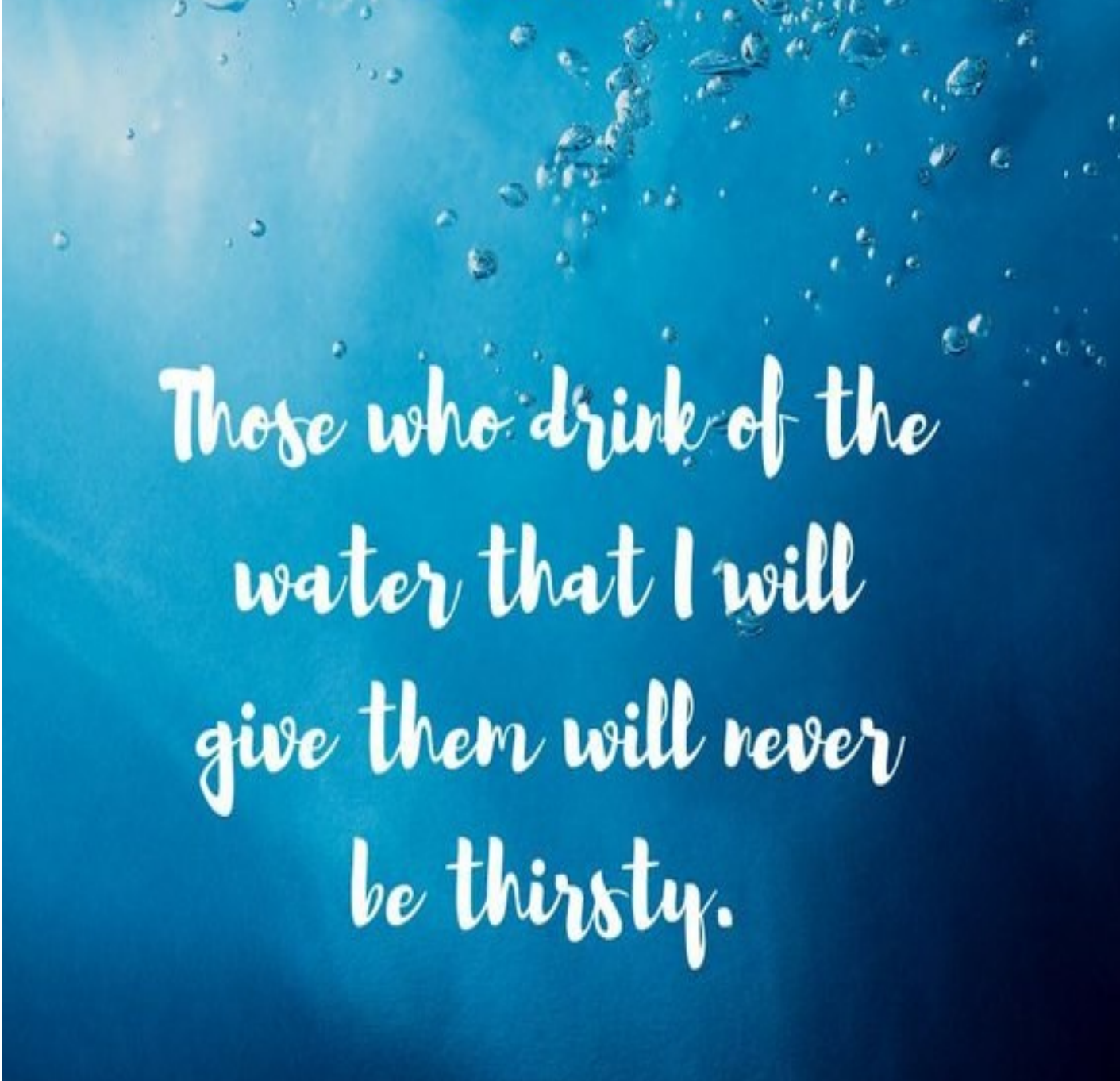


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March 8, 2026 — Third Sunday of Lent



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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 9, 2026

9AM Donald S. Collins

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

9AM John Nagel

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

9AM Nydia Aponte

Thursday, March 12, 2026

9AM Debbie Ryan

Friday, March 13, 2026

9AM Deacon John Heverin

Saturday, March 14, 2026

5PM Edward Kennedy
Steve Melley
Franco S. Vanderka

Sunday, March 15, 2026

8AM Thomas Terry
10AM Dolores DeVito
12PM Fern Spinosa
5PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

In our thoughts and prayers.

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| <i>Brenda Andujar</i> | <i>Justin Maciorowski</i> |
| <i>Taylor Agurto</i> | <i>Ginger Marzano</i> |
| <i>Milan Baranek</i> | <i>Murray Family</i> |
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| <i>Victoria Bosch</i> | <i>Eileen Pio</i> |
| <i>Joanne Brazenor</i> | <i>Carl & Joanna Pope</i> |
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| <i>Joan Cavanagh</i> | <i>Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke</i> |
| <i>Gloria Chirico</i> | <i>Julian Sherman</i> |
| <i>Carmine Colasanto</i> | <i>Randall Sinz</i> |
| <i>Ralph Conetta</i> | <i>Madeline Soregaroli</i> |
| <i>Alexandra Dazzo</i> | <i>Mary Sweeney</i> |
| <i>Baby Kaylee</i> | <i>MaryJane Steinberg</i> |
| <i>Lisa DelCampo</i> | <i>Paul Stern</i> |
| <i>Eddie DelCampo</i> | <i>Cathy Turbek</i> |
| <i>Yolanda DeLustro</i> | <i>Robbie Urban</i> |
| <i>Melvin Douglas</i> | <i>Christopher Vaccacio</i> |
| <i>Matthew Dwyer</i> | <i>Anthony Villarreal</i> |
| <i>Helen Dresner</i> | <i>Mariah Villarreal</i> |
| <i>Derrick Edwin</i> | <i>Aidan Walden</i> |
| <i>Gloria Hannifin</i> | <i>Kewnneth White</i> |
| <i>Carl Hetzel</i> | <i>Christine Weigand</i> |
| <i>Alex Hubiera</i> | <i>John Witzensbocker</i> |
| <i>Phyllis Hughes</i> | <i>Robert Ziminski</i> |
| <i>Phil Lattanzio</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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on the following dates at 2pm in the Parish Center:

March 25th
 April 29th
 May 27th
 June 24th



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



Anointing of the Sick
 Friday, April 10, 2026

First Saturday Mass
 9am, April 11, 2026
 Rosary at 8:30am



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Wednesday's 12pm-4pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION INFORMATION

February 22, 2026

Attendance	1076
Envelopes	360
Collection	\$15,487.00
Online Giving	\$1061.15
YTD	\$459,524.66

March 1, 2026

Attendance	1352
Envelopes	375
Collection	\$16,075.00
Online Giving	\$956.16
YTD	\$476,555.82

Thank you for your generosity.

OVER 50 CLUB

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 1:30pm in the school cafeteria.

We will be collecting the remaining balance for our Sights and Sounds overnight trip on April 16/17.

There are seats available if any of our parishioners would like to join us. Just call Mary @ 516-378-1335 for further information.

If you have never been to Sights and Sounds Theater you're in for a real treat.

Their shows are fantastic! Please don't hesitate to call.



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. 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, 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, Richard 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 Tavoulareas, Anna Carotenuto,, Lucy DeRose, Sheila Hackett Alma Boursiquot, Joan Kennedy, Edward Kennedy, Marie Faust, Louis Joseph Blanchard Charlotte & Joe Francomano, Daniel Rogan, Deacon John Heverin*

Pope's Prayer Intention: March

For disarmament and peace
 Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



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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 6, 2026 thru Friday, August 28, 2026. The cost is only \$0.38 per week.

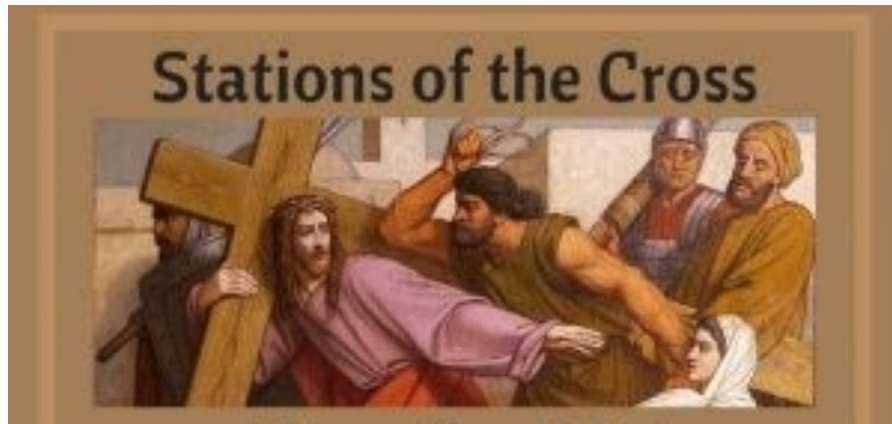
A weekly prize of \$100.00 will be awarded to the ticket number corresponding to the last three digits of the closing amount of the Dow Jones Industrial Stock Average for each Friday. You will be notified if you are a winner via the phone number provided on your return stub. There is no limit to how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

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

Fraternally,
 Lou Otarola, PGK



Our Parish Stations of the Cross are now at **4pm each Friday of Lent**. As in recent years, a different parish ministry will coordinate them each week.

March 13th - Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers

March 20th - Pro-Life Ministry/Rosary/Catholic Daughters

March 27th - Altar Servers



If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call 516-379-1376 or email .

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus.



Our PB&J group is seeking new members. sandwiches are made Tuesday mornings after the 9am Mass.

Donations of peanut butter, jelly and bread are always appreciated.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting is Monday, March 9, 2026, at 3pm in room 108 in the school. Please use the Faith Formation entrance.

Join us for refreshments and praying the Rosary for all who are suffering and homeless and those who have been called home to God. Hope to see you there.

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 3 (March 8th): cookies

Week 4 (March 15th): pancake mix/syrup

Week 5 (March 22nd): chips/snacks

Week 6 (March 29th) Easter basket treats

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



+++++Pro-Life News+++++



“Euthanasia and assisted suicide are a defeat for all. We are called never to abandon those who are suffering. Never give up but caring and loving to restore hope.” Pope Francis.





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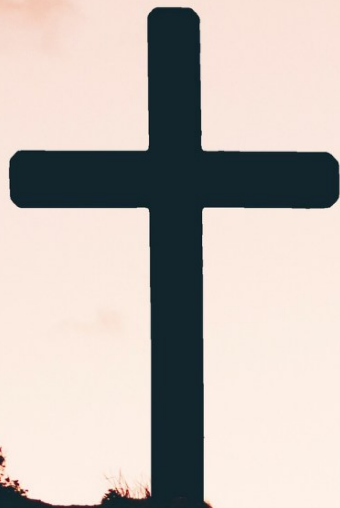
Deadline: December 31st.

Must go directly from your IRA custodian to the charity.

How to Give via QCD:

Contact Your IRA Custodian: Ask them to send the funds directly to your parish or Diocese and mention it's for a QCD.

We can help! If you need our EIN or have questions, contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org. info.



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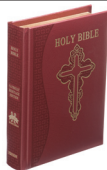
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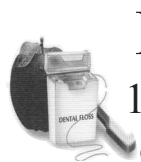
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