

March 29, 2026



Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart
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The Heart of Jesus in North Merrick

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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 30, 2026

9AM Richard Roche

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

9AM Alfred Flowers

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

9AM Frances O’Hea

Saturday, April 4, 2026

7:30PM Mary V. Donovan

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

8AM

Parishioners of Sacred Heart

10AM (church)

Joan Kennedy

10AM (gym)

Andy Marincsak

12PM

Antoinette Cracchiolo

In our thoughts and prayers.

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| <i>John Andino</i> | <i>Phil Lattanzio</i> |
| <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>Rich Best</i> | <i>Peter Palamaro, Jr.</i> |
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| <i>Victoria Bosch</i> | <i>Eileen Pio</i> |
| <i>Joanne Brazenor</i> | <i>Carl & Joanna Pope</i> |
| <i>Richard Bustamante</i> | <i>Tara C. Rebhan</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth Campbell</i> | <i>Kathy Rincon</i> |
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| <i>Matthew Cavanagh</i> | <i>Tess Rivera</i> |
| <i>Joan Cavanagh</i> | <i>Michael Ryan</i> |
| <i>Gloria Chirico</i> | <i>Benny Sarnelli</i> |
| <i>Carmine Colasanto</i> | <i>Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke</i> |
| <i>Ralph Conetta</i> | <i>Julian Sherman</i> |
| <i>Alexandra Dazzo</i> | <i>Randall Sinz</i> |
| <i>Baby Kaylee</i> | <i>Madeline Soregaroli</i> |
| <i>Lisa DelCampo</i> | <i>Mary Sweeney</i> |
| <i>Eddie DelCampo</i> | <i>MaryJane Steinberg</i> |
| <i>Yolanda DeLustro</i> | <i>Paul Stern</i> |
| <i>Melvin Douglas</i> | <i>Cathy Turbek</i> |
| <i>Matthew Dwyer</i> | <i>Robbie Urban</i> |
| <i>Helen Dresner</i> | <i>Christopher Vaccacio</i> |
| <i>Derrick Edwin</i> | <i>Anthony Villarreal</i> |
| <i>Gloria Hannifin</i> | <i>Mariah Villarreal</i> |
| <i>Carl Hetzel</i> | <i>Aidan Walden</i> |
| <i>Alex Hubiera</i> | <i>Kewnneth White</i> |
| <i>Phyllis Hughes</i> | <i>Christine Weigand</i> |
| <i>Deborah Kruse</i> | <i>John Witzensocker</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.

Prayer Shawl
Ministry



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

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



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.



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

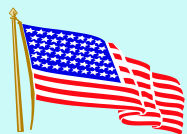
Exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is not only a very old devotion in our Church, but one that highlights the fundamental mystery of the Holy Eucharist— that our Lord is truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity in the Blessed Sacrament.

In his 1980 Holy Thursday letter to priests, *Dominicae cenae*, Pope John Paul II wrote, "Since the Eucharistic mystery was instituted out of love, and makes Christ sacramentally present, it is worthy of thanksgiving and worship. And this worship must be prominent in all our encounters with the Blessed Sacrament..." (#3).



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

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.



**PARISHIONERS IN
THE ARMED
FORCES**

**Sacred Heart Parish salutes and
commends to prayer:**

- Lt. Jack Tariche USMC, Okinawa
- Capt. 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.
- Lt. Paul Minerva, US Air Force, Qatar

**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*

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**Pope's Prayer Intention: April
For priests in crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



Blood Drive

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Fr. Reilly Council #6561
Knights of Columbus of the Merricks
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**Saturday, April 11, 2026
8:00am-2:00pm**

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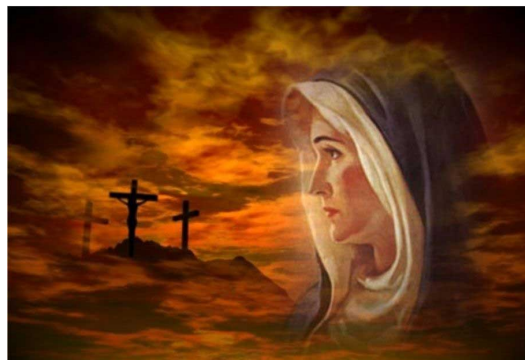




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canned tomatoes
Beef and chicken broth
Bananas
Oranges
Apples
Cereal other than cheerios
Detergent
Shampoo
Conditioner
Coffee with caffeine
Cooking Oil
Lunchbox snacks
Yogurt
Cottage Cheese
Cheese Sticks

All are invited to the Marian Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 3, 2026, at 7pm in the church.

The Marian Stations of the Cross (or "Marian Way of the Cross") is a Catholic devotion that meditates on Jesus' Passion and Death through the eyes of His mother, Mary. It highlights her sorrow, faith, and companionship with Jesus, focusing on her experience of the "sword of sorrow" to encourage deeper repentance and redemption.



Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.



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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.

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*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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Fraternally,
Lou Otarola, PGK

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Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation, Monday, March 30, 2026

THE GREAT THREE DAYS

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026

Morning Prayer: 9am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 8pm

Night Prayer: 10pm

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Morning Prayer: 9am

Family Stations of the Cross (outdoors): 12pm

Passion of Our Lord and Veneration of the Cross: 3pm

Traditional Stations of the Cross: 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

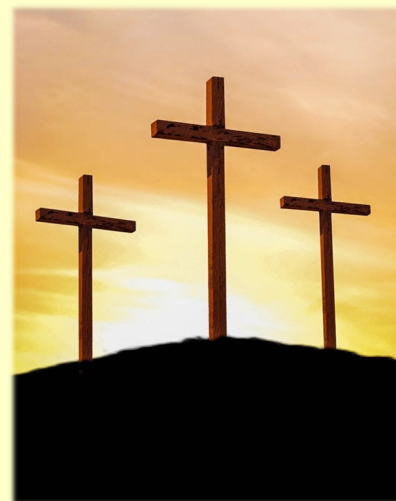
Morning Prayer: 9am

Confessions: 11am-1pm

Great Vigil of Easter: 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Mass Schedule: 8am, 10am (church), 10 am (gym) 12pm



THERE IS NO 5PM MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY OR EASTER SUNDAY

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Save The Date
Friday, May 1st

Fundraiser

Friday, May 1st, 2026 at 7 pm SH School Gym, Merrick
Details will follow in the April 2026 SH Church Bulletins

Reconciliation Monday 2026

Monday, March 30

2:00–4:00 PM  6:00–9:00 PM

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Confessions will be available in every Catholic church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.



To find a parish near you, visit: www.drvc.org/maps





Chrism Mass

at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 • 4:00 P.M.

All are invited to attend in person.

This Mass will be broadcast live on the Catholic Faith Network:
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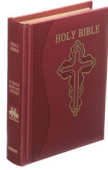
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