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of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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The Heart of Jesus in North Merrick

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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 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.

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**Monday, December 27, 2021**

9AM Joseph Massaro

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

9AM Catherine Melley

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

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Thursday, December 30, 2021

9AM Silvio Paola

Friday, December 31, 20219AM Priests, Deacons & Religious
5PM (Vigil) Lucja Mozolewska**Saturday, January 1, 2022**9am Angeline Paressidi
12pm Marjorie Cardinale

5PM (Vigil) Jane McDaid

Sunday, January 2, 20228AM Nancy DeStefano
10AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
12PM John Petrocelli
5PM Doris Garrone
David Padro
Paul McMullin (Living)
Joseph Ra*In our thoughts and prayers.**Joanne Angelastro**Taylor Agurto**Milan Baranek**Edward Bennett**Mary Berberich**John Brennan**Joanne Campbell**Baby Jack**Baby Kaylee**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**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.

**The Promises of Our Lord
to Saint Margaret Mary
For Souls Devoted to His Sacred Heart**

I will give them all the graces necessary for
their state of life.

I will give them peace in their families.

I will console them in all their troubles.

I will be their refuge in life and especially in
death.

I will abundantly bless all their
undertakings.

Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and
infinite ocean of mercy.

Tepid souls shall become fervent.

Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great
perfection.

I will bless those places wherein the image of
My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and
venerated.

I will give to priests the power to touch the
most hardened hearts.

Persons who propagate this devotion shall
have their names eternally written in my Heart.

In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I
promise you that my all powerful love will
grant to all those who receive Communion on
the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months,
the grace of final repentance: they will not die
in my displeasure, nor without receiving the
sacraments and my Heart will be their secure
refuge in that last hour.

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



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

Ministry of Praise

**Pope's Prayer Intention
January 2022**

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious
discrimination and persecution; may their own
rights and dignity be recognized, which
originate from being brothers and sisters in the
human family.



Over 50 Club

We are planning a four day, three night
trip to Woodloch Pines Resort in
Hawley, Pennsylvania for
April 25, 2022-April 28, 2022

There are a few openings for this trip and
we cordially invite any parishioners who
are interested to join us.

Please contact Mary at 516-378-1335 for
further information.

We wish a Blessed Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all our Sacred
Heart Family.



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

Merry Christmas...

*Many thanks to everyone who gave so
generously this Advent. May the
Prince of Peace, who knew firsthand
the taste of poverty, bless you
abundantly for your compassion to
our neighbors in need.*

*Wishing you a most blessed Christmas
in the company of family and friends.*

*With Love,
Tanya and All the Good Folks
at Outreach*



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 Parish Center is closed from
December 23rd (12pm)
to January 2nd**

Sunday Connection

Feast of the Holy Family

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus.

Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus.

Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family.

They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found,

Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers.

Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition.

In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel.

His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety.

Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

PARISHIONERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

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

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

Chalking the Door

*An Epiphany tradition for
your family.
January 2, 2022*

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home.

Marking the doorway to one's home is rooted in the Old Testament. Holy Scripture reminds us that God has at times commanded his people to mark their doors. The Israelites marked their doors with the lamb's blood on the night of the passover (Exodus 12:7).

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance. It can also be written somewhere inside the home.

+20 C M B 22+

The letters C, M, B have two meanings: They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

The "+" signs represent the cross and 2022 is the year.

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and physically mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. Next weekend, all families are encouraged to take a card and place it over their doorway as a way of "Chalking their doors."

Saturday, January 1, 2022 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

**Mass is celebrated on
Friday, December 31st at 5pm and
Saturday, January 1st at 9am & 12pm**

The image of Mary as Queen Mother is directly related to the first official Marian dogma to be defined by the Church: Mary's status as Mother of God. The Greek word for the title is Theotokos, which literally means "God-bearer." That title is one of the oldest and most commonly used titles for Mary, with Christians using it in the very first centuries of the Church. The first

Christians called Mary the "Mother of God" without hesitation. If Jesus was God, and Mary was his mother, then that made her the Mother of God. That sort of logic depends on a principle called the "Communication of Idioms."

According to that principle, whatever one says about either of Christ's natures can be truly said of Christ himself. That's because His two natures, the divine nature and the human nature, were united in Him. He is one divine person.

The Church has always taught that Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ, who was and is a divine That is what we confess every time we say the Apostles' Creed. Calling Mary "Mother of God" states a truth that must be stated in order to protect an essential truth about Christ. In a similar way, that's what all Mary's queenly predecessors did for their sons. Mary as the virginal "Mother of God" is the link between her Son's humanity and divinity. She is the sign that He is both God and man.



Enjoy some photos from our annual Advent Prayer and Nativity!



From the entire Administration, Faculty and Staff, we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA!



LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND BLESSING OF THE CRECHE





A New Dawn for Catholic Education on Long Island

In January 2020, the *Marianists*, *Tomorrow's Hope Foundation*, and the *Department of Education* launched the **Morning Star Initiative (MSI)** to revitalize Catholic education on Long Island through a robustly Catholic culture, academic excellence, safe and supportive communities, and fiscally sustainable schools.

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- New learning devices for thousands of students and teachers
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- Vital startup investments in two MSI pilot schools

WHY GIVE?

By supporting MSI, donors can invest in a sustainable and robust educational model for our children and for future generations. Please help make that a reality by making a gift today.

"I am very confident in Brother Tom and the Marianist Brothers who are leading this [MSI] effort, and I am hopeful that other individuals and organizations will support this cause to help ensure our Catholic schools have a bright future."

— MICHAEL PASCUCCI, MSI DONOR

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Morning Star Initiative



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