

December 12, 2021—Gaudete Sunday



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*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.

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

<b>Mass Attendance:</b>	1079
<b>Envelopes used:</b>	433
<b>Collection:</b>	\$17,271.00
<b>(Fiscal) Year to Date:</b>	\$201,851.00

**Monday, December 13, 2021**

9AM Joseph Massaro

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

9AM Joseph Massaro

**Wednesday, December 15, 2021**

9AM Ena J. Haig

**Thursday, December 16, 2021**

9AM Joseph Massaro

**Friday, December 17, 2021**


9AM Maria Raia

**Saturday, December 18, 2021**5PM Edward Irving  
Helen Irving  
Robert Rexroat  
Carl Blonberg  
Monica Cooke**Sunday, December 19, 2021**8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
10AM Christine Houlihan-Ramos  
12PM Tom Semmler  
5PM Irene & Walter Plen  
Helena Villaflor  
Ralph P. Messana  
Albert Velocci  
Francisca Rodriguez*In our thoughts and prayers.**Joanne Angelastro**Taylor Agurto**Milan Baranek**Edward Bennett**Mary Berberich**John Brennan**Joanne Campbell**Baby Jack**Baby Madison**Baby Kaylee**Marjorie Cardinale**Marjorie Cirello**Dolores Costello**Bob Cruickshank**Julio Curra**Betty DiNicola**Yolanda DeLustro**Matthew Dwyer**Matilde Franzese**Robert Galvin**Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher**Frank Godla**Marta Godla**Annmarie Guertin**Frank Guertin**Veronique Hall**Gloria Hannifin**Elena Heil**Pat Hesse**Barbara Jenkins**Jeff Kravitz**Kathy Keegan**Jackie Kraemer**Brian Mohr**Joseph Massaro**Jack McGreevy**Katherine McGreevy**Paul McMullin**Stephen Mitchell**Taylor Oshan**Jack Palamaro**Peter Palamaro, Jr.**Eileen Pio**Flo Puff**Ginesia Reale**Christine Rizzaiti**Debbie Ryan**Benny Sarnelli**Christina Scelfo**Maria Sposato**Ann M. Sullivan**Mary Sweeney**Joan Tamburello**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.

**ADVENT FEATURE**

## GAUDETE SUNDAY



The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near. Gaudete means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

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



*The Bread & Wine for the week of December 12th has been donated by the Massaro Family in gratitude for the Sacred Heart Family*

*in memory of*

*Joseph Massaro*

### Heart to Heart Ministry

**If anyone who has been corresponding with a retired priest or sister would like a Christmas card to send them, please stop by Outreach Monday through Thursday between 10 am and 1:30 pm. We have plenty!**

**Thank you for keeping them in your thoughts and prayers!**



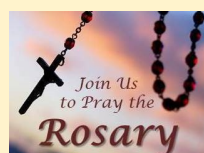
We meet on Saturday mornings from 7:30-9:00. Prayer, scripture study of Sunday readings and camaraderie. All are invited! The remaining dates for 2021 are as follows; 12/18.

### 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



**The next Anointing of the Sick is  
Friday, January 7, 2022**

**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.



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

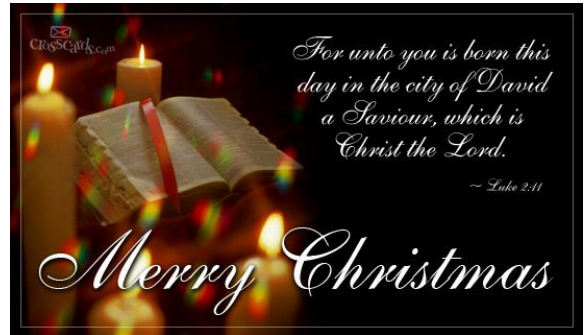
We meet every Tuesday at 9:30 in the cafeteria of the school building.

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



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

December 24, 2021

4pm Church  
4pm Gym  
10pm Church

December 25, 2021

8am Church  
10am Church  
12pm Church

**New Year's Mass Schedule**

December 31, 2021  
5pm (Vigil)

January 1, 2022  
9am  
12pm

**Feast of the Epiphany**

Saturday, January 1st: 5pm (Vigil)

Sunday, January 2nd: January 2nd:  
8am  
10am  
12pm  
5pm



## Some Christmas cheer was brought to SEAS!



**“Pics with St. Nick”  
back in full swing this year!**

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA!



## 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,  
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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  
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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, Daniel Contartesi,  
Catherine Contartesi*

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



The bulletin deadline for 12/26 and 1/2 is December 20th.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

### RCIA

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)

Dear Fr. Stephen and Fr. Peter:

Thank you for the warm welcome extended to us during our November 13th and 14th Mission Appeal for the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi, Kenya.

The Sisters greatly appreciate the prayers and financial support given by the parish. Know that the Assumption Sisters are praying for you.

St. Benedict in his rule for monks maintains that all visitors are to be greeted as Christ. Certainly, this applies to our experience at Sacred Heart Parish. We greatly enjoyed meeting and talking with the parishioners after each mass. A special thanks Fr Peter for the warmth of your hospitality.

We ask that you continue to pray for the sisters and their ministries. Know that you and your parish community have a special place in our hearts.

In Jesus' name,  
Kitty and Bill Hanz

### SUNDAY CONNECTION

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

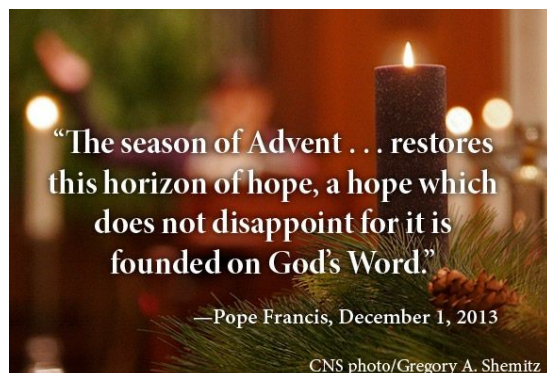


A big thank you to our Knights of Columbus for setting up our parish creche outside the church. They braved the elements Saturday to start getting it ready for the Creche Blessing on December 12th.

You guys are the best!



We have a beautiful new Advent Wreath! If you would like to memorialize this new addition to our parish, please contact Carol at the Parish Center.



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3. All names will be placed into a daily lottery, and from January 1st to the 31st one name will be pulled as the CASH prize winner.
4. It doesn't end there!! Winners will be placed back into the lottery for more chances to win cash!

**\*WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED VIA E-MAIL\***

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