

**Pastoral Staff**

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

**Parish Outreach**

Mrs. Tanya Kasprzyk, Coordinator  
 Outreach Office: 516-379-6123  
 Monday—Thursday 10am-1:30pm

**Faith Formation Coordinator Grades 1-5**

Mrs. Cecilia Bradley  
 cbradleyshrep@gmail.com

**Pastoral Associate/Faith Formation Coordinator Grades 6-8**

Miss Carol Tannehill ctannehillshc@gmail.com

**Parish Center  
 Fax**

**516-379-1356  
 516-379-1610**

**Parish Center Hours:**

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

Mrs. Kathy Ammirati—Volunteer Coordinator ext. 22  
 Mrs. Jean Buonocore - Admin. Assistant ext. 21  
 Mrs. Mary Katz - Finance Administrator ext. 16  
 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](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, April 10, 2022**

**Mass Attendance:** 1,029  
**Envelopes used:** 389  
**Collection:** \$14,948.00  
**(Fiscal) Year to Date:** \$502,463.00



**Thank you to our Faith Formation students who read at the Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 1st.**

**Monday, April 18, 2022**

9AM Eugene Cervone

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022**

9AM Fitzgerald Haig

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

9AM Angelo Tilocca

**Thursday, April 21, 2022**

9AM Michael Staudter

**Friday, April 22, 2022**

9AM Robert Jordon

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**5PM Lester Smith  
John McManus, Jr.  
Lucy Murphy  
Patrick D. Cotillo, Sr.**Sunday, April 24, 2022**8AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
10AM Barbara McDermott  
12PM Christine Ulla Scirica  
5PM Fred & Marjorie Cardinale  
Scott Sepe  
Debra Ryan*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>Tommy Pernice</i>
<i>Yolanda DeLustro</i>	<i>Eileen Pio</i>
<i>Eileen Dobrinkat</i>	<i>Flo Puff</i>
<i>Matthew Dwyer</i>	<i>Ginesia Reale</i>
<i>Bill Fife</i>	<i>John Rocco</i>
<i>Gerardo Franzese</i>	<i>Debbie Ryan</i>
<i>Robert Galvin</i>	<i>Randall Sinz</i>
<i>Annmarie Guertin</i>	<i>Ann M. Sullivan</i>
<i>Frank Guertin</i>	<i>Mary Sweeney</i>
<i>Veronique Hall</i>	<i>Theresa Vacchio</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</i>	<i>Nelson Villaflor</i>
<i>Pat Hesse</i>	<i>Aidan Walden</i>
<i>Barbara Jenkins</i>	<i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i>
<i>Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher</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*  
*J. David Callaghan*  
*Clare Shorak*  
*Matilde Franzese*  
*John Chambers*

**KIDS HELPING KIDS**



A note of thanks to all who participated in this food drive. The donations made will help the families in our parish that are served by Outreach. Your generosity made a difference in someone's life—thank you!

**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 action.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**The Father Jeremiah J. Reilly  
Council #6561  
Knights of Columbus of the  
Merricks  
And Sacred Heart  
Community Blood Drive  
will be held on  
Saturday, May 14th  
From 8 am to 2 pm in  
the school gym.**

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

Information regarding scheduling appointments to donate will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks.



*Come & Join*  
**BOY SCOUT**  
**TROOP 123**

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

Visit one of our troop meetings, and find out what joining can offer you!

**Camping ♦ Friendship ♦ Cooking**  
**Character ♦ Service ♦ Life Skills**  
**And More!**

*When:* Twice a month on Tuesday nights at 7pm. Next meeting is April 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Where:* Basement level of the Sacred Heart Church School - 720 Merrick Ave

Boys in grades 5 and up are welcome to join.

*For more information:*

**Tom Ferrante** (Asst. Scoutmaster) 917-733-7581

[TomFerrante82@gmail.com](mailto:TomFerrante82@gmail.com) or

**Susan Cody** (Committee Chair) [codymom123@yahoo.com](mailto:codymom123@yahoo.com)



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## PARISHIONERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

### Sacred Heart Parish salutes and commends to prayer:

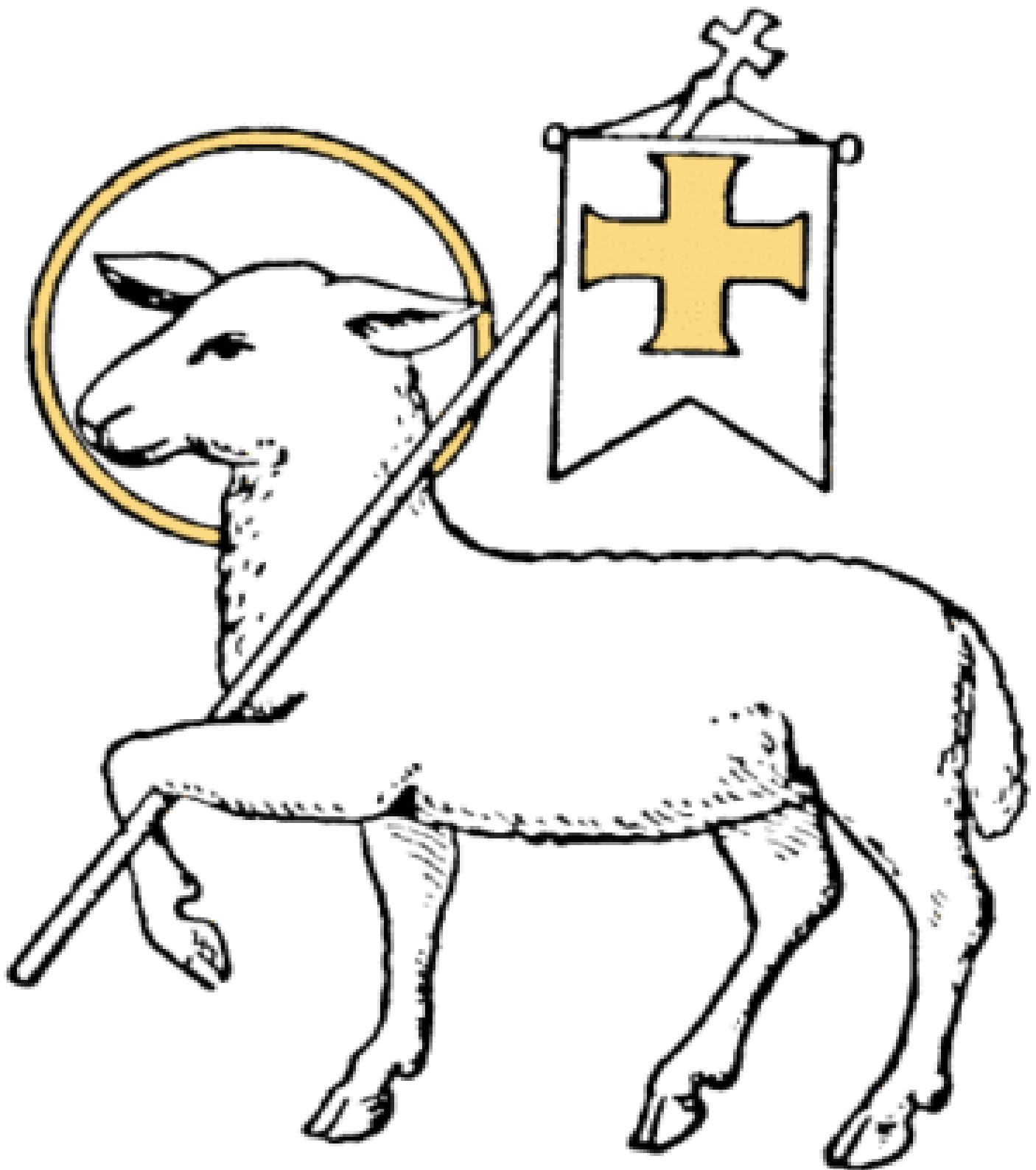
Spc. John McCann, U.S. Army, Italy  
 Sgt. Richard DeTommaso, U.S. Army, Korea  
 PFC Kendrick McCann, U.S. Army, Korea  
 Sgt. First Class Lee Ann Gouveia, U.S. Army  
 L CPL Anthony Rusciano, U.S.M.C.  
 L CPL Troy Grassi, U.S.M.C., Iraq  
 SSgt. Edgar C. Francisco, U.S.M.C.  
 Col. James K. Lavine, 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,  
 Patricia A. Bove, Caroline & Francis  
 Cacossa, Margaret E. Riordan, Joan Fisk,  
 Everett Corum, Jr, James J. Stasi, Maureen  
 & 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  
 Forgione, Lillian Milana, Randall Cordero,  
 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*



One of the most important symbols of Christ is the lamb. “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” Please display this picture on your door during the great the Easter Season. It is taken down on Pentecost, June 5, 2022

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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

*Christ is Risen, Alleluia!*

Every Easter, as we celebrate our Lord's victory over death, we delight in the consolation that all is restored through the Resurrection, and we ponder God's relentless invitation to live the divine life given at baptism.

This is the good news of our faith: Christ has conquered death and we are invited to life. This good news needs to be heard time and again. Even when things are bleak, we remember Christ is victorious and that we have been invited to witness to his victory. As Pope Francis says:

"Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit. On razed land life breaks through, stubbornly yet invincibly. However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads. Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history. Values always tend to reappear under new guises, and human beings have arisen time after time from situations that seemed doomed. Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power."<sup>1</sup>

We know well the bleakness that can overwhelm us. How good it is to recall God's goodness! The Risen Lord moves through the locked doors of fear to lead us, to lead our families and to lead the world to peace. May we never forget God's triumph over death and our baptismal call to be an instrument of that power. May we show the Risen Lord to all we meet.

This Easter, as we rejoice in Christ's Resurrection, let us remember especially those who suffer in Ukraine and the millions who have been displaced by that tragic war. Together, we pray that the Risen Christ bring light to their darkness and give them peace.

Be assured of my prayers for you in these holy and joyful weeks.

Happy Easter!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

<sup>1</sup> Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, n. 276.

## Dear Parishioners, Happy Easter!

Thank you for providing the resources to make Easter baskets for local children and Sunshine bags for our homebound seniors and retired religious, Easter food and supermarket gift cards for our neighbors in need and providing all the donations that were shared during the Lenten Giving Program. Whether you dropped off donations to our door, provided us with financial resources, left food in the Church or volunteered your time and talent, please know how appreciated you all are! The Spirit is at work through your generosity and kindness. You put the HEART in Sacred Heart!

Very special thanks to the Faith Formation students, families, catechists and coordinators who made the Kids Helping Kids Lenten Program such a success.

May God bless you all!

Hugs,

Tanya and All the Volunteers at Outreach



The next Anointing of the Sick is  
Friday, May 6, 2022

## Happy Easter!

The Parish Center will reopen on  
Tuesday, April 19th.

## Our Lady's Rosary Makers Ministry

Please join us on  
**Saturday, April 23rd,**  
**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. Maureen Paladino  
516-984-8419  
Call or text with any questions.



### Over 50 Club

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 1:30pm in school cafeteria. We will be collecting the money for the May 10, 2022 trip to Hunterdon Hill Playhouse in New Jersey. We invite the parishioners to join us as we have several seats available. For further information call Mary DeSantis at 516-378-1335.



Happy Easter to our Sacred Heart Family!

## Thanks!

Thank you to all who helped set up the  
gym for Easter Masses.

Sabastian Campbell, Nicholas Rogers, Jaida Rozario, Gavin Zenie, Jim Costello, Bob Lovejoy, Pat Wright and Joe DeLouisa and Matt O'Brien