

November 28, 2021



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

**Pastoral Staff**

**Rev. Stephen Brigandi, Pastor**  
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 Deacon John Heverin

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**Parish Center  
Fax**

**516-379-1356**  
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**Parish Center Hours:**

Mon.—Fri. 9am—12pm & 1pm -4pm

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Mrs. Kathy Ammirati—Volunteer Coordinator ext. 22  
 Mrs. Jean Buonocore - Admin. Assistant ext. 21  
 Mrs. Mary Katz - Finance Administrator ext. 16  
 Mrs. Ingrid Samperi Receptionist ext. 10  
 Mr. Matt O'Brien - Maintenance Director ext. 14

\*\* Please visit our Parish Facebook Page: ***Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart***\*\*

*We hope that all new residents will come to the Parish Center to register.*

***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 in the church. First time parents need to attend a baptism class. They are held on the last Monday of each month in the church 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 @ [DunmoreDoc@gmail.com](mailto:DunmoreDoc@gmail.com) 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 due to temporary or chronic illness, and would like to receive the Sacraments of Communion, Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Center.

*In the spirit of giving,  
 we thank you for  
 your generosity!*

**Monday, November 29, 2021**

9AM Joseph Massaro

**Tuesday, November 30, 2021**

9AM Jeanne Slowik

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

9AM Joseph Massaro

**Thursday, December 2, 2021**

9AM Darienzo Family

**Friday, December 3, 2021**

9AM Purgatorial Society

**Saturday, December 4, 2021**

5PM Baby Scott Vincent Castella  
 Lois Michaleski  
 Maria Grace Cordi  
 Bob Dann (Living)

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
 10AM Rose & John Hasselberger  
 12PM Bruno & Lina Villa  
 5PM Carl Jones

*In our thoughts and prayers.**Joanne Angelastro**Taylor Agurto**Joyce Baranek**Milan Baranek**Edward Bennett**Mary Berberich**Joanne Campbell**Baby Jack**Baby Madison**Baby Kaylee**Marjorie Cardinale**Marjorie Cirello**Dolores Costello**Bob Cruickshank**Julio Curra**Betty DiNicola**Yolanda DeLustro**Matthew Dwyer**Baby Carleigh Feaser**Matilde Franzese**Robert Galvin**Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher**Frank Godla**Marta Godla**Annmarie Guertin**Frank Guertin**Veronique Hall**Gloria Hannifin**Elena Heil**Pat Hesse**Brian Katz**Jeff Kravitz**Kathy Keegan**Jackie Kraemer**Brian Mohr**Joseph Massaro**Jack McGreevy**Katherine McGreevy**Taylor Oshan**Jack Palamaro**Peter Palamaro, Jr.**Eileen Pio**Flo Puff**Ginesia Reale**Christine Rizzaiti**Debbie Ryan**Alex Salvaggio**Benny Sarnelli**Christina Scelfo**Ann M. Sullivan**Mary Sweeney**Joan Tamburello**Ashley Towers**Lara Traum**Theresa Vacchio**Danielle Valerioti**Nelson Villaflor**Aidan Walden**Rosemarie Ziminski**Robert Ziminski***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.



SACRED HEART CYO GIRLS  
VOLLEYBALL  
GRADES 5th-HS Tyro/Senior

COACHES NEEDED!!

COST: \$130 PER PLAYER NEW PLAYER  
REGISTRATION: Online Only 11/29-12/3 ONLY  
(Registration link to follow)

SEASON RUNS FEBRUARY 27 TH – MAY 1 ST  
(normally practices will be held before the start of the season)

EMAIL SACREDHEARTCYOVB@GMAIL.COM  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS



**CATHOLIC  
DAUGHTERS**  
**UPDATED**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY DETAILS**

Tuesday December 7th at 12:30pm at  
the WANTAGH INN  
\$32.00 please call Sue Fitzpatrick  
(516) 623-2383



We meet on Saturday mornings from  
7:30-9:00. Prayer, scripture study of  
Sunday readings and camaraderie. All  
are invited! The remaining dates for 2021  
are as follows; 12/4 & 18.



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



*The Bread & Wine for the week of  
November 28th  
has been donated by*

*The Bivona Family*

*in memory of*

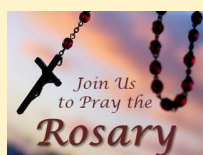
*Carter Ayotte*

**Ministry of Praise**

**Pope's Prayer Intention  
December**

**Catechists**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to  
announce the Word of God: may they be its  
witnesses, with courage and creativity and  
in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Every weekday morning  
at 8:30am



We have a change of venue for our Christmas Gathering. It will be held at the North Merrick Firehouse on Camp Ave. on Tuesday, December 7th at 1pm.

If you did not make the November 16th meeting and are interested in attending, please call Mary @ 516-378-1335.

The cost is \$20 per person.

Come celebrate with us!



The Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang are back to having weekly meetings!

We meet every Tuesday at 9:30 in the cafeteria of the school building.

Please bring 2 loaves of bread. We are in need of PEANUT BUTTER, jelly and sandwich bags.

We can also use boxes and disposable table cloths.

Many thanks to all that donate their time and energy. Volunteers are always welcome.

Please bring a copy of your Covid immunization record as this is a Parish requirement.

Maureen Paladino  
516-984-8419

Call or text with any questions.



The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ.

Altogether, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior.

Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Since Advent is a time to stir-up our faith in the Lord, the wreath and its prayers provide us a way to augment this special preparation for Christmas. Moreover, this good tradition helps us to remain vigilant in our homes and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

*Faith, Hope, Joy & Love*

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

#### Christmas Card Raffle

Support our regional school by purchasing a Christmas card raffle for \$10. Each card equals 31 opportunities to win cash up to \$2,500. Great stocking stuffers. Contact main office of school at 516-785-5709 to purchase through December 19th.

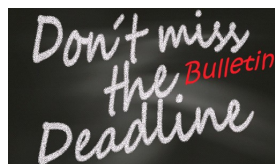


#### Blessing of Outdoor Creche and Lighting of Christmas Tree

Sunday, December 12, 2021  
after the 5pm Mass.  
All are invited.



STATE OF THE ART ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES  
TO REGISTER FOR YOUR TOUR WWW.STDOMSOB.ORG OR CALL 516-922-4888 EXT. 5315



Early bulletin deadlines:

December 26 - December 16

January 2 - December 27



#### The next Anointing of the Sick is Friday, December 3rd

Anyone in need of being anointed is invited to receive the Sacrament when it is offered.

This Sacrament brings the blessings of God's comfort, peace and grace, offering strength and the assurance that one is facing the illness in union with Christ.  
Who should be anointed?

"Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit."  
—Rite of Anointing of the Sick

Do you have questions about your faith? Are you someone who would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation? (Communion or Confirmation) Someone who is seeking to become a Catholic? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider calling our Parish Center or emailing: [ctannehillshc@gmail.com](mailto:ctannehillshc@gmail.com)

## PARISHIONERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

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

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.  
Major 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  
Captain Patrick O'Sullivan U.S.N.A. U.S.M.C.  
Lt. j. g. Michael Napolitano U.S. Navy  
John Devoti Lt. Col. 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*

*Teresa & Joseph Sullivan, Helen & Joseph  
Tatarka, Marianne Collins, Patricia A.  
Bove, Caroline & Francis Cacossa,  
Margaret E. Riordan, Joan Fisk,  
Everett Corum, Jr, James J. Stasi, Maureen  
& Robert Murphy, Fred Peruggia,  
Josephine Valenti, Ellen C. Rafter, Donald  
J. Johnson, Eileen Clarke, Dolores Kulich,  
Vera Farrell, James Tannehill,  
William G. Mohr, Shaun Hughes, Edward  
Walsh & Family, Frances Forgione, Lillian  
Milana, Randall Cordero, Teresa  
Sullivan, Joseph Sullivan, 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 Eschmanns, 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*

*If you would like to enroll someone in our  
Purgatorial Society, please  
call the Parish Center.  
The offering is \$50 per person per year.*

**First Reading***Jeremiah 33:14-16***Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 25:4-5,8-9,10,14***Second Reading***1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2***Gospel Reading***Luke 21:25-28,34-36***Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

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# Sacred Heart Giving Tree

In loving memory of  
Sr. Edward Joseph Murphy, CSJ

*To participate please:*

- \* SELECT A TAG FROM THE TREE
- \* PURCHASE A NEW GIFT FROM THE SUGGESTION LISTED ON THE TAG
- \* WRAP THE GIFT WELL SO THAT IT DOES NOT TEAR DURING DELIVERY
- \* SECURE THE TAG ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE GIFT SO THAT IT'S DELIVERED CORRECTLY
- \* RETURN THE WRAPPED & TAGGED GIFT TO THE TREES OR PARISH CENTER BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

**THE TREES WILL BE IN THE CHURCH THROUGHOUT ADVENT**

*Thank you for making Christmas merry for all our neighbors*



Boy Scout Troop 123 Annual Wreath Sale

To purchase wreaths from Troop 123 you can choose from two options:

- Pre-order option with home delivery (see form below)
- Purchase at Saturday and Sunday Masses December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> until wreaths are sold out
- To pre-order, fill out form below and enclose checks payable to BSA Troop 123 and mail with form to:  
 BSA Troop 123  
 c/o Mr. Robert Berkowitz  
 1323 Powell Avenue  
 Merrick, NY 11566
- Orders Must Be Received by November 30, 2021.
- Delivery will be Contactless. Your wreath will be delivered directly to your home on Saturday afternoon, December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Note:** Quantities are limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. Grave Blankets only available on a pre-order basis.

If any questions, please contact Susan Cody at (516) 428-2983 or [codymom123@yahoo.com](mailto:codymom123@yahoo.com).

Boy Scout Troop 123 Wreath/ Grave Blanket/ Poinsettia Pre-Order Form

_____	Wreaths	@	\$20.00	=	_____
_____	Grave Blanket	@	\$25.00	=	_____
_____	Poinsettia(6.5")	@	\$15.00	=	_____

Total Due = \_\_\_\_\_

Please Deliver To:

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_