

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



March 13, 2022
Second Sunday of Lent

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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 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, March 6, 2022

Mass Attendance: 1114
Envelopes used: 456
Collection: \$23,125.00
(Fiscal) Year to Date: \$442,363.00

Sunday Connection

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus'

Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

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

Vegetarian Tortilla Lasagna

- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes with basil, oregano and garlic
- 1 cup chunky salsa
- 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 cans (15-1/2 ounces each) hominy, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) no-salt-added black beans, rinsed and drained
- 3 flour tortillas (10 inches)
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/4 cup sliced ripe olives

1. Cut three 25x3-in. strips of heavy-duty foil; crisscross so they resemble spokes of a wheel. Place strips on the bottom and up the sides of a round 5-qt. slow cooker. Coat strips with cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, combine the tomatoes, salsa, tomato paste and cumin. Stir in hominy and beans. Place 1 tortilla on the bottom of slow cooker. Top with a third of the hominy mixture and cheese. Repeat layers twice. Sprinkle with olives. Cover and cook on low for 3 to 3-1/2 hours or until heated through.
3. Using foil strips as handles, remove the lasagna to a platter. Let stand for 5 minutes before cutting into wedges.

**Monday, March 14, 2022**

9AM Shaun Hughes
Cathleen Marincsak

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

9AM Virgilio & Dolores Adames

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

9AM Joseph Armienti

Thursday, March 17, 2022**St. Patrick's Day**

9AM Immacolata Ialongo

Friday, March 18, 2022

9AM Martine V. Dellemand

Saturday, March 19, 2022**Feast of St. Joseph**

5PM Joseph Laurice
Lester Smith
Theresa Peruggia
David E. Rook

Sunday, March 20, 2022

8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
10AM Meghan Alice Roach
12PM Joseph Massaro
5PM Marguerite & Edward McMullin

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>John Chambers</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>Tommy "Galleria" Pernice</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>
<i>Gerardo Franzese</i>	<i>Randall Sinz</i>
<i>Matilde Franzese</i>	<i>Maria Sposato</i>
<i>Robert Galvin</i>	<i>Ann M. Sullivan</i>
<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>Veronique Hall</i>	<i>Aidan Walden</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</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



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



*The Bread & Wine for the week of March 13, 2022 has been donated by
Patricia & Jack Chiovaro
in memory of
Joanne Marie Flood*

Sister Ave Clark, O.P., will present a Lenten retreat, "The Glory of Love", at Cure' of Ars R.C. Church, 2323 Merrick Avenue, Merrick on Sunday, April 3rd, 2:00PM-4:00PM.

All are invited to the Rectory Lower Level to welcome Sister Ave back for an afternoon of song and prayer. Please call Mary Re, 516-623-5378, to register.



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.

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



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

“STOCK MARKET SWEEPS”

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Here is your chance to participate in raising funds for Fr. Reilly Council Knights of Columbus of the Merrick's and win money in the bargain. We are asking you to buy (OR SELL) for \$10 each. Each “TICKET” has a stamped number from 000-999. The numbers are only valid if they have been paid for prior to each Friday's weekly closing.

Each number is good for 26 weeks (only .38 per week) from Friday, March 4, 2022, through Friday, August 26, 2022. The weekly winner of \$100 will be determined by the last 3 digits of the weekly closing of DOW-JONES 30 Industrial Stock Average.

(For example: if the DOW-JONES weekly closing was 2347.62, the winner that week would be the holder of ticket 762). Since the DOW-JONES moves up or down each day, the winning number may vary each week. Look in the newspaper or TV news for the closing average each Friday. You will be notified if you are a WINNER. Don't forget, you can win more than one week and ‘SELLERS’ of winning tickets receive \$100.00.

For tickets please contact

Lou Otarola, PGK

516-375-1581

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 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

*Helen & Joseph Tatarka, Marianne Collins,
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 & Robert Murphy, 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
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 Brother Hugh Patrick Turley, FMS, Michelle
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 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*



This past week our students took some time out of their busy day to pray and make peace doves for the people of Ukraine!



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA!





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.

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



The next meeting is Tuesday, March 15th at 1:30pm in the school cafeteria. We will be collecting the money for our trip on Wednesday, April 6th to the Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem, PA.

Please try to attend, we will also be presenting upcoming trips for you to enjoy. As always, we invite our parishioners to join in the fun! For further information, please call Mary @ 516-378-1335.

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

**Ready, Set, Go...
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Track Registration**

Open to all Girls & Boys in K – Grade 8
Please follow the link below for online registration

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\$100 additional for siblings
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Practices begin in April and are held Thursday evenings at Calhoun High School. The meets are in May and June.

Coaches are needed for the boys team! Please let us know if you are interested in coaching

For more information contact:
Coordinator – Susan Carroll (516)236-1573 or shcyogirlstrack@gmail.com

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 its stages & circumstances. Please leave your donations in the kitchen before Mass or bring to Outreach during the week.

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)



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Communion

Monday, April 25
Participation

Wednesday, May 18
Evangelization

All at 7:30 pm

To receive the ZOOM link, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or email westernvicariate@drcv.org. If you previously registered for prior ZOOM calls, there is NO need to register again – you will automatically receive the ZOOM link via email.



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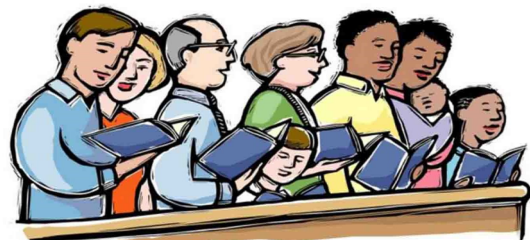
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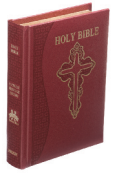


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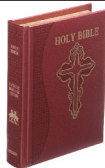
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