

Sacred Heart Troop 123 Celebrates 50 years 1958 - 2008

Celebrating 50 years of Scouting! By Don Harris & Pam Pasieka

March 31, 1958 the Boy Scout Troop 123 chartered by Sacred Heart Parish began, making this year the 50th Anniversary of a legacy that we are so proud to share with you.

The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service. The award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years. Not every boy who joins a Boy Scout troop earns the Eagle Scout rank; only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts do so. This represents more than 1.7 million Boy Scouts who have earned the rank since 1912. Nevertheless, the goals of Scouting-citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness - remain important for all Scouts, whether or not they attain the Eagle Scout rank.

Boy Scouts volunteer their time between their troop, church, school and community. Here in this parish Scouts have been helping with Welcome Back Sunday, Christmas Decorating, the Easter Vigil and wherever a few extra hands are needed. They have been lending a hand for the past 50 years and are continuing that tradition to this day.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Although many options are available to demonstrate proficiency in these areas, a number of specific skills are required to advance through the ranks - Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle. To advance, a Boy Scout must pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges.

Merit badges signify the mastery of certain Scout craft skills, as well as helping boys increase their skill in an area of personal interest. You will see that when you read what some of our Eagle Scouts are currently doing now. Of the 120 merit badges available, 21 must be earned to qualify for Eagle Scout. Of this group, 12 badges are required, including First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Environmental Science, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Camping, and Family Life.

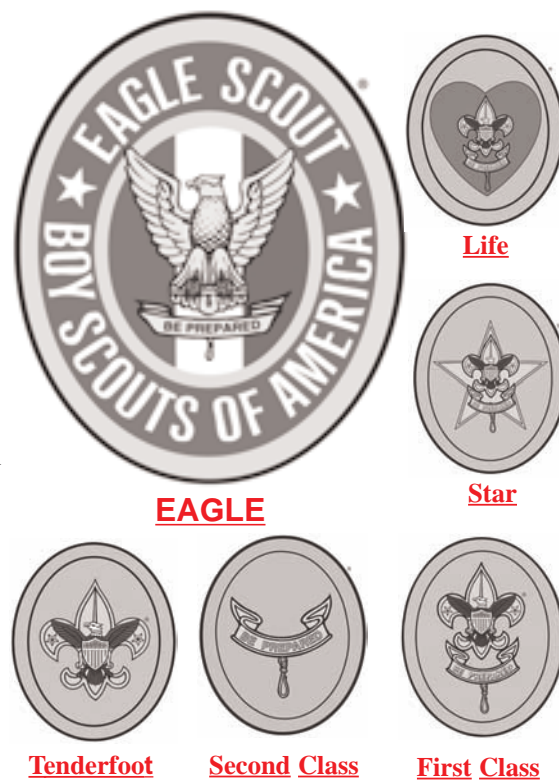
Beginning with the Star rank, and continuing through Life and Eagle, a Scout must demonstrate participation in increasingly more responsible service projects. At these levels, he also must demonstrate leadership skills by holding one or more specific youth positions of responsibility in his troop.

This ultimately brings the Scout to the final service project that will be helpful to a religious organization, school and/or community. The project has to benefit an organization other than the Boy Scouts. After being approved by the Scout Master, Troop Committee Chairman and the Chairman of the Eagle Board for this community, the scout has to plan, organize and coordinate donations and/or materials for the project and enlist the help of his fellow scouts and volunteers including many parents to complete the project.

This outstanding award is recognized by Leaders of the Community, Town Leaders, County Leaders, Governors, Senators, The Defense Department and the Police Department

and the Police Department, The Vice President of the United States and even the President of the United States. Each of the following Eagle Scouts has received citations and recognition from these dignitaries. An American Flag is flown over our nation's Capitol in honor of every Eagle Scout and the Scout is presented with this special flag to keep.

Needless to say, you now know how important this award is and so do the following 55 Eagle Recipients as they have the privilege to include this achievement on their college applications and their employment applications. It will forever be one of the most important accomplishments that they have ever done, setting the path for many more wonderful things to come.



We proudly present Boy Scout Troop 123's Eagle Recipients:

1964

Frederick Warren

1966

Paul Rottkamp

Peter Warren

1968

Robert Massa

Charles Lovett

1971

Robert Colao

1974

Lawrence O'Toole

1976

Perry Colao

Brian Ferris

Project: Car Wash/Garage Sale to benefit Sacred Heart Charities.

Brian is currently a Chiropractor

1978

Richard Hans

1981

Joseph Valenson

Joseph Faust

1982

Ernest Smoker

Gene Cioffi

Frank Cioffi



Michael Tamuccio

In Memory of

Michael Tamuccio who was

lost on September 11, 2001

1984

Gregory Vilardi

Patrick Marzano

Project: Vial of Life Health Information Kit for seniors. Patrick is currently a Physician and Hospital Administrator.



1986

John Korzekwinski

1991

Thomas Platt

Project: Blood Drive

Thomas is currently working in Engineering Dept at Comcast Communications.

1992

Anthony Pirozzi

1994

Kevin Dunne

1995

Douglas Krisch

1997

Brian Ronan

Project: Recycling Batteries to raise awareness of the danger of throwing batteries in regular trash. Brian is currently a Computer Scientist at Adobe Systems Inc in Seattle, WA.

1998

Christopher Baldauf

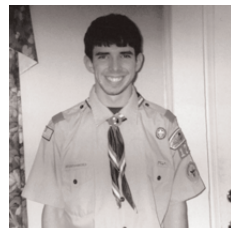
1999

Kevin Didden

Project: Reconstructed 30 birdhouses at Jones Beach to benefit the Parks Dept and helping to control the insect population. Currently working as a System Analyst for Universal Security Systems. Volunteer fire fighter/EMT for the N. Bellmore Fire Dept.

James Perrotta

Project: Dune Protection at Jones Beach, picked project because sand dunes were in danger of collapsing into the ocean. James is currently a High School Teacher.



Ryan Stewart

Project: Book collection and recycled to children and shut-ins. Ryan is currently working as an Investment Banker at JP Morgan.

2000

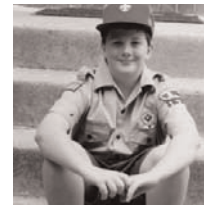
Michael Dour

Project: Outdoor Crèche Sacred Heart Church.

2001

Jimmy Dalto

Project: Blood Drive. Jimmy is currently a Executive Recruiter-Accounting Finance Division at Solomon-Page Group LLC.



Jeffrey Harris

Project: Child Safety & Kid Pix. Conducted a workshop for kids to educate about child abductions. They had a kid pix picture taken along with a full set of fingerprints which they were able to take home.

Billy Rueck

2002

Christopher Safrath

Terence McCormick

Project: Restoration of the Stations of the Cross, Queen of Peace Residence benefiting the Little Sisters and their residents. Terence is a Graduate student-Providence College.

Denny Montoro

Project: Built Butterfly Houses to benefit Merrick Reserve and the high population of butterflies. Graduated college at UNLV in Las Vegas, working as a Financial Analyst.



Scott Bernstein

Project: Blood Drive
The friendships I have formed through scouting have stayed with me until today.

Danny Pfeifer

Tom Galazka

Project: Vial for Life. Written list of medications kept in central location, usually on the refrigerator, meant for an emergency. Tom is currently working as a Lead Support Engineer at Didt Search Marketing.

2003

Brian Thompson

Project: Planting beach grass in areas of Gilgo Beach that suffered from erosion and to promote nesting area for piping plovers a species of birds that are endangered. Graduated 2007 from URI with degree in ocean engineering and employed as a field engineer with an international dredge and dock building company currently on assignment in Cape Canaveral, Florida.



Matthew Pasieka

Project: Built new crèche for Sacred Heart Parish. The parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish have benefited from my project. Currently attending CW Post College pursuing a Masters Degree and also a volunteer EMT and firefighter at North Merrick Fire Dept.

Michael Kovacik

Project: Building bat boxes and cleaning up part of Meroke Preserve. Currently junior at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD majoring in chemical engineering.

2004

Stephen Schuerlien

Project: American Flag collection and flag retirement ceremony. Over several weeks I collected 375 flags with the help of friends, scouts and the Merrick Fire Dept. I held a flag retirement ceremony and burned the flags in a dignified manner. Currently I am an irrigation and electrical lighting technician for a landscape design company.

Brendan Lane

Concrete walk and ramp at St. Christopher Otilie benefiting the physically challenged. Graduated Regis HS, NYC, Graduated Georgetown University, currently working with the investment banking firm of Perella Weinberg Partners in NYC..

Dennis Ryan

Project: Growing crops for use in food shelters benefiting the Interfaith Nutritional Network out of Hempstead, NY. Currently living and studying abroad in Thailand and China.

2005

Danny Nieves

Project: Large flower boxes for Fulton Commons Care Center. Currently a sophomore at Loyola College in Maryland. This year I became a resident assistant and I was chosen to be a member of the Sellinger Scholars Program which is a program for select business and management students.



Bill Meiselas

Project: Collection and delivery of personal care items to the Mary Brennan Inn, a local homeless shelter. Currently a freshman at Fordham University pursuing a pre-medical program



2006

Frank Avallone

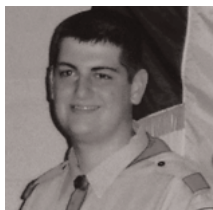
Project: Jessie Tree Sacred Heart Church

Kevin Deere

Project: Woodchip trail at Sagamore Hill. Currently a sophomore at Fairfield University in Connecticut studying accounting.

John Griffin

Project: Built Fire Pit at Nickerson Beach. Currently attending Fordham University.



Thomas Conza

Project: Refurbishing a section of a 100 year old wall that surrounds the property of Queen of Peace Residence and planting around the grounds as well. Currently in my second year of Loyola College in Maryland, one day hoping to have a degree in accounting.



James Sisti

Project: Collected Wal-Mart gift cards from 3 churches and 4 schools for victims of hurricane Katrina. With the help of a fellow scout from New Orleans and a Brother of the Sacred Heart also from New Orleans, we collected approximately \$6,000 in donations and were also able to donate \$1,000 to a Boy Scout troop in New Orleans that lost all their equipment in the hurricane. Currently I am a sophomore at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn studying illustration and graphic arts.

Glenn Greubel

Project: Installed two horseshoe pits at Nickerson Beach, Lido, NY benefiting our local community. Currently a Freshman at Molloy College studying history/secondary education/special education and an Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 123.

2007

Andrew Pasieka

Project: Rebuild a 750ft fence used to enclose farm animals and to clear 125ft of brush for Old Bethpage Restoration Village in Bethpage, NY. Currently a freshman at Towson University in Maryland.

Michael Motley

Project: Toy Box and bookshelf for the Pediatrics Wing of Mercy Medical Center. With the help of friends, scouts, family and community volunteers I constructed the box and was able to stock the clinic with toys, books, new DVD player and videos for the children. Currently a student at Chaminade High School.



Read more on the Eagle Scouts in the next issue of the PULSE.

Sacred Heart Church Welcomes New Parishioners



Jeanine & Victoria
Vallone



Maria & Antoinette
Pandolfo



Michelle Guzardo &
Daughter



Frank, Melissa, Chris &
Oliva Parrone



Jerry, Maria & Sabrina
Raia



Dan Zenie



Anthony, Iris & Liat
Wirmusky



Minnie Rodriguez

Memorial Gifts to Sacred Heart Parish

**On Behalf Of The
HOGERTY FAMILY**
Cathy & Charlie Kulins

**On Behalf Of The
VERDERBER FAMILY**
Cathy & Charlie Kulins

**In Loving Memory of
GIUSEPPE VESSILLO**
Susan & Jack Minogue

Memorial Gift and Honor Fund is a way to remember loved ones who are celebrating the happy moments of life: anniversaries, marriages, graduations. It may also celebrate the life of a loved ones deceased. Contributions in any amount help our parish grow and are "forever" gifts. The donation cards are available in the Parotal Center, and in all local funeral homes. A listing of gifts is printed in the Parish Pulse and a card is sent to the recipients or relatives. For further information, call Sister Marie Danaher, 379-1356.

Sacred Heart School Goes Green By Diane Waldhof

On Tuesday, December 4, 2007, Ned Johnson, the Chief Park Ranger for the Town of Hempstead, came to Sacred Heart School in North Merrick, to make a presentation to the students about recycling. He discussed the importance of recycling, and the many things that are made from recycled materials.

The fourth graders at Sacred Heart raised money, as part of their stewardship project, to purchase two commercial grade recycling containers, so that they could start a recycling program at their school. The containers will enable the children to recycle plastic bottles and cans in their school cafeteria, and recycle paper in their classrooms, making their world cleaner, and making Sacred Heart a whole lot 'greener'.



*Doing our part to
make school and
the world a
cleaner place*



Special Education Mass



Annual Thanksgiving Project

By Diane Waldhof

On November 18, 2007, the students of Sacred Heart School took part in their annual Thanksgiving Project. Each grade brought in different food items which were donated to the Sacred Heart Parish Outreach, and distributed to needy families.

The Third grade class who donated stuffing and cranberry sauce.



A Breakfast With Santa

By Diane Waldhof

Sacred Heart School Gets A Visit From Santa

Sacred Heart School hosted its eagerly anticipated 16th Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 8th to a sold out crowd of 400 guests. There were raffles and prizes galore with the proceeds benefiting Sacred Heart School. Everyone enjoyed a delicious hot breakfast that was cooked up by chef and Sacred Heart parent, Brian Coleman and his wife Mary.

The children enjoyed games and prizes, face-painting, clowns, balloon animals, and of course a visit from Santa! It was an enjoyable day for all who attended.



Students Christine & James Waldhof, have a chat with Santa



Students Cassidy & ZacEstrella have their turn with Santa



Sacred Heart third grade students: Sylvanna Delprete, Samatha Lodato, Abigail Sheusi mailing letters to Santa.



Fifth graders Christine Waldhof, Danielle Lodato and Lauren DelGuidice.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations By Eileen Dever

In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted World Day for Consecrated Life. This year it is observed on February 3. Pope Benedict XVI issued a pastoral letter in February for the celebration of World Day of Prayer for Vocations. One of the general intercessions for that day is “For women and men who are living the consecrated life that they may let their lights shine as they give witness and inspire others to follow Jesus through the consecrated life, we pray...”

The Story of a Vocation

The story of a young woman - a late vocation one might say - is a joyful one that our parish plays a part in. Sister Lynn Caton, (CSJ) is working in ministry with Sister Pat Turley, (CSJ) in Outreach. She is a novice in the Sisters of St. Joseph, living at Brentwood with five other sisters. Sister Lynn commutes to Sacred Heart serving with Sister Pat as her mentor - she is Sister's shadow. In formation, she is learning the ministry of Outreach and its work in the parish and community.

Parishioners know the power of charity generated by Sister Pat. Sister Lynn is in awe of the Outreach dynamo and her helpers. “Sister Pat is so well-balanced in everything she does. She has opened her days to me and I see the compassionate way she deals with people.”

The novice was amazed at the generosity of the parish at Thanksgiving and Christmas. “There is absolutely a need...” she said and “people fill it.” Sister Lynn who entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in September 2006 as a candidate (formerly called postulant). She began her novitiate in June 2007. The novitiate is a two year period of deepening prayer, relationship with God, and the community. Her canonical year of the novitiate was to begin this past August in Orange County, California with a Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph from different parts of the country. At the

suggestion of the Director of Novices, Sister Mary Walsh, CSJ, Sister Lynn is waiting until August of 2008 to go to California and is completing her ministry year here at Sacred Heart. Because of family obligations, Sisters Lynn and Mary felt it would be best for her to be closer to home this year. This youthful, fresh -looking, refreshingly candid 44 year-old is the mother of a 23 year-old son who is getting married this March.

Lynn married young. When the marriage ended in divorce, she moved back to her parents' home and raised her son, while working on Long Island. “While at times, it was difficult for all of us, I always knew God was close. My son had a home and family because my family was wonderful and totally supportive. And I knew for that time, it was where I was meant to be.”

Lynn grew up in West Islip, the fifth child in a family of six, attended public schools and Our Lady of Lourdes Church. “I had little contact with nuns until I went to CCD, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.” Sister Paul Miriam, CSJ, her teacher in 5th grade, suggested to the class that Lent was a good time to do something - not just give something up. She suggested going to daily Mass and Lynn did. One day during Lent Sister invited Lynn to Mass in the convent chapel. It was a beautiful, peaceful place. I loved



Sister Lynn Caton

going to Mass. I believe Sister Paul Miriam planted a seed that day and that feeling didn't go away,” - but for a while, it fell on rocky ground.

Lynn became involved in her parish. “I learned what my gifts were.” She coached Little League, winning first place one year. She did well working in the financial industry. Her son went on to college. She was happy in her life. But there was that feeling - a feeling that had always been a part of her - thoughts of a religious life.

She then sought and was granted an annulment to end her marriage, thus freeing her to begin her search in earnest with her Spiritual Director and vocation directors. Religious orders welcomed her inquiries. Some communities do not accept mothers - many do. Canon law does specify that a candidate may not have any dependent children. Not a problem - her son had graduated from college, had a great job and was slightly shocked at his Mom's decision to enter the convent. *continued on page 11*



10th Anniversary

*Parish
Stewardship
Breakfast*



*Sunday
November 18, 2007*



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“The choice of a religious order was difficult. I felt welcomed everywhere” The Sisters of Charity Vocation Director Sister Susan Dean, pointed out that their foundress, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, was wife, widow and mother of five children. Lynn continued her praying and searching. “It was a joy to meet the women of different communities - they shared their vocation stories and their different charisms. During a weekend discernment retreat with the Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph, Lynn learned their

love of God and neighbor without distinction resonated deeply within her. Lynn made her decision to apply to that community.

The application process is extremely thorough - testing, interviewing, analysis - much work. When she was accepted, it was an affirmation of her choice.

What does Sister Lynn bring to the Sisters of St. Joseph? She brings the compassionate love of motherhood and the years of experience in the corporate world.

How does Sister Lynn see her future with the Sisters of St. Joseph? “The novitiate is a time of exploration, a time to grow deeper into the mystery of God's call. During my novitiate, I hope to discover where the world's needs, my talents and God's will meet. Then I will know I am where I belong.”

***May God bless you Sister Lynn.
Our prayers go with you!***

2007...A Jubilee Year *By Lois McDonald*

For American Religious women, the title Jubilee” takes its cue from the ancient biblical concept of reserving every fifth year as a year of gratitude to God. The blessings of life and the natural gifts of sustenance from the soil were to be celebrated in a special way at that time.

Religious Sisters usually commemorate 25, 50, 60, 70 and 75 years of Consecrated Life. If there should be 80, etc., we make sure to celebrate those too.

For us Sisters, it is a time of celebration with our religious community, family and friends. The stunning recognition that so much time has passed elicits feelings of gratitude and remembrance. It has been a joy and a privilege to have placed one's

talents and labors and cares into the hands of the Lord.

Here, at Sacred Heart Convent, two Sisters of St. Joseph affirmed that response to God in 2007. Sister Mary Leonie Conk and Sister Teresa Agnes Rorke look back on 70 and 60 years as Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister Leonie (here at Sacred Heart) and Sister Teresa have been involved within many levels of education throughout both dioceses. They know that much has come about because of the prayers, affection and support of the laity here and in many other parishes and places of service.

May God continue to nurture a genuine faith which we share with you, and may the inspiration we draw constantly from your dedicated lives be among our finest graces!



Sister Mary Leonie Conk



Sister Teresa Agnes Rorke

Sacred Heart Outreach & Troop #2536

In November Sacred Heart School Junior Troop #2536 met with Sister Pat Turley and Sister Lynn of the Parish Outreach and presented an array of food baskets and gift cards for a special family. The troop gathered the items and brought them to school from home within a week.

The troop gathered at their meeting, wrapped the baskets and received a wonderful talk from Sister Pat about how special they have made this Thanksgiving for this family. Their Troop Leaders Miss Mary and Miss Ginny also gave their personal donations.



Sr. Pat & Sr. Lynn with Troop #2536

SACRED HEART PARISH • WINTER CALENDAR 2008

EVENTS	DATE	DAY	TIME & LOCATION	CONTACT
FEBRUARY				
Therese - A Leonard de Fillippis Film	2/25&	Monday	7:30 to 9:30 p.m.,	Sr. JoAnn Walsh 379-1356 x29
	2/27	Thursday	11:00 am to 1:00 pm Convent Meeting Room	
TwoYear Olds “Heart to Heart” A Mom and Tots Group	2/27	Wednesday	9:30-10:30 a.m. Convent Meeting Room	Sr. Marjorie McGregor** 379-1356 x25
One Year Olds “Heart to Heart” A Mom and Tots Group	2/28	Thursday	9:30-10:30 a.m. Convent Meeting Room	Sr. Marjorie McGregor** 379-1356 x25
Family Focused Stations of the Cross	2/29	Friday	7:30 p.m., Church	Sr. Marjorie McGregor** 379-1356 x25
MARCH				
Landings - A program for Returning Catholics	3/4	Tuesday	7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Convent Meeting Room	Sr. JoAnn Walsh 379-1356 x29
Follow-Up Bereavement Gathering	3/4	Tuesday	7:30 p.m. Convent Meeting Room	Sr. Patricia Turley 379-1356 x19
Two Year Olds “Heart to Heart” A Mom and Tots Group	3/5	Wednesdays	9:30-10:30 a.m. Convent Meeting Room	Sr. Marjorie McGregor** 379-1356 x25
	3/12			
One Year Olds “Heart to Heart” A Mom and Tots Group	3/6	Thursdays	9:30-10:30 a.m. Convent Meeting Room	Sr. Marjorie McGregor** 379-1356 x25
	3/13			
Lenten Evening of Parish Renewal	3/6	Thursday	7:30 to 9:30 p.m. School Auditorium	Sr. JoAnn Walsh 379-1356 x29
Stations of the Cross	3/7	Fridays	7 :30 p.m., Church	Pastoral Associate 379-1356 x10
	3/14			
Lenten Soup Supper with Outreach	3/8	Saturday	6:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Susan 993-2480
Holy Name Society Organizational Meeting	3/10	Monday	8:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Frank Gandini 485-3284
Landings - A program for Returning Catholics	3/11	Thursday	7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Convent Meeting Room	Sr. JoAnn Walsh 379-1356 x29
Evening Prayer for the Bereaved	3/11	Tuesday	7:30 p.m. School Auditorium	Sr. Patricia Turley 379-1356 x19
Over 50 Club, St. Patrick’s Day Catered Luncheon	3/18	Tuesday	1:30 p.m., School Cafeteria	Kitty Riepe 868-9233
APRIL				
Follow-Up Bereavement Gathering	4/1	Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Convent Meeting Room	Sr. Patricia Turley 379-1356 x19
ALPHA <i>(for 10 weeks, continues into June)</i>	4/2-4/30	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., School Cafeteria	Sr. Joan Nolan 379-1356 x13
Over 50 Club, Overnight to Washington, DC	4/8-9	Tuesday & Wednesday	Tour of Memorials & Franciscan Monestary	Kitty Riepe 868-9233
Two Year Olds “Heart to Heart” A Mom and Tots Group	4/9-4/23	Wednesdays	9:30-10:30 a.m., Convent Meeting Room	Sr. Marjorie McGregor** 379-1356 x25
One Year Olds “Heart to Heart” A Mom and Tots Group	4/10-4/24	Thursdays	9:30-10:30 a.m., Convent Meeting Room	Sr. Marjorie McGregor** 379-1356 x25
Holy Name Society Organizational Meeting	4/14	Monday	8:00 p.m., School Cafeteria	Frank Gandini 485-3284

*Pantry Sunday—Last Sunday of the month.

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Memorial Bricks

Buy-A-Brick is a special way to be involved in building our Sacred Heart Church! You could honor a loved one, your Family ... memorialize those who have gone before us--*heart to heart!*

Donor's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Print or type your message below. Punctuation and spaces count as characters. Accuracy is buyer's responsibility.

20 CHARACTERS PER LINE (INCLUDING SPACES & PUNCTUATION)

Line 1
Line 2
Line 3

Small Brick

3 LINES

DONATION - \$100

Line 1
Line 2
Line 3
Line 4
Line 5
Line 6

Large Brick

(NOW AVAILABLE)

6 LINES

DONATION - \$200

Make checks payable to: Sacred Heart Building Fund, 720 Merrick Ave., N. Merrick, NY 11566
Any questions concerning Memorial bricks call 516-379-1356 X18 or Fax: 516-379-1610.

Note: Previously purchased bricks can be upgraded if needed.

Positioning of bricks will be determined by the Memorial Brick Committee. However, multiple bricks may be clustered together. **Please select group options on form below**

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