

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 16:10

“He who is  
**faithful**  
in what is least  
is faithful also in much.  
He who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

September 21, 2025—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Pastoral Staff****Rev. Stephen Brigandi, Pastor**Deacon Charles Kammerer  
Deacon John Heverin**Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry**Mrs. Ann Heverin  
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Miss Carol Tannehill cтанnehillshc@gmail.com

**Director of Liturgical Music**

Mrs. Jeanne Nunez musiccoordinator@sacredheartnm.org

**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  
Mrs. Ingrid Samperi—Administrative Assistant  
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 22, 2025**

9AM Barbara Cappisillo

**Tuesday, September 23 2025**

9AM Anthony Joseph Armada

**Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

9AM Debra Ryan

**Thursday, September 25, 2025**

9AM Maureen Sweeney

**Friday, September 26, 2025**

9AM Gerard MacGregor

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**5PM Catherine Bosco  
Katherine Notaro  
Joan Kennedy**Sunday, September 28, 2025**8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
10AM Camillo Montana  
12PM Larry Pinto  
5PM Vito Grisanzio  
Stacy & Scott Rubin  
Michael T. Sullivan*In our thoughts and prayers.*

|                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Taylor Agurto</i>      | <i>William Maroney</i>          |
| <i>Richard Aloy</i>       | <i>Ginger Marzano</i>           |
| <i>Brenda Andjuar</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. Rebhan</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>Michael Callaghan</i>  | <i>Michael Ryan</i>             |
| <i>Matthew Cavanagh</i>   | <i>Benny Sarnelli</i>           |
| <i>Joan Cavanagh</i>      | <i>Anne Schuessler</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>Geri Weber</i>               |
| <i>Alex Hubiera</i>       | <i>Kenneth White</i>            |
| <i>Phil Lattanzio</i>     | <i>Christine Weigand</i>        |
| <i>George Knapp</i>       | <i>John Witzenhoeker</i>        |
| <i>Justin Maciorowski</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.



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.  
We especially remember Francis Benner*

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 14, 2025**

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Attendance    | 1107        |
| Envelopes     | 395         |
| Collection    | \$13,187.00 |
| Online Giving | \$2673.03   |
| YTD           | \$36,405.11 |

Thank you for your generosity.

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

**Sacredheartnm.org**



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

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

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call

516-379-1376

or email

[SVDP@sacredheartnm.org](mailto:SVDP@sacredheartnm.org)



## 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.*

## *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.

**Sacred Heart Church Holiday Market**  
**Sunday November 23, 2025**  
 720 Merrick Ave, North Merrick, NY 11566

8:30AM – 3:00 PM

1. The price for an 8 foot by 4 foot spot is \$70 **(THE FEE IS NONREFUNDABLE)** (TABLE IS PROVIDED)
2. This is NOT a flea market. All items to be sold must be **new and unused.**
3. Sacred Heart reserves the right to limit the amount of vendors selling the same type of items.
4. Electricity is provided free of charge
5. Set up begins at 7:30AM and must be completed by 8:15AM
6. This is an indoor craft fair in the school gym, ground floor.

If you are interested in being a vendor, please complete the following registration form and return to:  
 Sacred Heart Church Attn: Holiday Market  
 720 Merrick Ave  
 North Merrick, NY 11566  
 516-379-1356

Please return all checks/credit card information and applications no later than November 1, 2024

**Please make all checks payable to Sacred Heart Church**

(PLEASE PRINT ALL VENDOR INFORMATION)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Items to be sold \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Direct Sales Company Representing : \_\_\_\_\_

I need electric ( ) Yes ( ) No \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as it appears on credit card) \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Code on back of card \_\_\_\_\_

*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**

**CHECK IN:  
8:30 AM  
WALK START  
10AM**



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

**REGISTER AT:**



**Please join our  
Sacred Heart  
Conference-  
North Merrick  
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

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.

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- Day 2 | Tuesday, October 13: Arrive in Lourdes
- Day 3 & 4 | Wednesday & Thursday, October 14 & 15: Lourdes
- Day 5 | Friday, October 16: Lourdes - Paris
- Day 6 | Saturday, October 17: Paris
- Day 7 | Sunday, October 18: Paris
- Day 8 | Monday, October 19: Return Home

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Address: Saint Ladislaus Catholic Church  
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**Saturday, October 4, 2025  
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# THE CHURCH

## Organizations & Ministries

| <b>Ministry</b>         | <b>Coordinator</b> | <b>Contact Information</b>         |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Altar Linens Schedule   | Ingrid Samperi     | frontdesk@scaredheartnm.org        |
| Altar Servers           | Ingrid Samperi     | frontdesk@sacredheartnm.org        |
| Baptism Preparation     | Deacon Charlie     | deaconcharles@sacredheartnm.org    |
| Baptism Preparation     | Deacon John        | deaconjohn@sacredheartnm.org       |
| Bereavement             | Shirley Douglas    | shirdoug530@yahoo.com              |
| Catholic Daughters      | Marie Reale        | marg12453@gmail.com                |
| CYO                     | Ray Murphy         | rm1693@aol.com                     |
| Eucharistic Ministers   | Liz Saviano        | elizcsav@gmail.com                 |
| Faith Formation         | Carol Tannehill    | ctannehillshc@gmail.com            |
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| Ladies Auxiliary        | Barbara Massaro    | (516) 826-6577                     |
| Lectors                 | Alison Casey       | queenali67@aol.com                 |
| Liturgical Environment  | Anne Engelhart     | annkengelhart@gmail.com            |
| Men's Group             | Deacon Charlie     | deaconcharles@sacredheartnm.org    |
| Ministry of Consolation | Shirley Douglas    | shirdoug530@yahoo.com              |
| Music Ministry          | Jeanne Nunez       | musiccoordinator@sacredheartnm.org |
| OCIA                    | Shirley Douglas    | shirdoug530@yahoo.com              |
| OCIA                    | Ginny Daly         | gdaly11@gmail.com                  |
| Outreach                | Ann Heverin        | parishoutreach@sacredheartnm.org   |
| Over 50 Club            | Mary DeSantis      | (516) 378-1335                     |
| PB&J Group              | Diedre Soehner     | parishoutreach@sacredheartnm.org   |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry   | Marie Gandini      | gandinime@gmail.com                |
| Pre-Cana                | Deacon John        | deaconjohn@sacredheartnm.org       |
| Pro-Life Ministry       | John Paul Rincon   | jprincon1@gmail.com                |
| Pro-Life Ministry       | Malvina Godfrey    | mmb9271@verizon.net                |
| Rosary Society          | Joanne Bivona      | Parish Center: 516-379-1356        |
| Scripture Study         | Shirley Douglas    | shirdoug530@yahoo.com              |
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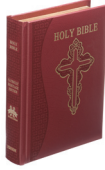
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