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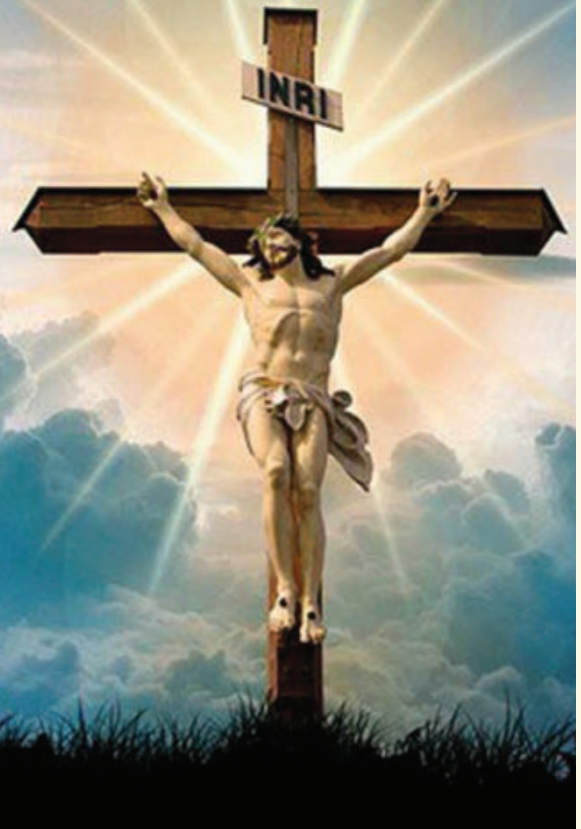
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**September 14, 2025**

*Feast of the  
Exhaltation of the  
Holy Cross*

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"But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" – Saint Paul.

**Pastoral Staff****Rev. Stephen Brigandi, Pastor**Deacon Charles Kammerer  
Deacon John Heverin**Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry**Mrs. Ann Heverin  
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**Director of Liturgical Music**

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**Parish Center****516-379-1356****Parish Center Hours:**Mon.—Fri. 9am—12pm & 1pm—4pm  
(June/July/ August: Friday 9am—12pm)Mrs. Mary Katz—Parish Business Manager  
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Mr. Matthew 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, September 15, 2025**

9AM Frank Piazza 1st Anniversary

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

9AM Anne Marie Vaccacio

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025**9AM Catholic Daughters  
Court Bishop Kellenberg**Thursday, September 18, 2025**

9AM Lena Memoli

**Friday, September 19, 2025**

9AM Robert Gazsy

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**5PM Lena Memoli  
Joan Kennedy  
Richard Peter Marone**Sunday, September 21, 2025**8AM Marsha Hartzel  
10AM Genesia Reale  
12PM Mary Logan  
5PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
Gaetana Carucci  
James & Dorothy McGowan*In our thoughts and prayers.*

<i>Taylor Agurto</i>	<i>William Maroney</i>
<i>Cathy Turbek</i>	<i>Ginger Marzano</i>
<i>Milan Baranek</i>	<i>Murray Family</i>
<i>Kerri Bennett</i>	<i>Jack Palamaro</i>
<i>Rich Best</i>	<i>Peter Palamaro, Jr.</i>
<i>Rafael Bosch</i>	<i>Eileen Pio</i>
<i>Joanne Brazenor</i>	<i>Carl &amp; Joanna Pope</i>
<i>John Brennan</i>	<i>Tara C. Rebbhan</i>
<i>Richard Bustamante</i>	<i>Vincenza Rini</i>
<i>Elizabeth Campbell</i>	<i>Tess Rivera</i>
<i>Stan Cadet</i>	<i>Anthony Roman</i>
<i>Matthew Cavanagh</i>	<i>Michael Ryan</i>
<i>Joan Cavanagh</i>	<i>Benny Sarnelli</i>
<i>Gloria Chirico</i>	<i>Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke</i>
<i>Carmine Colasanto</i>	<i>Julian Sherman</i>
<i>Baby Kaylee</i>	<i>Randall Sinz</i>
<i>Lisa DelCampo</i>	<i>Madeline Soregaroli</i>
<i>Eddie DelCampo</i>	<i>Mary Sweeney</i>
<i>Yolanda DeLustro</i>	<i>Paul Stern</i>
<i>Melvin Douglas</i>	<i>Robbie Urban</i>
<i>Matthew Dwyer</i>	<i>Christopher Vaccacio</i>
<i>Helen Dresner</i>	<i>Anthony Villarreal</i>
<i>Derrick Edwin</i>	<i>Mariah Villarreal</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</i>	<i>Aidan Walden</i>
<i>Carl Hetzel</i>	<i>Kewnneth White</i>
<i>Alex Hubiera</i>	<i>Christine Weigand</i>
<i>Phil Lattanzio</i>	<i>John Witzenbocker</i>
<i>George Knapp</i>	<i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i>
<i>Justin Maciorowski</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.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays from 12pm-4pm

**There is no Exposition on Wednesday, September 24th.**



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

Prayer Shawl Ministry



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

New members welcome  
Learn to crochet or knit.

Meeting dates:

September 24th  
October 29th, January 28th  
February 25th, March 25th  
April 29th, May 27th  
June 24th  
2pm-3pm in the Parish Center

**WEEKLY COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**September 7, 2025**

Attendance	1226
Envelopes	396
Collection	\$18,105.00
Online Giving	\$2440.08
YTD	\$20,545.08

Thank you for your generosity.

All Faith Formation Registration information is available on our parish website:

**[Sacredheartnm.org](http://Sacredheartnm.org)**



I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer! We will have our first meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 1:30pm in the school cafeteria.



**Anointing of the Sick**  
Friday, October 3, 2025

**First Saturday Mass**  
9am, October 4, 2025  
Rosary at 8:30am

This is an important meeting because we finalize our trip to Woodloch Pines in October. We accept the final payment and hand out the luggage tags. Club dues are also collected so please try to attend.

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



## 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.  
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 3rd CS P.O. Joseph La Form, U.S. Navy  
 L CPL Kevin P. Vaughan, U.S.M.C.  
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 Afghanistan  
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 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.*

## *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, Sal Napolitano Joe & Charlotte Francomano, Thomas Gallagher, Emma Gallagher, Mary Jane Palma, Brian Anthony Tavoulaareas, Anna Carotenuto, Lucy DeRose, Sheila Hackett Alma Boursiquot Joan Kennedy, Edward Kennedy*

**Pope's Prayer Intention: September**

**For our relationship with all of creation** Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

\*\*\*\*\* Pro Life News \*\*\*\*\*

PRO-LIFE

## Sacred Heart Pro-Life Committee Meeting: Tues 9/16 at 7pm

We will be having our monthly meeting for the Sacred Heart Pro-Life Committee. We will be meeting in the school at 7pm. All are welcome and bring a friend! We will be discussing current Pro-Life topics and upcoming events.

Refreshments will be provided.



# FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY

All catechists and families in our Faith Formation Program are encouraged to attend the 10am Mass on **Sunday, September 21st**. This is a great way to begin our year and let the parish see how many wonderful families we have in our program.

The Knight of Columbus have graciously agreed to host a bagel breakfast after Mass.

All are welcome!

*Together we walk, together we give.  
One step at a time, one neighbor at a time.*



**Saturday  
September 27, 2025  
Heckscher State Park  
East Islip, NY**



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10AM**

**5K Walk**  
*As you are able*

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Team**

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## Liturgical Minister Training—Fall 2025

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted. All participants must be registered in advance with a letter from his/her pastor.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Part A—this training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

A Lector workshop is available for both new and experienced lectors. You may not take EMHC Part A and the Lector Workshop on the same day.

### DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

**Tuesday, Oct. 21st—St. Elizabeth/Melville—Msgr. Kane Hall; 7pm-10pm**  
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion—Part A  
Lector Workshop

**Tuesday, Nov. 18th—St. Elizabeth /Melville—Msgr. Kane Hall; 7pm-9pm**  
Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion—Part B

**Tuesday, Oct. 28th—St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC—Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7pm—10pm**  
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion—Part A  
Lector Workshop

**Wednesday, Nov. 5th—St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC—Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7pm-9pm**  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—Part B

**Saturday, Nov. 15th—Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach—Parish Hall**  
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion—Part A— 1pm-4pm  
*(There will be NO Lector Workshop or EMHC Part B offered on this date.)*

A letter from the pastor is required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least 5 days prior to the session you wish to attend. Walk-ins, on the day of training, without prior registration are NOT permitted.

To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact the Parish Center.

For questions, please call Suzanne: 516-744-6850.



# THE CHURCH

## Organizations & Ministries

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
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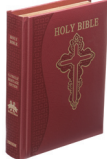
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