

Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart  
720 Merrick Ave  
North Merrick, NY 11566  
Phone: 516-379-1356

*The Heart of Jesus in North Merrick*

February 27, 2022—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?*

**Pastoral Staff**

**Rev. Stephen Brigandi, Pastor**  
 Rev. Peter Sarpong, Associate Pastor  
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 Deacon John Heverin

**Parish Outreach**

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**Parish Center  
 Fax**

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**Parish Center Hours:**

Mon.—Fri. 9am—12pm & 1pm -4pm  
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Mrs. Kathy Ammirati—Volunteer Coordinator ext. 22  
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 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](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, February 20, 2022**

**Mass Attendance:** 966  
**Envelopes used:** 345  
**Collection:** \$12,364.00  
**(Fiscal) Year to Date:** \$409,277,00



**Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

**Ashes will be distributed at the following Masses & Services:**

**9am Mass, 12pm Mass, 4pm Word Service and 7:30pm Mass**



**Prayer:** More time given to prayer during Lent will draw us closer to the Lord. We might pray especially for the grace to live out our baptismal promises more fully.

**Fasting:** Fasting is one of the most ancient practices linked to Lent. Vatican II called us to renew the observance of the ancient paschal fast: Abstaining from meat traditionally linked us to the poor, who could seldom afford meat for their meals. That should be the goal we set for ourselves: a sparse and simple meal.

**Almsgiving:** Almsgiving is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us.

During Lent we abstain from meat on Fridays. If you have a meatless recipe to share, email it to [ctannehillshc@gmail.com](mailto:ctannehillshc@gmail.com) and we'll publish them in the bulletin each week.

### **Tomato and Green Chili Casserole**

4 tomatillos  
 2 (4oz) cans chopped green chilis  
 10 cilantro sprigs  
 2 cloves of garlic (smashed)  
 2 TBS apple cider vinegar  
 1 ½ kosher salt  
 1 tsp black pepper  
 1 ½ cups uncooked long grain rice  
 1 ½ lbs yellow squash, sliced  
 ½ lb zucchini  
 ½ cup sour cream  
 4 cups shredded cheese

### **Directions:**

1. Process tomatillos, green chiles, cilantro stems, garlic, vinegar, salt and pepper in a blender until mostly smooth (about 15 seconds)
2. Place rice on bottom of a 5-6qt slow cooker. Top with squash, zucchini and tomatillo sauce. Cover and cook on LOW until squash is tender (about 5 hours)
3. Reduce heat to WARM; add sour cream and 3 cups of cheese and stir until cheese is melted. Sprinkle with remaining 1 cup of cheese and cilantro leaves just before serving.

**Monday, February 28, 2022**

9AM Benedetto Taormina

**Tuesday, March 1, 2022**

9AM Giuseppe &amp; Pietra Barretta

**Wednesday, March 2, 2022****Ash Wednesday**

9AM Rocco Furino  
 12PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
 7:30PM Deceased Parishioners

**Thursday, March 3, 2022**

9AM Gerald Haig

**Friday, March 4, 2022**

9AM Purgatorial Society

**Saturday, March 5, 2022**

5PM John McManus, Sr.  
 Maria Evangelista  
 Josephine & Lo Scotto  
 Santa Inguanta  
 John Rynn

**Sunday, March 6, 2022**

8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
 10AM Theresa Davis  
 12PM John Ibarra  
 5PM Patricia Costello  
 Fern Spinosa

*In our thoughts and prayers.*

<i>Taylor Agurto</i>	<i>Gail Kmitis</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>Deborah Kruse</i>
<i>John Brennan</i>	<i>Virginia Marquardt</i>
<i>Richard Bustamante</i>	<i>Brian Mohr</i>
<i>Joanne Campbell</i>	<i>Jack McGreevy</i>
<i>Baby Jack</i>	<i>Katherine McGreevy</i>
<i>Baby Kaylee</i>	<i>Paul McMullin</i>
<i>Marjorie Cirello</i>	<i>Taylor Oshan</i>
<i>Dolores Costello</i>	<i>Jack Palamaro</i>
<i>Julio Curra</i>	<i>Peter Palamaro, Jr.</i>
<i>Betty DiNicola</i>	<i>Eileen Pio</i>
<i>Yolanda DeLustro</i>	<i>Flo Puff</i>
<i>Eileen Dobrinkat</i>	<i>Ginesia Reale</i>
<i>Matthew Dwyer</i>	<i>John Rocco</i>
<i>Bill Fife</i>	<i>Debbie Ryan</i>
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<i>Matilde Franzese</i>	<i>Maria Sposato</i>
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<i>Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher</i>	<i>Mary Sweeney</i>
<i>Annmarie Guertin</i>	<i>Theresa Vacchio</i>
<i>Frank Guertin</i>	<i>Nelson Villaflor</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</i>	<i>Aidan Walden</i>
<i>Elena Heil</i>	<i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i>
<i>Pat Hesse</i>	<i>Robert Ziminski</i>
<i>Barbara Jenkins</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.

**Ministry of Praise**

**Pope's Prayer Intention  
March 2022**

**A Christian Response to Bioethical  
Challenges**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical  
challenges; may they continue to defend the  
dignity of all human life with prayer and

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



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



**On March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>,** we will be  
hearing from volunteers of the St. Vincent  
de Paul Society in our diocese. They will  
briefly describe how they *feed the hungry,  
shelter the homeless, counsel the doubtful  
and comfort the sorrowful* through their  
ministry in their local parish-based  
groups called conferences.

Sixty-two parishes on Long Island cur-  
rently have conferences, who work in  
collaboration with outreach to serve our  
neighbors in need. Perhaps some of us  
can join this ministry and expand the  
service to the community of Merrick dur-  
ing the Season of Lent!



The Catholic Daughters will  
hold their next meeting on in  
the school Faculty Room  
(Room 108) on February  
28th at 7pm



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

### 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](mailto:ctannehillshc@gmail.com)



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

### 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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Lent: A Time For Giving

This year Sacred Heart Parish invites all our children to participate in our Lenten Activity:  
**KIDS HELPING KIDS**

Each week during Lent we are asking the children to bring an item to be donated to Parish Outreach.

These 'kid friendly' items are a great way for families to talk about how even the youngest parishioners can make a difference to someone in need in our very own neighborhood.

**Week 1 (3/6):** lunch box snacks

**Week 2; (3/13):** fruit gummies

**Week 3 (3/20):** juice boxes

**Week 4 (3/27):** pancake mix

**Week 5 (4/3):** syrup

**Week 6 (April 10th):**  
Easter Basket treats

Please put your donations in the box in the church lobby each week when you come to Mass.



## 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, Fred & Theresa Peruggia, Josephine and Leo Scotto, Michael & Philomena Peruggia  
 Ronald Gandini*

## Sacred Heart's Lenten Giving, Not Giving Up Program

Please join Outreach as we collect items for a different group each week that honors & supports our Catholic values & shared respect for life in all it's stages & circumstances. Please leave your donations in the kitchen before Mass or bring to Outreach during the week.

**Week One** Sunday, March 6th- **Enfamil Baby Formula**— this is the only formula they need

To benefit **The Life Center**

**Week Two** Sunday, March 13th- **Diapers** newborn to size 6 and wipes

To benefit **Regina Community Based Services**

**Week Three** Sunday, March 20th- **Laundry detergent pods** and **Keurig K-Cups**

To benefit **Hope House Ministries**

**Week Four** Sunday, March 27th- **Reusable grocery bags** & **brown paper lunch bags**

To benefit **The INN**

**Week Five** Sunday, April 3rd- **Cleaning products** & **paper towels**

To benefit **Catholic Charities Special Needs Housing for Families with HIV**

**Week Six** Sunday, April 10th- **Art supplies for teenagers**

To benefit **Catholic Charities NYSARY Program for at risk youth**

If you would like to volunteer to deliver the Lenten offerings please contact Tanya.

**Thank you for your support of our Pantry & seasonal projects.**

*“Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross is nothing else than the culmination of the way he lived his entire life. Moved by his example, we want to enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep; arm in arm with others, we are committed to building a new world.” -Pope Francis (11/24/13)*



**Feeding the Community**

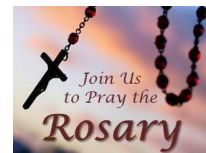
**February 26-27th**  
**This weekend is Pantry Sunday**

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

**Meat the Need Monday is February 28th.**

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!**



Every weekday morning  
at 8:30am

## FRANCES BLAKE 300 CLUB

It's time to renew your membership in the Frances Blake 300 Club.

Twice a year, in February and August, one lucky winner will receive a check for \$1,000. In each of the other ten months of the year, club members have 13 chances to win a cash prize ranging from \$15.00 to \$300.00. We welcome new members. Membership is only \$30 for 6 months. That's just \$5 a month!

To participate, please call the Pastoral Center (379-1356 ext. 21) for more information.



**The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday in Lent at 7:30pm in the church. All are encouraged to attend.**

The Way of the Cross, also known as the Stations of the Cross, are a way to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us. It is divided into fourteen stations from the time He was condemned to his burial. This devotion has been long encouraged by the church, and is especially useful during Lent and Good Friday.

The devotion, highly recommended by the Church, was developed during the Crusades when the knights and pilgrims began to follow the route of Christ's way to Calvary. This devotion spread throughout Europe and was promulgated by the Franciscan friars in the 14th and 15th centuries.

Eventually, the Stations of the Cross became an important catechetical tool, and the popularity of this devotion inspired some of the greatest examples of medieval Christian art. Some scholars believe that medieval miracle plays, which were essentially tableaux of Christ's life, developed from the sculptured representations of the Stations of the Cross in the great Churches.

These scenes from the Way of the Cross have provided inspiration for many of the world's greatest works of visual art.

## *Our Lady's Rosary Makers Ministry*

*Please join us on*

**Saturday,  
March 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



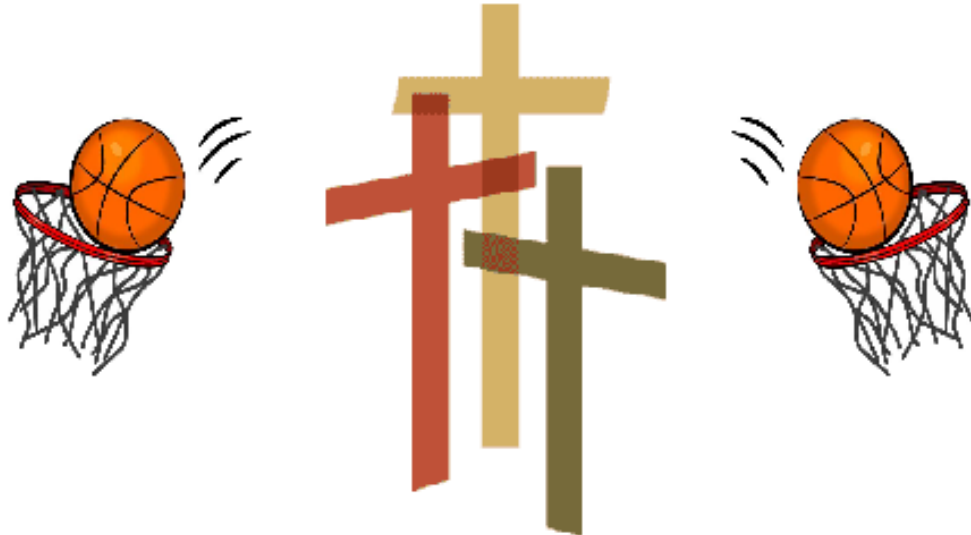
We meet every Tuesday at 9:30 in the cafeteria of the school building. Please bring 2 loaves of bread. We are in need of PEANUT BUTTER, jelly and sandwich bags.

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.

## ***Little Black Books***

Please be sure to take a Little Black Book as you leave church this weekend. These 6 Minute Lenten Reflections will walk you through the Sunday Gospels for Lent (Year C). They begin on Sunday, February 27th and end on Easter.

# Holy Hoops Challenge



## Bring your A game!

**CYO is looking for 7th & 8th grade boys & girls to participate in a basketball challenge against local priests, women religious, brothers & seminarians.**

**This is a timed competition in the following events:**

- **3 point shots**
- **Free-throws**
- **Lay-ups**

**Prizes will be awarded to the winners.**

**If you are interested, please contact [Carol@cyoli.org](mailto:Carol@cyoli.org)**



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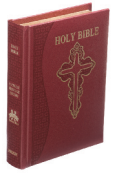


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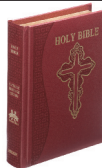
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