Sacred Heart Church

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Monday through Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Sat. Eve.	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:15 p.m.
Mon. – Sat.	8:00 a.m.
Holy days	7:00 p.m. evening before 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. of Holy day

Confession

Saturday	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and as posted

Baptism

2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:15 p.m.
Pre-register for preparation classes.

Holy Matrimony

Arrangements at least six months in advance

Care of the Sick

Emergency calls anytime. Holy Communion for shut-ins on a weekly basis. Please call to make arrangements.

Devotions

Our Lady of Perpetual Help	
Novena and Adoration	Sat. 3:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart (Mass)	First Friday 7:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration	First Friday 7:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Rosary	Mon. – Sat. 7:25 a.m.

Funerals

Arrangements are made through the funeral home. At Sacred Heart, the Mass of Christian Burial is seen as a time of prayer and reflection on the mysteries of death, resurrection, and eternal life. Family remembrances, favorite songs, poems and eulogies are incorporated into the wake service.

Parish Membership

We encourage every Catholic to register with us, use the parish envelopes, and inform us regarding changes of address.

Parish Activities

Adult Instruction (R.C.I.A.), Altar Servers, Altar Society, Choir, Folk Group, Children's Choir, Lectors, Right to Life, Rosary Society, San Gennaro Feast Committee, Ushers, Assistance Program, AA Women's Serenity Wed. 10:30 a.m. and Sat. 8:30 a.m., "No Matter What Club" AA (Nov.-Apr.) Mon.-Sun. 8:15 a.m., "Undercover Group" AA Mon., Wed., Fri. 7:15 p.m. & Sat. 7:30 p.m., Al Anon "Double Winners" Women's Fri. 10:30 a.m.,

Food Pantry Open

Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29TH, 2024

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

8:00 ✝ **Catherine Moffitt**
r/b Thomas & Rose Hospodar

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

NEW YEAR'S EVE

8:00 ✝ **Andrew J. Venier**
r/b Family

5:00 ✝ **Steve Ried**
r/b Barbara Ried

5:00 ✝ **Mary Coleman**
r/b Anne Reap

5:00 **Special Intention**
r/b The McTernan Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2025

NEW YEAR'S DAY

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

NO 8 AM MASS

10:00 ✝ **Carmel & Edward Caracciolo, Sr.**
r/b Family

✝ **Jill & Bill Martin**
r/b Valerie & Joe Gembecki
Special Intention
r/b Diana Maza & Family

12:15 ✝ **Andrew Donaghy, Sr.**
r/b Dorothy Donaghy

✝ **James Mountain**
r/b Mary Cammarato

✝ **Peter Cavanagh**
r/b Roland & Barbara Zimatore

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND

8:00 ✝ **Ethel Ried**
r/b Barbara Ried

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD

NO 8 AM MASS

7:00 ✝ **Purgatorial Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH

8:00 ✝ **Luis E. Maisonet**
r/b Diana Maza & Family

5:00 ✝ **Robert Volpe**
r/b Barbara Ried

✝ **Theresa Wissel**
r/b Anne Reap

✝ **Russell V. Ingram**
r/b Joan Ingram

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 ✝ **Peter Mohr**
r/b Connie Mohr

✝ **Karen McCarthy**
r/b **Joseph Errico, Jr.**
Special Intention
r/b Diana Maza & Family

10:00 ✝ **Carmel & Edward Caracciolo, Sr.**
r/b Andrea Caracciolo

✝ **Dan Fiorito**
r/b The Sackaris Family
Special Intention
r/b The McTernan Family

12:15 ✝ **People of the Parish**

O Mary conceived without sin,
Pray us who have recourse to thee.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles.

Holy Spirit, please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

"If only we knew how God regards this sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass."
– St. Pio of Pietrelcina

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church Saturday's at 3:00 p.m.

DAILY ROSARY

The **Rosary** is recited in the Church Monday through Saturday mornings at **7:25 AM.** ***All are welcome!***

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The St. Nicholas Society wish to thank all parishioners for your generosity this year. We collected a great number of gift cards for those in need in Island Park.

We also collected a great number of gifts cards for the Friars. They too expressed their gratitude.

May God bless you all!

In Christ,

Father Fabrizio

PARISH CENTER

The Parish Center will be **closed** on **Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 2025**

From the staff at Sacred Heart Parish:

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

to you and your loved ones!

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 31, (Tuesday) ***New Year's Eve:***
Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

Jan. 1, (Wednesday) ***New Year's Day:***
Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation ***No 8 AM Mass***
10:00 am
12:15 pm

FEAST DAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Dec. 29th	**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
Jan. 1st	**Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God**
Jan. 2nd	Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors
Jan. 3rd	**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
Jan. 4th	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Jan. 5th	**The Epiphany of the Lord**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLASS RECESS Dec. 23rd - Jan 1st

Merry Christmas and a Blessed Happy New Year to all our students.

Peace, Love, Joy to all!!!

See you on January 2nd, 2025!

Any questions, please contact Andrea Caracciolo (516) 431-7877

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

First Friday's Purgatorial Mass for the souls enrolled in our Parish Purgatorial Society is:

January 3rd, at 7 PM

Followed by Sacred Heart devotion & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please come and spend some quiet moments adoring Our Savior present in the Sacrament of the Altar and offering reparation to the Sacred Heart. May this be an opportunity of tremendous graces for our parish.

There will be no 8 AM morning Mass.

TEMPORARILY CLOSED THE WHITE ELEPHANT TAG SALE

We are temporarily closed down for the holidays and set up. Stay tuned to: www.sacredheartislandpark.com

We will **Re-Open on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.**

Donations are still being accepted when the Parish Center is open Mondays-Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM.

Regarding Furniture Donations (No Pickups):

The following items can not be accepted as donations at this time:

•Wood entertainment units	
•Dining room furniture:	Break fronts Buffet credenzas Formal tables/chairs
•Sofas	
•Bed frames/headboards	•Pianos

Reason:

We are overstocked on these large items and no longer have space to store or display them. With thanks for your kind willingness to help our parish but regarding large pieces, *"Our cup runneth over!"*

**HEART OF JESUS,
SON OF THE ETERNAL FATHER
ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, MAY WE
NEVER CEASE TO
LOVE AND SERVE YOU.**

2025 COLLECTION ENVELOPES & CALENDARS

Envelopes & Calendars are available today for pick up. Please see one of the volunteers, in the rear of the Church, at the end of the weekend Masses.

MASS BOOK INTENTIONS FOR 2025

The deceased cannot pray for themselves.

Consider remembering a loved one with a Mass intention on their birthday or the anniversary of their death. Stop by the Parish Center.

AMAZING EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Eucharistic Miracle of TUMACO
COLOMBIA, 1906

The undersea earthquake in 1906 on the Pacific Coast caused enormous damage in many areas. Fr. Bernardino Garcia of the Conception, who at the time was in the City of Panama gave the following testimony regarding the terrible cataclysm that struck the area.

"Unexpectedly an enormous wave (we style them tsunamis today) crashed into the port, reached into the market area and destroyed everything. Boats that had been drawn up on shore were picked up hurled long distances causing heavy losses."

The small island of Tumaco was spared by a miracle thanks to the faith of the people and the blessing with the Blessed Sacrament by Fr. Gerardo Larrondo.

On January 31, 1906, on the small island of Tumaco at 10 o'clock in the morning the earth shook violently for almost ten minutes. All the inhabitants of the village ran to the church and begged the pastor, Fr. Gerardo Larrondo, to lead a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. The sea was rising and had already engulfed part of the beach. It had plunged inland a kilometer and a half and a mountainous wall of water was building up and threatening to drown everyone and everything in one gigantic wave.

Fr. Gerardo consumed the small Hosts in the ciborium and set the large Host aside. He called out to his people: "Let us go, my people, let us go toward the beach and may God have pity on us." Comforted by the presence of the Eucharistic Christ they began their march weeping and crying out to God. Scarcely had Fr. Larrondo reached the beached with the monstrance in had when he advanced courageously to the water edge and as the wave came rushing in, he calmly raised the Sacred Host and traced the sign of the cross. It was a moment of tremendous solemnity.

The wave hesitated, paused and backed off. Fr. Larrondo and Fr. Julian alongside him saw what was transpiring, and the people overjoyed cried out "miracle, miracle." In truth, a force beyond that of nature prevailed the mighty wall of water that threatened to wipe the village Tumaco off the face of the earth was halted and began to recede and the sea resumed its normal level. The inhabitants of Tumaco were overcome with overflowing joy at having been saved from death by the favor of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Prayers of fervent thanks poured out. The Miracle of Tumaco became known across the world and Fr. Larrondo received letters from Europe asking for his prayers.

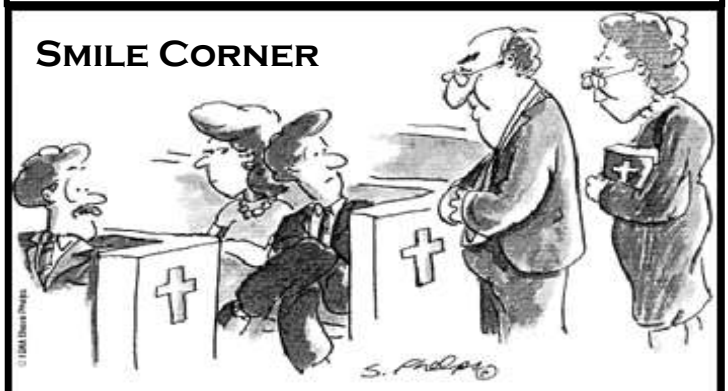
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – JANUARY 1ST

Do you ever feel that some things are worth fighting over? Way back in 431, there was a bitter controversy among theologians over the role of Mary in the Church. So, the bishops held a meeting, called a council, at Ephesus, a city in Greece. Its purpose was to correct the errors that Nestorius, the bishop of Constantinople, was teaching the assembly of 150 bishops. They debated the question, "Who is Mary in God's plan?"

In the end the bishops declared that Mary was to be called **Theotokos**, a Greek word that means "God-bearer." They said that Mary is really the Mother of Jesus and Jesus is really God. So, it must be said that **Mary is the Mother of God**. The Council of Ephesus confirmed an ancient belief of the Church. The oldest Christian greeting of Mary as proclaimed when Mary's relative Elizabeth called her "Mother of my Lord." When Elizabeth welcomed Mary, she recognized both the great privilege God had given Mary and Mary's great faith in accepting it. No one heard the Word of God and believed it more than Mary. Jesus was able to enter human history because Mary made a gift of herself to God in faith.

For centuries Mary has been praised because she believed. She is Mother of God because of her faith in God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrate Mary's faith and trust in God alone. The Church wants us to call on Mary, Mother of God, and ask her to help strengthen our faith. She will listen and answer our prayers. The Church wants us also to imitate her faith. As we honor Mary today, we rely on her to help us grow in faith and trust in her divine Son.

SMILE CORNER



THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The name Jesus was given to the Holy Child at God's command (Luke 1:31). The Holy Name is all-powerful because of the Person who bears it. We honor it because of the command of Christ, that we should pray in His Name and because it reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer. Hence St. Paul was able to write to the Philippians: "…at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). By means of this devotion we also make amends for improper use of the Holy Name.

On this day, **January 3rd** you might incorporate into your prayers some special prayers of reparation to Jesus for the blasphemies against His Holy Name. The Church has granted an indulgence of 7 years for the recital of the Litany of the Most Holy Name. The feast of the Holy Name is a good time to explain the meaning of the monogram "IHS" to the children (Latin abbreviation of Christ's name.) You could also teach your children to practice of bowing one's head at the name of Jesus.

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HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITY

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

DECEMBER 29TH, 2024

THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

LUKE 2:41-52

WORD LIST

AGE	HOUSE	JOURNEYED	RELATIVES
FATHER	JERUSALEM	LOOK	TEMPLE
FAVOR	JESUS	MARY	WISDOM
FIND	JOSEPH	OBEDIENT	

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"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together." - Venerable Patrick Peyton

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

A family is a special gift of God to each of us. A family is a result of God's love made visible through the special love of a man and a woman for each other. We need family. We need to accept the support and love given by family members, and we need to share our support and love with them.

On the feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. These three people lived for God and loved and supported one another. The Holy Family is a model for all Christian families.

The Scripture readings for the Gospel on this feast occur in a three-year cycle, which means that one of the three Gospels is read on this feast. Each of the Gospel accounts has a message for today's families. The first one shows the obedience of Joseph to the angel's command to leave for Egypt and Mary's cooperation with her husband. Just as these two parents showed fidelity to each other, so all Christian parents should live in fidelity and mutual support.

The second reading shows Joseph and Mary bringing the infant Jesus to the Temple to present him to the Lord. There Simeon prophesies that Jesus came for both Israel and the Gentiles. Just as Joseph and Mary showed Jesus to the world, so all Christian families, by their living example, should give witness to Christ.

The third Gospel reading tells of 12-year-old Jesus traveling with his parents to the Temple, but not returning with them. When his parents find him, he returns to Nazareth with them and is obedient to them. In a Christian family all family members should respect one another and work together in a loving way.

On this feast take a new look at your family – a look of appreciation for its strengths and a look of understanding for its weaknesses.

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Revitalizing our Faith – Renewed by the Eucharist

Advent: A Season of Hope and the Call to Serve through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

As Advent approaches, the Catholic Church begins a season of preparation and hope. Advent, derived from the Latin word "adventus," meaning "coming," is a time of expectant waiting and spiritual reflection as we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a time to ready our hearts, not only for the celebration of Christmas but also for Christ's eventual second coming. In this season of waiting, we are reminded of our call to be active participants in God's work, living out our faith through acts of love and generosity.

The foundation of the CMA aligns beautifully with the spirit of Advent, offering a tangible way to share God's love and light with those in need. Through the Appeal, the ministries we support extend the hope and joy of Christ's birth to our community, providing essential services such as feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, supporting the education of our youth, and offering spiritual guidance to those who feel lost or forgotten.

During Advent, as we reflect on the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love, the support of the CMA is a reminder that we can be instruments of God's grace. We do this through participation in Christ's mission to serve the least among us and share His love in a way that transforms lives. This season calls us to think beyond ourselves, to be mindful of the needs of others, and to prepare our hearts not just for the coming of Jesus into our lives but also into the lives of those who are longing for His presence.

Advent is also a time for gratitude and giving, echoing the spirit of generosity shown by the Magi who brought gifts to the Christ Child. In a world that often feels dark, our acts of giving can shine a light of hope, embodying the very message of the Advent season: that Jesus, the Light of the World, has come to illuminate our darkness and bring salvation to all.

This Advent, as you light each candle on the Advent wreath and reflect on the hope of Christ's coming, consider how you can be a beacon of His light. Your support is a powerful way to make a lasting impact, ensuring that the Church's mission of service continues to flourish. Together, we can bring the hope and joy of Christ to our communities, transforming Advent into a time of active love and service.

May this Advent season fill your heart with peace and joy, and may your generosity through the Catholic Ministries Appeal help bring the light of Christ to those who need it most.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal! **Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.**

Parish: **[027] Sacred Heart Church, Island Park**

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Pledge	$ _____
Down Payment	$_____
Balance	$_____

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There's still time to make a gift. Please remember that all new pledges **must be in by December 31, 2024** and **paid in full by January 31, 2025.**

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