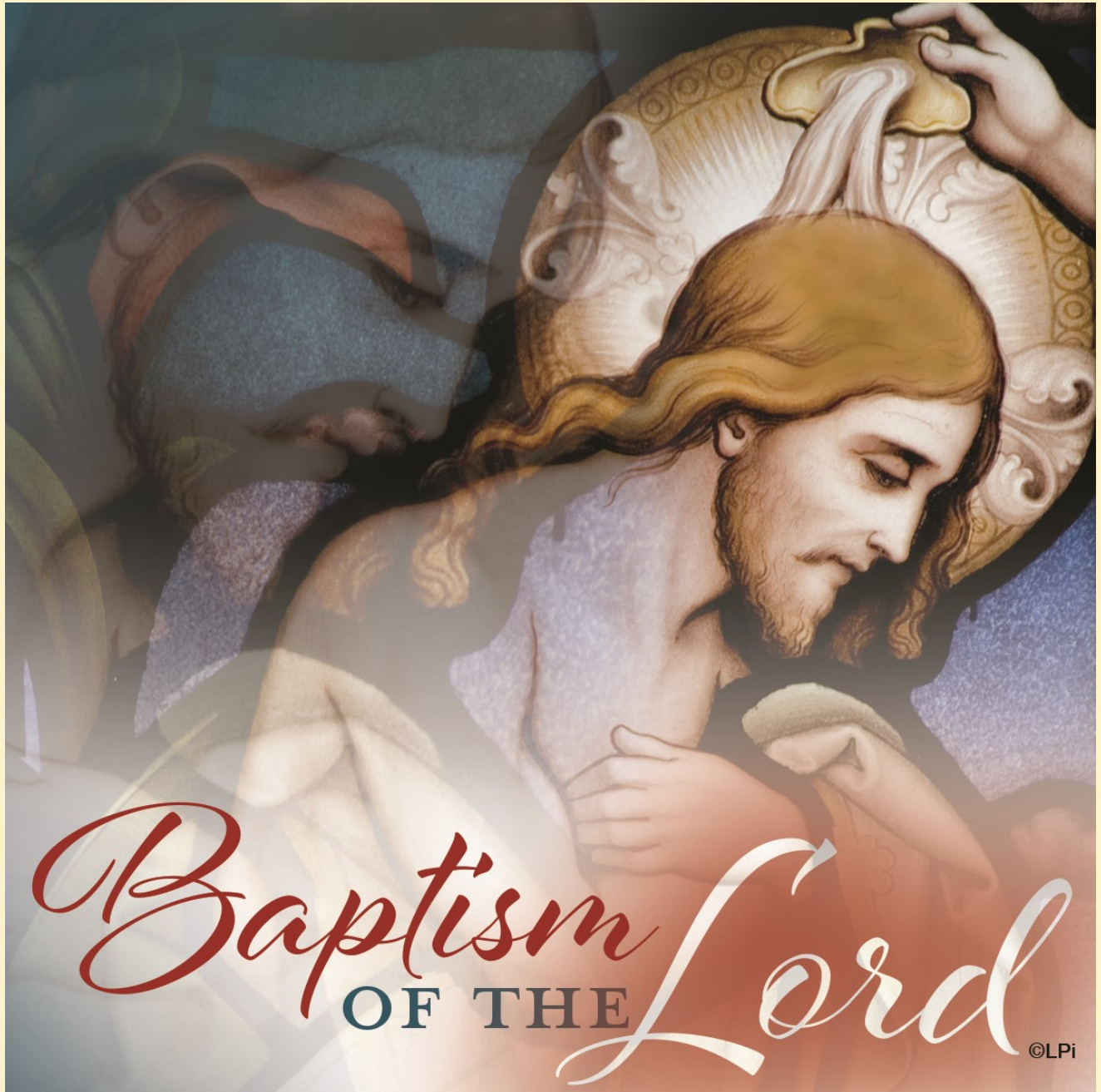


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*January 9, 2022*

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 Deacon John Heverin

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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.

	<b>Sunday, December 26, 2021</b>	<b>Sunday, January 2, 2022</b>
<b>Mass Attendance:</b>	546	674
<b>Envelopes used:</b>	297	305
<b>Collection:</b>	\$16,929.00	\$19,794.00
<b>(Fiscal) Year to Date:</b>	\$294,048.00	\$318,114.00

**Monday, January 10, 2022**

9AM Carl Jones

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

9AM Mary McConville

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022**

9AM Camille Pashalides

**Thursday, January 13, 2022**

9AM Carl Jones

**Friday, January 14, 2022**

9AM William Turnbull

**Saturday, January 15, 2022**5PM  
Rose Hasselberger  
Jimmy Esposito  
Susan Fitzpatrick  
Madeline Varriale  
Joan Craven**Sunday, January 16, 2022**8AM Patrick Michael Darienzo, Jr.  
10AM Joseph Sommer  
12PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
5PM Carl Jones  
John Kerrane  
Frank Ambrosini  
Arthur Losee*In our thoughts and prayers.*

<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>
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<i>Baby Jack</i>	<i>Paul McMullin</i>
<i>Baby Kaylee</i>	<i>Taylor Oshan</i>
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<i>Betty DiNicola</i>	<i>Eileen Pio</i>
<i>Yolanda DeLustro</i>	<i>Flo Puff</i>
<i>Matthew Dwyer</i>	<i>Ginesia Reale</i>
<i>Bill Fife</i>	<i>Benny Sarnelli</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 Villaflor</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</i>	<i>Audrey Watkins</i>
<i>Elena Heil</i>	<i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i>
<i>Pat Hesse</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  
Jim Carstens*

### 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, February 4, 2022**

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Mr. Jim Carstens. Jim was the organist at Sacred Heart for many years, most notably at the 5pm Mass on Saturday evenings.

Please keep Jim's wife and family in your prayers.

May he rest in peace.



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**

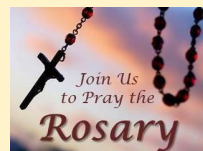
We are planning a four day, three night trip to Woodloch Pines Resort in Hawley, Pennsylvania for April 25, 2022-April 28, 2022

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

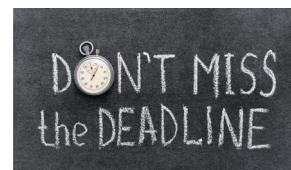
Please contact Mary at 516-378-1335 for further information.



For the safety of the Sacred Heart community, we ask that all parishioners wear their mask (covering their nose and mouth) at all times while inside the church.



Every weekday morning at 8:30am



Bulletin Deadline is **Monday**. Please submit all bulletin information by noon the Monday prior to the weekend you'd like the information in the bulletin. Thank you.

## 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, 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.*

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

*Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11* (The first reading from Cycle A may also be chosen, *Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7*.)  
Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30* (The psalm from Cycle A may also be chosen, *Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,9-10*.)  
A prayer praising God's greatness

**Second Reading**

*Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7* (The second reading from Cycle A may also be chosen, *Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38*.)  
Jesus Christ saved us and renewed us with his Holy Spirit.

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 3:15-16,21-22*  
Jesus is baptized by John.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another “epiphany.” On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

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## 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.

### DONOR IMPACT TO DATE

To date, fellow Catholics and foundations have pledged more than \$3 million to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation for vital MSI programs and local Catholic school needs, including:

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- Internet connectivity for 300 school families
- The launch of iReady, an innovative web-based student benchmarking tool, among all the Catholic elementary schools
- 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

### GET INVOLVED

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## SACRED HEART CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2021 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Parish Center: 516-379-1356.

The letters will be sent out, beginning February 7th. 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



## Faith Formation

Dear Parents,  
Level 8 Classes begin Wednesday, January 12th. All schedule information was emailed earlier this week. Students should bring something to write with to class.

The calendar and all Confirmation Paperwork are available on the parish website: **Sacredheartnm.org** (go to Faith Formation/Junior High

Several of you have asked about our Confirmation date. We submitted our preferences (the second or third Saturday in May) but we have not heard back from the Bishop's Office. As soon as I hear anything I will let you know.

Carol



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Goodwin / Pohmer #068  
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Anthony Scilletti #042  
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The January 2022 drawing of Frances Blake 300 Club will be held on Monday, January 31, 2022.



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