

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*



*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in  
trouble...we will not fear.*

*Psalm 46:1-2*

September 11, 2022—Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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 1,3,4, 5 & 6**

Mrs. Cecilia Bradley cbradleyshrep@gmail.com

**Pastoral Associate/Faith Formation Coordinator Grades 2,7 & 8**

Miss Carol Tannehill ctannehillshc@gmail.com

**Music Director**

Miss Elizabeth Woods musicdirector@sacredheartnm.org

**Parish Center****516-379-1356****Parish Center Hours:**

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

Mrs. Kathy Ammirati—Volunteer Coordinator ext. 22  
 Mrs. Mary Katz - Finance Administrator ext. 16  
 Mrs. Ingrid Samperi Receptionist ext. 10  
 Mr. Matt O'Brien - Maintenance Director ext. 14

*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 3:45PM 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, September 4, 2022**

**Mass Attendance:** 763  
**Envelopes used:** 340  
**Collection:** \$15,757.00  
**(Fiscal) Year to Date:** \$825,257.00

**Monday, September 12, 2022**

9AM Greg Pleta (Living)

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**9AM Joan McCarthy  
& Timothy McCarthy, Jr.**Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

9AM Ruth Ann Blomberg

**Thursday, September 15, 2022**

9AM Matt Dooley

**Friday, September 16, 2022**

9AM Mary Gleogler

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

5PM Alexander Forcina

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**8AM Debra Ryan  
10AM Joan & Ralph Cervo  
12PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
5PM June Bell  
Irene Badger  
Jeanne Loechner*In our thoughts and prayers.**Nancy Abbandola**Taylor Agurto**Joanne Angelastro**Milan Baranek**Edward Bennett**Mary Berberich**John Brennan**Joanne Campbell**Baby Jack**Baby Kaylee**Marjorie Cirello**Dolores Costello**Julio Curra**Betty DiNicola**Eileen Dobrinkat**Matthew Dwyer**Bill Fife**Gerardo Franzese**Robert Galvin**Gloria Hannifin**Pat Hesse**Barbara Jenkins**Gail Kmitis**Jackie Kraemer**Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher**Christine Kropp**Virginia Marquardt**Brian Mohr**Josephine MacDougall**Jack McGreevy**Katherine McGreevy**Paul McMullin**Taylor Oshan**Jack Palamaro**Peter Palamaro, Jr.**Eileen Pio**Flo Puff**Ginesia Reale**John Rocco**Randall Sinz**Mary Sweeney**Theresa Vacchio**Nelson Villafior**Aidan Walden**Peggy Watts**Alyssa Zangari**Rosemarie Ziminski**Robert Ziminski***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.



Sacred Heart **Weekly Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday's from 12pm to 4pm** (12:30 if there is a funeral).

**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.



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.



*Let us remember all our parishioners who have been called home to our Loving God. We especially remember Joseph Rasulo Eileen Sweningson*



*The Bread & Wine for the week of September 11, 2022 have been donated by The Clarke Family In memory of Eileen Clarke*



*The Altar Flowers for the week of September 11, 2022 have been donated by The McCarthy Family In memory of Timothy McCarthy, Jr.*

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.  
2nd Lieutenant Jordan Paladino- US Army

### 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 re-  
turn 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.*



**The next Anointing of the Sick is  
Friday, October 7, 2022**

## 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, Clare Shorak*

### Ministry of Praise Pope's Prayer Intention September 2022

**Abolition of the Death Penalty**  
We pray that the death penalty, which  
attacks the dignity of the human person,  
may be legally abolished in every country

SEPTEMBER 11  
A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



We remember the first responders, firefighters, police, chaplains, emergency workers, and all the brave who risked, and lost, their lives in the tragic events of 9/11. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

*Paul Battaglia*

*Captain Daniel Brethel*

*Herman Broghammer*

*Matthew Gryzmalski*

*Robert Helmke*

*James Kelly*

*Brian McCauley*

*Katie Mc Garry Noack*

*John Sajnocki*

*Michael Andrew Tamuccio*

*John Damien Vaccacio*

*Frank Vignola, Jr.*



## Faith Formation

Classes begin on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Students in Grades 1-5 will be dropped off and picked up at their classroom.

Students in 6th grade will enter and exit from the Fr. Martin door. 7th and 8th graders will enter and exit through the regular Faith Formation entrance. Please be mindful of others in the parking lot.

Best practice is to park in a marked spot, rather than make your own. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

All students are asked to bring a pen or pencil and a folder. Students from Gr. 1 are asked to bring crayons. Books will be distributed on the first day of class and will be kept in the school.

**Families opting for Home Study for will be able to pick up their book and other materials on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:15pm-5:00pm and Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:15pm-5:00pm IN THE SCHOOL. Please use the door closest to the Faith Formation Office.**

Mass is an integral part of our formation and it is the public prayer of the church. All students in the Faith Formation Program need to hand in 15 Mass Attendance between September 11th and April 16th. Students will not be able to register for the next year if this requirement has not been met.

**Please do not send your child to class unless you have received a schedule letter from the office.** If there are financial issues - please contact the office to arrange some type of payment plan.

**There is an 2nd Grade Parent/Student Meeting on Thursday, September 29th at 4pm in the church.** First Holy Communion dates and other information will be distributed at this meeting. Please make every effort to attend with your child. Thank you.



Sacred Heart Parish now has a texting app so you can receive messages from the parish. Use the link below to join.

<https://www.remind.com/join/abf43hg>

Or text @abf43hg to 81010

## WeShare Information

WeShare, our online giving provider, was upgraded on June 15th. When you login, using your current email address and password, you will see the new landing page. Improvements to the platform include:

- Ability to donate to multiple collections at once.
- Improved process of updating your payment source information.
- Ability for more detailed receipts.
- Easier Account Creation.

### Word of Life September 11th

**“By our baptism, we are members of Christ’s body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God.”**  
USCCB, “Open Wide Our Hearts”



## CYO Basketball Registration

Sacred Heart CYO Basketball is registering Boys (Grades 4-8) and Girls (Grades 4-12) effective Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>.

ALL registration will be conducted on-line through the Sacred Heart Parish website ([sacredheartnm.org](http://sacredheartnm.org)) and will conclude on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee is \$175 per child. A \$10 discount will be provided for each additional child registered in the program. Maximum family registration fee is \$400. **Payment is by credit card only.**

The following guidelines apply to all registrants:

- \* All registrants must be either a member of SH Parish or reside within the SH Parish boundaries
- \* Maximum number of players, per team, is targeted at 12 players. Teams will be based on the number of registrants, player’s ability and available coaches for that grade
- \* Tryouts may be necessary based on the number of registrants and available coaches

Anyone interested in volunteering as either coach, assistant coach, scorekeeper or helping with building security are always welcome

Questions ? Please feel free to email [cyosports@sacredheartnm.org](mailto:cyosports@sacredheartnm.org)

## Magnificat Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapter Dinner

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022**

**6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

***Knights of Columbus***

**2985 Kenneth Place, Oceanside, NY  
Speaker Donna-Lou Fennema**

Tickets: \$60 per woman, Registration  
Required

Praise & Worship will be joyfully led by the  
Woods Worship Band directed by  
Elizabeth Woods.

**For more information email us at:**

[IHM.Magnificat@gmail.com](mailto:IHM.Magnificat@gmail.com)

Or call Judy Murphy  
917-453-5750



Sacred Heart's St. Vincent  
de Paul Conference will  
meet on the following  
days at 7pm in room 108  
in the school:

Sept 13th, Sept 27th, Oct 11th  
and Oct 25th

All are invited to attend. For additional  
information please email:  
SVDP@sacredheartnm.org

**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, Oct. 8th  
From 8 am to 2 pm in the school  
gym.**

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



### **OVER 50 CLUB**

Our first meeting of the new  
season will be held on  
Tuesday, September 20th at  
1pm in the school cafeteria. Dues for  
2022-2023 will be collected at this meeting

We will also distribute the fall schedule of  
events and the luggage tags for our  
Woodloch Pines trip. The final payment is  
due by September 10, 2022.

Please try to attend this important meeting  
if at all possible. You may contact me,  
Mary DeSantis for further information  
@ 516-378-1335. Looking forward to  
seeing you then!

St Raphael's is looking for a temporary  
receptionist until February.  
Thursdays & Fridays from 10am - 3pm.  
Hours are flexible.

Ideal for Moms of school age children.  
Duties include answering telephones &  
doors...very light clerical work.  
Anyone interested should contact Nancy  
or Diane at 516-785-0236.

## Remembering and Caring for our Senior Priests

*Do you ever think about a favorite Pastor or Parish Priest and wonder how they are and where they may be living?*

Well, for our Senior Priests who are living at St. Pius X Residence, life is good and sometimes very busy.



*"We are very happy that more and more of our Priests are taking advantage of this wonderful facility. We thank you for your support, we depend on it, especially now with the increasing costs we are experiencing. We couldn't do it without you!"*

- Rev. Msgr. Thomas Costa,  
Vicar for Senior Priests

*"Since I arrived at St. Pius X, I have found living here like being at home. I have found much happiness with my fellow priests and in the entire community, and I especially appreciate the support I receive. Thank you for helping to make this home possible."*

- Rev. Msgr. T Peter Ryan



Even in retirement our senior priests retain roles as our shepherds, and St. Pius X enables these dedicated men who live there to be fully engaged members of the community. *"Still on duty,"* they serve as our teachers, counselors, and spiritual leaders.

**The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Residence will take place next weekend. Please be as generous as possible! Thank You!**

[www.drvc.org/stpiusx](http://www.drvc.org/stpiusx)



**THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK**


*"The Journey of Hope..."*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to join us to walk or make a donation to help.

**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Cedar Creek Park, Seaford**  
**Check-in: 8:30 AM Walk Start: 10 AM**

Scan the QR Code & search  
**Sacred Heart - North Merrick SVDP**  
 or visit  
[http://svdpli.convio.net/goto/Sacred\\_Heart\\_NMerrick](http://svdpli.convio.net/goto/Sacred_Heart_NMerrick)

Register Or Donate 



MEETING MENTAL HEALTH WITH GRACE

**SUICIDE PREVENTION**

**988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline**

988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the new Suicide & Crisis Lifeline which is now active throughout the U.S.

When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors who will listen, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary for any mental health emergency.

Loved ones can also call 988 for support in helping a person in need. If you or someone you love are thinking of ending your life, please know you are not alone. Help is out there.

*Ask. Keep them safe.  
 Be there.  
 Help them connect. Follow up.*

Find out why this can save a life by visiting [www.BeThe1to.com](http://www.BeThe1to.com)

If you think someone might be considering suicide...

**#BeThe1to:**

**Ask**  
 Ask directly, "Are you thinking about killing yourself?"

**Be there**  
 Listen to their reasons for feeling hopeless and in pain. Listen without judgment and with compassion and empathy.

**Keep them safe**  
 Separate them from anything they are thinking of using to hurt themselves.

**Help them connect to resources**  
 Help them build a support system, including 988, Text: HELLO to 741741, family, friends, clergy, coaches, co-workers or therapists.

**Follow up with them.**  
 It can make all the difference.  
<https://www.bethelto.com>

**The Catholic Daughter's of the Americas**  
**Court Bishop Kellenberg #1756**

Would like to Thank the following business for their unwavering support of our organization!

**WILLIAM G SALON**

Their generous donations allow us to help so many deserving people.

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers Ministry** will be holding their meeting on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at the North Merrick Public Library, Merrick from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. All are welcome, no experience necessary and supplies are given.