

Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart

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*The Heart of Jesus in North Merrick*



*“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?*

*We saw his star at its rising*

*and have come to do him homage.”*

*January 2, 2022 — Epiphany of the Lord*

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

Mon.—Fri. 9am—12pm & 1pm -4pm

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\*\* 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.

**Sunday, December 19, 2021**

<b>Mass Attendance:</b>	1022
<b>Envelopes used:</b>	391
<b>Collection:</b>	\$16,137.00
<b>(Fiscal) Year to Date:</b>	\$242,853.00

**Monday, January 3, 2022**

9AM Joseph Massaro

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022**

9AM Joseph Massaro

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

9AM Angela Rubino

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

9AM Shaun Hughes

**Friday, January 7, 2022**

9AM Purgatorial Society

**Saturday, January 8, 2022**5PM Joseph Licari  
Carl Jones  
Carmen Astacio Alvarez  
Robert Castro**Sunday, January 9, 2022**8AM Ann & Ed Hansen  
10AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
12PM Lillian Milana  
5PM David Padro  
Ralph P. Messana  
Louise DiLeva  
Peter Ingardi*In our thoughts and prayers.*

<i>Joanne Angelastro</i>	<i>Pat Hesse</i>
<i>Taylor Agurto</i>	<i>Barbara Jenkins</i>
<i>Milan Baranek</i>	<i>Jeff Kravitz</i>
<i>Edward Bennett</i>	<i>Jackie Kraemer</i>
<i>Mary Berberich</i>	<i>Christine Kropp</i>
<i>John Brennan</i>	<i>Brian Mohr</i>
<i>Richard Bustamante</i>	<i>Jack McGreevy</i>
<i>Joanne Campbell</i>	<i>Katherine McGreevy</i>
<i>Baby Jack</i>	<i>Paul McMullin</i>
<i>Baby Kaylee</i>	<i>Taylor Oshan</i>
<i>Robert Cirigliano</i>	<i>Jack Palamaro</i>
<i>Marjorie Cirello</i>	<i>Peter Palamaro, Jr.</i>
<i>Dolores Costello</i>	<i>Eileen Pio</i>
<i>Bob Cruickshank</i>	<i>Flo Puff</i>
<i>Julio Curra</i>	<i>Ginesia Reale</i>
<i>Betty DiNicola</i>	<i>Christine Rizzaiti</i>
<i>Yolanda DeLustro</i>	<i>Debbie Ryan</i>
<i>Matthew Dwyer</i>	<i>Benny Sarnelli</i>
<i>Bill Fife</i>	<i>Christina Scelfo</i>
<i>Matilde Franzese</i>	<i>Ann M. Sullivan</i>
<i>Robert Galvin</i>	<i>Mary Sweeney</i>
<i>Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher</i>	<i>Joan Tamburello</i>
<i>Annmarie Guertin</i>	<i>Theresa Vacchio</i>
<i>Frank Guertin</i>	<i>Danielle Valerioti</i>
<i>Veronique Hall</i>	<i>Nelson Villafior</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</i>	<i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i>
<i>Elena Heil</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.

**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.



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

### Ministry of Praise

#### Pope's Prayer Intention

##### *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.

### Pope Francis New Years' Resolutions

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the more humble  
purchase.
5. Befriend those who disagree.
6. Make commitments, such as  
marriage.
7. Make it a habit to "ask the Lord."
8. Be happy.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### *Our Lady's Rosary Makers Ministry*

*Please join us on*

***Saturday, January 15, 2022***

***12:45pm-2:00pm***

***North Merrick Library Community Room***

***1691 Meadowbrook Road, N. Merrick***

***All supplies will be provided.***

***No experience required.***

***Light refreshments.***

#### ***ANY QUESTIONS?***

***Please call Jane @ 516-771-8469***





**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



## 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.



Thank you to the following individuals for their assistance with the set up of the gym for the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve:

Parish Maintenance Director  
Matt O'Brien  
ushers Bob Lovejoy, Joe DeLouisa  
and Pat Wright  
Student Volunteers James Cavanaugh,  
Olivia Lipfert, Andrew Marino, Jaden  
Megias, Charlie Ludwig, Nicholas  
Maresca, Ava Fierro and Christina.  
Thank you all for the help you  
provided. It was most appreciated!

## 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.  
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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,  
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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, Daniel Contartesi, Catherine Contartesi, Teresa & Joseph Sullivan, Helen & Joseph Tatarka*

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

January 2022

I am so grateful for all the people who worked tirelessly to make this Christmas a joyful one. This year has taught us that life hands us many twists and turns and faith and flexibility are very important. While it may not have been the holiday we expected, we were able to gather as a parish family to celebrate the birth of our Lord. That, in and of itself, is a miracle. Emmanuel came into the world at the darkest time—bringing hope, light and life to all. We must never forget that.

Let me begin by thanking Mr. Matt O'Brien, Mr. Jim Costello, Mr. Bob Lovejoy, Mr. Joe De Louisa, Pat Wright and the students in our Faith Formation Program who set up the gym so we could have Mass there on Christmas Eve. It looked great and people were grateful to have an additional Mass on the 24th.

Our decorating committee rose to the occasion once again and made our church look better than ever. Flowers by Voegler exceeded my expectations with the greens for the Advent Wreath. The flowers and other decorations truly helped brighten these dark winter days and helped us usher in the light of Christ.

To our sacristans, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, cantors, organists and altar servers: job well done. These ministries work together to provide a beautiful liturgical experience for all of us. The cantors and organists added joy to our liturgies with their musical talents.

I am so grateful for our ushers. They greeted our parishioners and visitors with a smile and helped find seating for all. In these challenging times they need to be understanding and welcoming and they did just that. Thank you.

Thank you to my brother priest, Fr. Peter, and Deacon John and Deacon Charlie. They were at my side through all the Masses and it was truly appreciated.

Most especially, I want to thank each of you. Through thick and thin you support Sacred Heart financially and with your time and talent. I am eternally grateful for each one of you. Please know you are always in my prayers. I am blessed to be part of such a wonderful parish and look forward to spending the years ahead with you.

My prayer for you in the new year is good health, happiness and all God's mercy and blessings.

Fr. Stephen

# SACRED HEART CYO IN ACTION!



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**SUNDAY CONNECTION—LOYOLA PRESS****Epiphany****First Reading**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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