

*Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart
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The Heart of Jesus in North Merrick*

**Faith, Hope
and Love,**

but the
greatest
of these
is **LOVE.**

-1 Corinthians 13:13



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2022

Pastoral Staff

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 cbradleyshrep@gmail.com

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**Parish Center
 Fax**

**516-379-1356
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Parish Center Hours:

Mon.—Fri. 9am—12pm & 1pm -4pm
 Website: sacredheartnm.org

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 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 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, January 23, 2022

Mass Attendance: 966
Envelopes used: 316
Collection: \$13,205.00
(Fiscal) Year to Date: \$358,301.00

**Monday, January 31, 2022**

9AM Maggy D. Crepsac

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

9AM George K. Eng

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

9AM Mary Mirabile

Thursday, February 3, 2022

9AM Carmel Paola

Friday, February 4, 2022

9AM Purgatorial Society

Saturday, February 5, 20225PM Dolores Califano
Joseph Casamassa
Constantine Esposito
Rose DeCristofaro
Anthony Liguori**Sunday, February 6, 2022**8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
10AM Joseph J. Accurso
12PM Carl Jones
5PM Lourdes Oppus Palermo
Josephine Kruger
Fay Bonfardino*In our thoughts and prayers.*

<i>Taylor Agurto</i>	<i>Barbara Jenkins</i>
<i>Joanne Angelastro</i>	<i>Jeff Kravitz</i>
<i>Milan Baranek</i>	<i>Jackie Kraemer</i>
<i>Edward Bennett</i>	<i>Christine Kropp</i>
<i>Mary Berberich</i>	<i>Virginia Marquardt</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>Marjorie Cirello</i>	<i>Jack Palamaro</i>
<i>Dolores Costello</i>	<i>Peter Palamaro, Jr.</i>
<i>Julio Curra</i>	<i>Louise Paolillo</i>
<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>Gerardo Franzese</i>	<i>Maria Sposato</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.*

Ministry of Praise

Pope's Prayer Intention February 2022

For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated
women; thanking them for their mission and their
courage; may they continue to find new responses
to the challenges of our times.



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.

*Our Lady's Rosary
Makers Ministry*

Please join us on

Saturday, February 19, 2022

12:45pm-2:00pm

North Merrick Library Community Room

1691 Meadowbrook Road, N. Merrick

All supplies will be provided.

No experience required.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Please call Jane @ 516-771-8469



We are NOT meeting until March 28th. Be safe and stay healthy.



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.



Feeding the Community

**January 29-30th
This weekend is Pantry
Sunday**

Currently we need:
cold cereal, pasta sauce, rice sides, syrup, pancake mix, small bottles of cooking oil, grape jelly, juice boxes, shampoo & toilet paper
Or anything you would like to donate.

Meat the Need Monday is January 31st. whole milk, eggs, bread, butter, chopped meat, chicken, frankfurters, etc. are most appreciated!

Thank you for contributing to our community of "Salt & Light" and making our Food Pantry possible!



Over 50 Club

The Woodloch Pines trip for April **has been rescheduled** to October 17-21. It is now a five day, four night trip with added Halloween festivities. We still have openings and cordially invite parishioners who are interested to join us.

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

**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.



**The next Anointing of the Sick is
Friday, February 4, 2022**

If you would like to donate the Altar Flowers or Bread and Wine in memory of a loved one, please contact Ingrid at the Parish Center: 379-1356

PARISHIONERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Sacred Heart Parish salutes and commends to prayer:

Spc. John McCann, U.S. Army, Italy
 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.



Congratulations to all winners of the first half of January's St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Christmas Card Raffle. We are so thankful for all of the support we received from the parishioners to make this fundraiser a success. Thank you!

1. Mr. Larke (\$200)
2. Frank Campione (\$75)
3. Vicki Larke (\$25)
4. Theresa Materise (\$50)
5. Mr. Larke (\$75)
6. Sue Mundy (\$25)
7. Danielle Bacon (\$100)
8. The Kevin Probst Family (\$75)
9. Mellie Mezynski (\$50)
10. Joe Tomitz (\$200)
11. Concetta Caruso (\$25)
12. Staines family (\$75)
13. Nicholas Rugen (\$50)
14. Mrs. Lynn Brandon (\$75)
15. Mrs. Carol Sylvan (\$75)



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 We just received word from the Bishop's Office that Bishop Henning will celebrate Confirmation on Thursday, May 19, 2022.

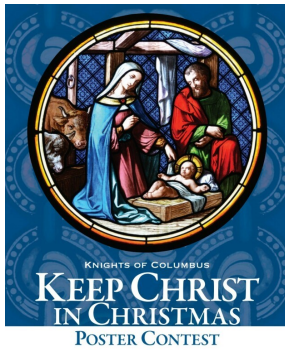
2pm Mass: Mrs. Bellocco's Class, Mrs. Buceti's Class, Home Study Students, Kellenberg Students, and SEAS Students
Practice: Monday, May 16th @ 6pm

5pm Mass: Mrs. Fennessey's Class, Mr. Maroney's Class, Mr. Milana's Class
Practice: Monday, May 16th @ 7:15pm

Sponsor Form, Information Sheet and Gown Form were due last Wednesday, 1/26/2022

Congratulations to the following Kellenberg students who made the First Trimester Honor Roll

Antonino Arrigo	Valentina Arrigo
Jillian Becker	Michael Bellocco
Elizabeth Boden	Emily Corrigan
Colleen Costello	Robert Fleming
Jonathan Florita	Kerrin Gallagher
Kevin Keegan	Alexa Kelly
Sophia Kelly	Bridget LaRosa
Deidre Mastromarino	Mary McDonald
Kevin McGrory	Charles McMahan
Natalie McMahan	Madeline McMahan
Vincent Napolitano	Alison Nunez
Ryan Nunez	John O'Keefe
Gino Pascarella	Ava Petrosky
Kira Petrosky	Ryan Pirozzi
Katelyn Rogan	Philip Romanelli
Vanessa Romanelli	



Winners of Knights of Columbus Poster Contest – 2021

Grades K-2

- 1st Place – Salvatore Eliopoulos
2nd Place - Hannah Kelshaw
3rd Place - Luca Merlo

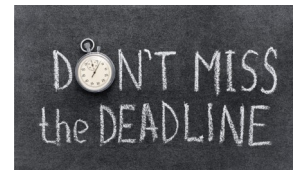
Grades 3 –5

- 1st Place – Lia Biscardi
2nd Place - Scarlet Lentini
3rd Place - Ambrosio Kyrikou

Grades 6-8

- 1st Place – Joseph Solorzano-Ruiz
2nd Place – Nicholas Bilella
3rd Place - Shannon Sullivan

The winners will be recognized at the 10am
Mass on Sunday, February 6, 2022

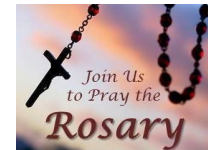


Bulletin Deadline is **Monday**. Please submit all bulletin information by noon the Monday prior to the weekend you'd like the information in the bulletin. Thank you.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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



Every weekday morning
at 8:30am



SAINT BLAISE

What is known about the life of St. Blaise derives from various traditions. His feast day is celebrated in the East on Feb. 11 and in the West on Feb. 3 (although it was observed on Feb. 15 until the 11th century). All sources agree that St. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia who suffered martyrdom under Licinius about AD 316.

While in prison, he miraculously cured a small boy who was choking to death on a fishbone lodged in his throat. One reason for St. Blaise's popularity arose from the fact he was a physician who cured, even performing miraculous cures. Thereby, those who were sick, especially with throat ailments, invoked his intercession.

Throats will be blessed after the 9am Mass on February 3, 2022.

SUNDAY CONNECTION—LOYOLA PRESS

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we read from the Gospel of Luke, continuing immediately from last week's Gospel. Recall that in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah and announced that this Scripture was now fulfilled. In today's Gospel, we learn that the people of Nazareth are impressed by Jesus' words, and yet they seem surprised. They still think of Jesus as merely Joseph's son. They do not expect such words from someone they believe that they know.

This Gospel is about who Jesus is and who people believe him to be. The story of Jesus' preaching and rejection at Nazareth is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels. In Luke's Gospel, this incident is told in a way that foretells Jesus' passion and death and helps explain the inclusion of the Gentiles in the promise of salvation. In Luke's Gospel this incident appears at the beginning of Jesus' ministry; in Matthew and Mark, this event is placed considerably later, after Jesus has preached and taught elsewhere. Only Luke identifies the content of Jesus' teaching in any detail, telling us that Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue. In Mark and Matthew's Gospels, Jesus teaches in the synagogue in Nazareth, and the townspeople take offense because Jesus is only the son of a carpenter. They reject his authority to teach them. In Matthew and Mark, it is only after Jesus is rejected that he observes times when Israel has rejected prophets.

In Luke's Gospel, the people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow his reading from the prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to his rejection.

It is helpful to consider the historical context of Luke's Gospel. Luke has witnessed the acceptance of the gospel message among many Gentiles. He endeavors to explain why the Good News of Jesus has not been as well-received by his Jewish contemporaries. Luke's report interprets the cause of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth in the context of this later Christian history. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many among the people of Israel will not accept the preaching of the gospel.

After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. This differs from the reports found in Mark and Matthew's Gospels, where Jesus is said to be unable to perform miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Luke says that Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all.

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