

**Parish Membership
Welcome to Sacred Heart!**

We hope that all new residents of the Merricks and surrounding communities will feel at home at Sacred Heart and will tell us of their presence by registering at the Parish Center. Call and make an appointment so that one of the parish staff can meet and welcome you. Likewise, if you move out of the parish, let us know so that we can wish you a fond farewell and correct our records.



Parish Registration

Every parishioner should be formally registered with the parish. Otherwise, it becomes increasingly difficult to serve parishioners by issuing letters in connection with sponsorship of Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony; it becomes almost impossible to give recommendations for schools, positions or character reference if we do not know you. In like manner, we cannot verify your contributions to the Church for tax purposes unless you use the regular envelopes or checks. Won't you help us help you?

Christian Initiation into the Church

If you are interested, we would love to have you join us as a Roman Catholic. Call Sister JoAnn Walsh at X 29 at the Parish Center.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Reception of the Eucharist at Home

We'd like to do what we can if a family member is homebound due to illness or infirmity. Therefore, call Sister Pat at 379-6123 to schedule a communion call or anointing and to let her know of any family members in the hospital.



Caring Hands Visitation

We call and visit parishioners who are homebound, in the hospital or in a nursing home. To request a visit for yourself or a family member, call the Outreach Office at 379-6123 or Sister Carmelina Lally, CSJ at 377-6405.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Spirit blows where and when the Spirit blows. So never hesitate to call a priest at the Parish Center to make an appointment to go to confession. Or come on Saturday between 4-4:45 PM to the Church where a priest would be available.



BULLETIN NOTICE

Assure yourself full coverage by having your notice to the Parish Center no later than **Mon., July 26 ~ 9 AM** for **Sun., Aug. 8** issue of the bulletin. You may also email it by that date to: shparish@optonline.net Thank you

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION



Sacred Heart considers it a privilege to continue Jesus' welcome to the little children. We welcome parents who wish to present their children for Baptism. In doing so, we are aware that we pledge to help parents as they raise their children in the faith of Jesus Christ. We do this by interviewing the parents of "first borns" prior to the Baptism preparation class.

The entire process is begun by the parents contacting the Parish Center to complete the Baptism Registration form three months before the Baptism date. In choosing godparents, parents might be interested in knowing that the Church asks that godparents be:

- A) at least sixteen years old
- B) baptized and confirmed
- C) living an upright Catholic life

We celebrate Baptisms on the first and third Sundays of the month at 2:00PM (except during Lent when there are no Baptisms). For info on how we can help you, please call 379-1356 X10.

RESERVATION OF DATES FOR MARRIAGES



Congratulations on your engagement! We love celebrating life and love with our parishioners here at Sacred Heart. We'd like to be part and parcel of your preparation right from the beginning, so contact the Parish Center as soon as possible (ideally a year in advance) so that we can work with you in preparing for your marriage.

A face to face discussion is the best way to do this. So, call for an information packet, "get it to the Church on time" (ASAP) and we'll roll up our sleeves and dig into the preparations so you can move from us to the date and details of the reception hall.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Second Time

Robert Martin Pavlick Megan McCarthy Groia
St. Thomas Apostle Sacred Heart, N. Merrick
W. Hempstead



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Let us remember all our parishioners who have been called home to Our Loving God. May they rest in peace and may their families, relatives and friends be consoled by our prayerful concern.

Margaret Abrams





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

One of the other things we did during our staff meeting in June was to discuss the matter of the "Pulpit Announcements" at Mass. The liturgical guidelines urge us

to realize that the announcements should be brief and that they must be given only if they are necessary because they are foreign in themselves to the Liturgy.

We already spend a great deal of time preparing the weekly Bulletin and that should be the main vehicle for communicating parish news and activities. It can be secured on Sundays in hard copy or on our website.

Another issue we discussed was the parking situation. Some of our elderly members have had a challenging time parking close to the church. Upon researching the matter, we recalled having to go to the Town of Hempstead Zoning Board to ask for permission to have less parking spaces than are actually called for. They approved in as much as the school and church are never operating at full capacity at the same time.

If we were to add additional "Handicapped Parking spaces" we would use up three regular parking spaces for every two handicapped that we added. That would put us in violation of the variance we received.

So, we ask all of us to be considerate on Sundays. Let the well and able leave the front parking space for our seniors out of a sense of gratitude for all they have done for us.

Fr. G

SUMMER HOURS

The Parish Pastoral Center summer weekday hours, **beginning Thursday, July 1** will be from **9 AM to 4:30 PM.**

The Church will be open for the 9 AM Mass and throughout the weekdays until 3 PM.



FREE HEARING SCREENING

Dr. Carolyn Genna will provide free hearing screening in her Williston Park office beginning Monday, July 19 through Thursday, July 29. Call for an appointment: 873-9742

THANK YOU FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

We would like to thank Fr. Gallagher, Fr. D'Angelo, Deacon Bedell, Don Johnson, Pat Hall and the Bell and Adult Choir. Our gratitude to the REP Board, hospitality committee, and our parishioners for all the kind words and well wishes at the beautiful Religious Education Appreciation Mass on June 27.

We would also like to thank all our parents for sharing your children with us on the journey of faith these past 22 years. Our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, teachers, helpers and student teachers. Our ministry, to serve your sons and daughters in growing in the faith, has been a great blessing for us. We ask you, the first and best of teachers in the faith, to continue to walk with and encourage them as they continue their formal Religious Education here at Sacred Heart. Thank you and as always, may God Bless Us, Everyone!

In God's Love,
Cecelia Lerro, Barbara Massaro & Marjorie Cirello

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Monday, July 26**

9 AM Albert Bardwil

Tuesday, July 27

9 AM Rose Catalano

Wednesday, July 28

9 AM James A. Coffey

Thursday, July 29

9 AM Adele Rose Forte

Friday, July 30

9 AM Jeanne Harrington

Saturday, July 31

5 PM Edward D. Hesse

Stephen F. Kreischer

Fr. Kenneth F. Slattery, CM

Cathy Vasile

John Driscoll

Sunday, August 1

8 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

10 AM Kathleen Quinn

12 PM August Horvath

5 PM Katie & Gregory Skulski

John Cassisi

It is the policy of this Church and the intention of each priest that the Masses celebrated will be for the intentions listed in the Parish Mass Book.

SACRED HEART MEMORIAL SOCIETY

For an offering of \$50, a deceased loved one can be enrolled in the society and will share in the spiritual benefits of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered each First Friday for one year. Appropriate Memorial Cards are available.

**17th WEEK ~ ORDINARY TIME****Monday** Jeremiah 13:1-11, Matthew 13:31-35**Tuesday** Jeremiah 14:17-22, Matthew 13:36-43**Wednesday** Jeremiah 15:10,16-21, Matthew 13:44-46**Thursday** Jeremiah 18:1-6, John 11:19-27**Friday** Jeremiah 26:1-9, Matthew 13:54-58**Saturday** Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24, Matthew 14:1-12**18th SUNDAY ~ ORDINARY TIME****Sunday** Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23,

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11, Luke 12:13-21



Peter Abbate

Albert Acker

Margie Baker

Joseph Baltzer

Mark Bivona

George Bornschein

David Brady

Philip Califano

Fred Cardinale

John M. Carroll

Salvatore Catalano

Donald Coffey

Patricia Costigan

Irene Cummings

Irene Daviau

Anita Dougherty

Joseph Dougherty

John Driscoll

William Dudley

Margaret Esposito

Catherine Feduniak

Bridget Feminella

John J. Fitzpatrick, Jr.

Joan Forth

Sr. Mary Helen Fowler, CSJ

Patrick Gallagher

S. Marie Vianney Gallagher

Anthony Galoci

Martin E. Geraghty

Barbara Grecky

Walter Grecky

Ann Harrington

Madelyn Jakoby

James Harry Kaiser

Walter T. Kelly, Sr.

Nina Knettel

John Kok

Julie Krill

Priscilla Landro

Desiree Lane

Cecelia Lerro

Robert Linzey

Deborah Losak

Joseph Machiski

Margaret Machiski Connors

Vera Manes

Patricia McCormack

Daria Mongelli

Rosemary Moore

Gary Mugno

Tracy Neston

Ray O'Keefe

Jack Palamaro

Anna Raheb

Lillian Rocco

John Rynn

Vincenza Scuderi

Don Sheahan

Ruth Shapfer

Elise Steiner

William Stottler, Jr.

Maryanna Suhr

Rev. Aaron Vellaramparampil

Rita Zodda

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Names are placed in this weekly bulletin for a four week period and then removed, unless we are notified by a family member to continue listing the name. **Please notify our Parish Center if you want to continue to have your loved one remembered in prayer.** Otherwise, due to lack of space, the name will be removed.

Thank you!



Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In today's gospel Jesus "teach[es] us to pray." More important, he teaches us to whom we pray: God who is a generous and caring Father. He also teaches us for what we should pray: not just for immediate needs but for ultimate needs: the furthering of God's kingdom, the gift of forgiveness and protection from anything that would take us from God.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for stewards in our parish who by their ministry of outreach to God's poor, work to bring daily bread to the hungry.

Weekend Offertory Collection July 17-18, 2010

Amount Collected	\$ 21,544
Fiscal Year to Date	\$1,030,474
Amt Needed to Cover Expenses	\$ 1,089,878
Surplus (Deficit)	<-\$59,404>

2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal (as of 07/01/10)

Pledged	\$71,120
Paid	\$59,350
# of Gifts	377

JULY 31 - AUGUST 1, 2010

2 1/2% of the tithe will go to the

GOOD COUNSEL HOME

Good Counsel Home is a small group home for pregnant and parenting teenage mothers and their infants. It is located in Roosevelt and is run by the Oblate Sisters of the Most Holy Redeemer, who very often celebrate morning Mass with us.

WANT TO FIND OUT YOUR FIVE GREATEST STRENGTHS AND USE THEM IN MINISTRY/SERVICE?

...mark your calendar for Saturdays, Oct. 23 & Nov. 13 (10:30AM -12 Noon). Meet right here at Sacred Heart!

More to come...

AUTOMATED GIVING

There are two forms of Automated Giving here at Sacred Heart. We have **ParishPay** through which your regular offertory donation can be electronically and automatically transferred to the parish from your checking account, savings account or credit card.

To sign up with **ParishPay** go online to the Sacred Heart website at www.hearttoheartparish.org

OR

You may also make your donation by using an **online bill paying service**. This generates a paper check to the parish, which is then handled as a regular contribution in the same manner in which the parish currently handles checks that come in the mail. Just direct your online payment service to make Sacred Heart a regular recipient.

By using either method of payment you can still continue to participate in the ritual at the Offertory of the Mass by dropping your empty weekly envelope in the collection.

Questions? Call Carol Guilfoyle - 379-1356 X11

Pastoral Formation Institute

What does your faith mean to you?

If you would like to

- Deepen your faith
- Renew your prayer life
- Articulate your beliefs with confidence
- Develop leadership skills for ministry
- Share your faith in a small community environment
- Learn the theological reflection process

Pastoral Formation Institute, PFI, might just be for you!

PFI is an educational process of a lived faith based classroom community. As an adult Catholic you will learn *how to be church, how to live church and how to bring church to others.*

Over 2000 Catholics on Long Island in the Diocese of Rockville Centre have participated in PFI. Classes for 2010 are scheduled at St. Pius X in Plainview, Mondays from 7:30pm -9:30pm. Classes in Spanish are scheduled at St. Brigid's in Westbury, Saturdays 9:30-2:00pm.

For more information log onto <http://www.drvc-faith.org/PastoralFormationInstitute.html> or contact Estelle Peck, 516-678-5800x200, e-mail: epeck@drvc.org

URGENT NEED! Can you Help?

A parishioner is in need of a kidney. If you are interested in volunteering and willing to be tested, please call the Parish Center 379-1356. Also, please remember this intention in your prayers.

**PARISH
SOCIAL MINISTRIES****Don't Forget Pantry Sunday**

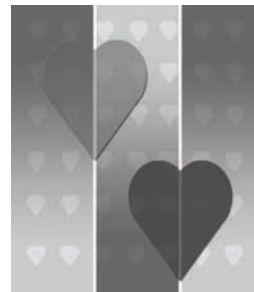
Last Sunday of the Month ~ July 25

As always, we are most grateful for your generosity!
Sr. Pat

**Follow-Up Bereavement Gathering**

Tuesday August 3
7:30 PM

Convent Meeting Room
All are invited
More info: Sr. Pat
379-1356 X19

**BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT
SACRED HEART!**

Friday, August 6

3 - 8:30 PM

Long Island Blood Services Bus
on grounds of Sacred Heart

Blood saves lives!
For info: 379-1356

*If Sacred Heart has been important to you
in your lifetime, please consider leaving a gift to
your beloved parish*

**A DETAILED, CONCISE TOUR
OF OUR NEW CHURCH BUILDING...**

...will be scheduled for groups of parishioners and interested parties. Individuals should call the parish center (379-1356) and leave their name and number to be contacted and scheduled by the tour guide.

HEART - TO - HEART BALL

Plans for the gala Dinner/Dance on **Saturday, October 30** are moving along. You should have received your invitation. Please take note all of the ways in which you can participate in this spectacular anniversary event. We are looking forward to celebrating with you, and hope you and your friends will join us.

Heart to Heart Ball Committee Members

welcome all of your questions and will be pleased to help in any we can. Just give us a call; we'd love to hear from you!

General Information:

Fr. Joseph D'Angelo 379-1356 X24
Anne Marie Vaccacio 608-2328

Journal: Susan Minogue 917-703-4212

Reservations: May Rossi 379-9663

Raffle Prizes: Anne Marie Ruvolo 458-2829

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS SUMMER AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL?

An exciting and new Summer Camp will be held daily from 9-5 in Sacred Heart School during the month of July for all Elementary age Children.

While some grade levels are closed for the 2010/2011 school year, there are still openings -- please call school office for more info 378-5797.

School office will be open during July 9AM-12 noon



RCIA CORNER

Sacred Heart Parish invites you to "Come and See". Come to learn about our faith and what we believe as Catholics.

We will begin the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) in the Fall.

If you desire to become a Catholic, or to complete your initiation into the Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist, or if you wish to come into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, please "Come and See".

For more information and to register, please complete the form and return it to the Parish Center, or call Sr. Jo Ann Walsh at 379-1356 X 29 for an initial interview.

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

I am interested in receiving:

Baptism ___ Eucharist ___ Confirmation ___

Coming into Full Communion with the Catholic Church ___

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

For those who like to gather to meet on a regular basis to deepen their understanding of Contemplative Prayer, as well as experience this Prayer in the supportive presence of others, we invite you to join us . . .

Next Meeting:

Thursday, July 29 (1:30-3:00PM) Parish Center

After the practice of Centering Prayer there will be opportunity for brief input and sharing. At some gatherings we will provide input with video tapes and general sharing.

For further information, contact: Sr. Jo Ann Walsh at 379-1356 X 29 or Larry Conlon at 623-6684

9/11 MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY

On Sunday, September 12, 2010, we will have a special Mass and Memorial Dedication in honor of the victims of the World Trade Center tragedy.

First, we will dedicate a bronze plaque on which will be mounted two pieces of steel cut from the ruins of the Twin Towers. The plaque, mounted in the gathering space and suitably inscribed, will honor the police officers, firefighters, rescue personnel, as well as members of the Sacred Heart Parish family who also perished on 9/11/01.

Secondly, we will dedicate the 9/11 Stained Glass Rose Window over the main entrance, which contains the various symbols commemorating that day.

Third, we will bless two new marble statues: St. Michael – Patron of Police Officers, and St. Florian - Patron of Firefighters.

We are planning to have the Ceremonial Unit Color Guards from the New York City Police Department, the Port Authority Police Department, the Fire Department of New York City, and the Nassau County Police Department, present and participating in the ceremonies.

We are encouraging ALL members of the parish who are police officers, firefighters, and rescue personnel (active & retired) to attend IN UNIFORM, since this celebration will also be to honor those who are still serving in these professions.

We invite and encourage any families in the parish who have lost loved ones at 9/11/01 to also to attend. The names of these civilians will be read at the Mass.

THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART

Thurs., July 29 ~ Contemplative Prayer Mtg.
1:30PM Parish Center.

SAVE THE DATE!

Thurs., Aug. 5 ~ Contemplative Prayer Mtg.
1:30PM Parish Center.

Friday, Aug. 6 ~ Blood Drive (3-8:30 PM) at Sacred Heart.

Sunday, Sept. 12 ~ Special Mass & Memorial Dedication in honor of the victims of World Trade Center tragedy.

DOMINICAN COMMERCIAL H. S.

Reunion

Sunday afternoon ~ Oct. 3, 2010

Sisters of St. Dominic

Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse

555 Albany Ave., Amityville

For info or to receive an invitation:

Call 631-942-6000 X351

or email: dcgrads@yahoo.com

WELCOME, LITTLE ONES!

Baptized at Sacred Heart Church



June 6

Hailey Rose Bradley
Kane Christopher Bradley
Christopher Chase LaVacca
California Rose O'Grady Miller
Gavin Daniel Zenie

June 20

Molly Elizabeth Kafka

July 18

Faith Madelyn Cousins
Daniel Ryan Dowling, Jr.
Keira Kathleen Gildernew
Megan Elizabeth Hobdy
Scarlett Grace Wilson

PARISHIONERS IN ARMED FORCES



Several years ago, we inscribed the names of loved ones - parishioners and non-parishioners in a book placed before Our Lady of Fatima. We continue to collect the names of **PARISHIONERS** who are actively serving the Armed Forces. Please send their name, rank and branch of service in writing to the Parish Center c/o Father Gallagher.

Sacred Heart Parish salutes and commends to prayer:

Sgt. Daniel Tonon, U.S. Army
Sgt. Richard DeTommaso U.S.Army, Korea
Sgt. First Class Lee Ann Gouveia U.S. Army
L CPL Anthony Rusciano, USMC, Iraq
L CPL Troy Grassi, USMC, Iraq
SSgt. Edgar C. Francisco, U.S.M.C.
Col. James K. Lavine, USMC
Maj. Timothy W. Schnelle, U.S.M.C.
Lt. Kevin Ryan, Ranger, 101st Airborne
Sgt James Moore, U.S. Army
Pvt. Andrew Reynolds, U.S. Army
Capt. Stephen W. Deere, U. S. Army
3rd Cl. Petty Officer Michael Patrick Collins, US Navy
L CPL Elyse Franzitta, USMC
Robert A. M. Bernhardt, USMC
L CPL Kevin P. Vaughan, USMC, Afghanistan
2nd Lt. Christopher Darconte, US Air Force
PPC Craig Laliberte US Army, Afghanistan

Prayer For 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.

GOOD NEWS!

We are happy to inform you that we received word that

Capt. John D. Devoti, USMC Iraq
Spc. Kevin Burke, U.S. Army, Afghanistan

have returned home safely from the armed forces!
We thank them for their service and pray for them!