desecrated by war and violence. To bring hope there, to sow hope there."<sup>1</sup>

The Holy Family was a refugee family and they are deeply present today to every struggling refugee family in the world to rekindle their hope. The Lenten season of the Jubilee Year of Hope reminds us that while all families are imperfect and have their problems and challenges, all families are called to grow together in holiness and a missionary spirit.

And so we heed the powerful words of St. Paul as they apply to our daily family life: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another... Let the peace of Christ control your hearts... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:12-17)

Our Lady invites us to have a pondering heart as we contemplate God's providential design in the past, present and future of our families, especially as we begin this Lenten season in the Jubilee Year of Hope. In unity with the Holy Family, our own families are called to transform the world and history with Christ's love and the mission of mercy of the Church which He Himself founded.

In the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, the Church presents us with the canonizations of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) and Saint Piergiorgio Frassati (1900-1924). As children, teenagers and young adults, they helped Christ transform their own families with their faith and their holiness as they helped Christ transform the Church and the world to this day. Together, they are asking every young Catholic to do the same in their time, in their place and in their own family.

The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope is a time for us and our extended families to cast the nets of Eucharistic charity throughout Long Island, understanding that the Eucharist is a "Fountain of Charity" – a Fountain of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, a Fountain of the Gospel of Life and a Fountain of every dimension of Catholic Social Justice teaching.

As the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, I want to thank every Catholic family on Long Island and beyond for being Lights of Christ's Hope and Lights of Catholic evangelization to the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
Most Reverend John O. Barras  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

<sup>1</sup>Francis, "Opening of the Holy Door and Midnight Mass: Homily" (December 24, 2024).  
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2024/documents/20241224-omelia-natale.html>.



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



Frederick "Skip" Luberto: Grand Knight  
Kevin Agoglia: Deputy Grand Knight  
Richard Mason: Chancellor  
Malikew 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



# THE CHURCH

## Organizations & Ministries

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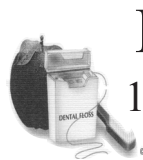
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