Sacred Heart Church

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Thursday & Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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 Easter Sunday - April 20th, 2025

Monday, April 21st
8:00 ✝ **Rev. Msgr. Neil Connolly**
r/b Family

Tuesday, April 22nd
8:00 ✝ **Olga Maisonet**
r/b Diana Maza & Family

Wednesday, April 23rd
8:00 ✝ **Connie Verdino**
r/b The Burchanti Family

Thursday, April 24th
8:00 ✝ **Anne Gawronski**
r/b Eva Reichel

Friday, April 25th
8:00 ✝ **Given Intention**

Saturday, April 26th
8:00 ✝ **Robert & Mary Maier**
r/b Family

5:00 ✝ **John Frullo**
r/b James & Molly Frullo
✝ **Russell V. Ingram**
r/b Joan Ingram
✝ **George Hackett, Jr.**
r/b Pat Hackett

Sunday, April 27th
Divine Mercy
8:00 ✝ **People of the Parish**

10:00 ✝ **Sr. Barbara Anne Ruff, FMSC**
r/b Joseph Errico, Jr.
✝ **Carmel & Edward Caracciolo, Sr.**
r/b Marianna Caracciolo
✝ **Stephen Treglia**
r/b Phil & Lori Treglia

12:15 ✝ **Thomas Moriarty**
r/b Family
✝ **Stephen V. Stephenson**
r/b The Marino Family
✝ **Carolyn Eaton**
r/b Mary Cammarato

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.

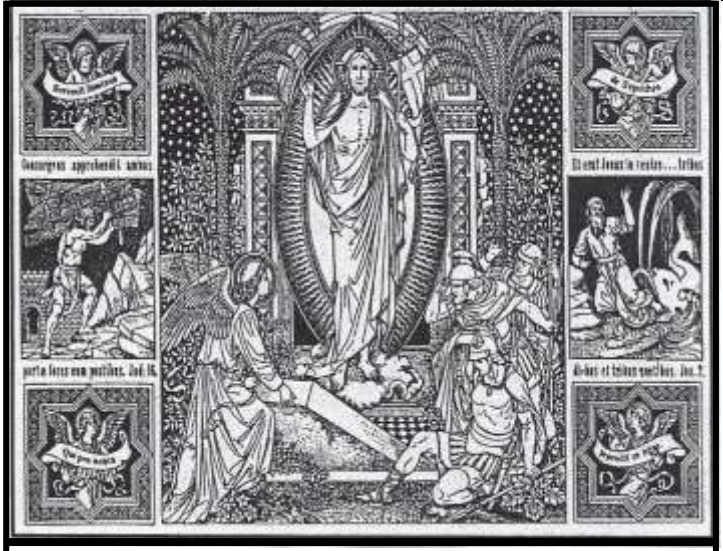
Daily Rosary

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

Sacred Heart Parish Center

Reminder, The Parish Center & Pantry will also be closed on **Easter Monday**, **April 21st**. The Parish Center & Pantry will **reopen Tues. April 22nd**.

Happy Easter from the Staff at Sacred Heart Church.



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The good God has written into the world He created the reality that light overcomes darkness. Darkness is confusion, fear, uncertainty, sadness, and despair. There is so much in the world of darkness, and we are reminded of it more than is needed. Even the attitudes of people and how they behave can seem to be darkness.

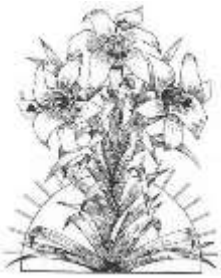
Read God's handwriting in nature: darkness gives way to light. Every long night of confusion and fear eventually ends with a dawn.

Christ told us He is the Light of the World. If we walk with Him, we walk in light. The feast of Easter reminds us that Christ overcame the greatest darkness of death – He rose from the dead and invites us to follow Him.

Easter is Hope. What seemed dead has the seed of life in it and will come back. Be reminded by every bud you see in your garden. The soul that has the seed of faith within it will blossom into life eternal.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Kelly



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Changes in the CLASS SCHEDULES:

Dear Parents,

Please note the following dates to meet class requirements:

Confirmation Class of 2024 - 7th Grade
Next Class/Mass is Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19th, at 6:30 PM followed by Mass at 7 PM.
Parents, please plan to attend the Masses with your children.

Easter Sunday, April 20th
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Mass schedule: 8 AM, 10 AM **or** 12:15 PM – **Grades 1-6**

If attending Easter Mass at another Parish, please bring back a bulletin and bring it to class.

No Classes on Easter Monday, April 21st.

Grade 1 – Easter Monday, April 21st, **No Classes**

Grade 2 – ***(Meet in Church)*** Wednesday, April 23rd,
Parents, please drop off & pick up promptly at:
4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 3 – Tuesday, April 22nd, 4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 4 – Tuesday, April 22nd, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Grade 5 – Wednesday, April 23rd, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Grade 6 – Monday, April 21st, **No Classes**

If you have any questions, please call Andrea Caracciolo at (516) 431-7877.

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

SMILE CORNER

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Today the Church repeats, sings, shouts: **"Jesus is Risen!"** But why is this? Peter, John, the women went to the sepulcher and it was empty. He was not there. They went away with their hears closed in sadness, the sadness of defeat: the Teacher, their Teacher, the One who they loved so much, had been put to death; he is dead. And there is no return from death. This is the defeat. This is the path of defeat, the path towards the sepulcher. But the Angel says to them, *He is not here, he is Risen*.

It is the first announcement: "He is Risen." And then the confusion, the closed hearts, the apparitions. But the disciples stayed locked in the Upper Room the entire day because they were afraid that what happen to Jesus would happen to them. The Church does not cease to say before our losses, our closed and fearful hearts: "Stop, the Lord is Risen." But if the Lord is Risen, why is it that these things happen? Why is it that there is so much adversity: illness, human trafficking, human slavery, war destruction, mutilation, vengeance, hatred? Where is the Lord then?...

Yesterday I phoned a young man with a grave illness, an educated young man, an engineer, and while talking to him, to give him a sign of faith, I said: "There are no explanations for what is happening to you. Look at Jesus on the cross. God did this to his Son, and there is no other explanation." And he answered: "Yes, but he asked his Son and the Son said 'yes.' I was not asked if I wanted this." This moves us. None of us is asked: "Are you happy with what is happening in the world? Are you willing to carry this cross further?" And the cross goes forth and faith in Jesus comes down from it. Today, the Church continues to say: "Stop. Jesus is Risen." And this is not a fantasy. The Resurrection of Christ is not a celebration with many flowers. This is beautiful, but this is not it. It is something more. It is the mystery of the discarded stone which becomes the foundation of our existence. Christ is Risen. This is what it means. In this throwaway culture where what is not needed is just used and disposed of, where what is not needed is thrown away, that stone – Jesus the source of life is discarded. And with faith in the Risen Christ, we too, pebbles on this earth of pain, tragedy acquire meaning amid so many calamities. The sense to look beyond, the sense to say: "Look, there is no wall; there is a horizon, there is life, there is joy, there is the cross with this ambivalence. Look ahead, do not close within yourself. You pebble, acquire meaning in life because you are a pebble near that rock, that stone which the evil of sin discarded." What does the Church tell us today before so many tragedies? Simply this: the discarded stone is not really discarded. The pebbles which believe and stick to that stone are not discarded. They have meaning and it is with this sentiment that the Church repeats from the bottom of her heart: "Christ is Risen."

Let us think for a while, each of us, think about the daily problems, the illnesses we have been through or of one that a relative has; let us think about wars, human tragedies, and with simplicity, with a humble voice, without flowers, alone, before God, before us, let us say, "I do not know how this is, but I am certain that Christ is Risen and I have put a wager on it." Brothers and sisters, this is what I wanted to say to you. Go home today repeating in your hearts: "Christ is Risen." - *Pope Francis (Magnificat)*

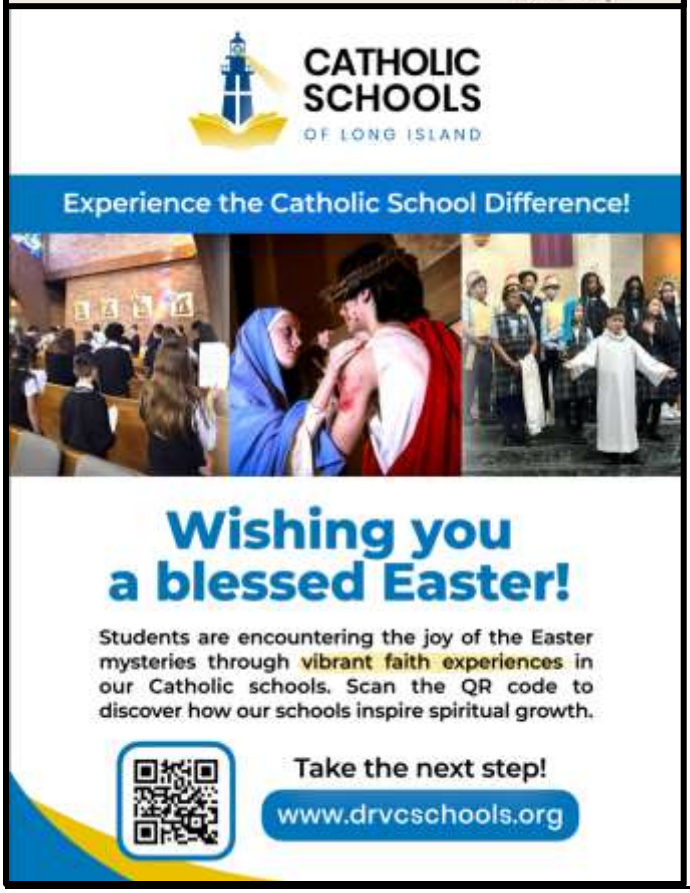
EASTER

Easter does not end as the sun sets on Sunday. Rather, Easter Sunday begins the Octave of Easter. Each of these eight days is a solemnity, a continuation of the celebration of Easter. The Gospel readings assigned to these days focus on Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances. The eighth and final day of the Octave, the Second Sunday of Easter, is also called Divine Mercy Sunday. This observance, established by St. John Paul II, Pope, "concentrates on the mercy poured forth in Christ's death and resurrection, fount of the Holy Spirit who forgives sins and restores joy at having been redeemed" (Directory, no. 154).

The celebration of Easter, the greatest feast of the Church, does not end in only eight days. "Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts,' the 'Solemnity of solemnities'" (CCC, no. 1169). As such, the celebration of Easter extends for fifty days. "The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday.' These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung" (Norms, no. 22). In these fifty days, the time of mystagogy, the newly baptized and received reflect on the sacraments they have received. The first readings throughout the season of Easter are taken from the Acts of the Apostles, recounting the earliest days of the Church. The Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of John. (Excerpt from Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints, copyright © 2013, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. All rights reserved.)

GOD EXISTS

"Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry of unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. Through Jesus we do know 'the room where exiled love lays down its victory.' He himself is this place, and he calls us to be with him and in dependence on him. He calls us to keep this place open within the world so that he, the exiled love, may reappear over and over in the world… God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed." (Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI)



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Scheduled recreation and free time (4-5 hours DAILY), with **ocean swimming** (*beach is only 1/2 block from our house*) are part of all family retreats.

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Black and white copy of one of the pages of the manuscript that tells the story of the miracle

During Easter of 1461, Mrs. Jehan Leclerc brought her twelve year old son, Bertrand, to the Church of St. Bartholomew. Bertrand had been paralyzed and mute since the age of seven due to a terrible fall. When the time for Communion arrived, he indicated to his mother that he also wanted to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Initially the priest did not want to give the young man Communion, because the boy was not able to go to Confession given his muteness. The young man, however, continued to beseech the priest for Communion and, in the end, the priest did permit him to receive it. From the first moment that Bertrand received the Host, he began to feel shaken by a mysterious force. He was able to move and to speak. He was cured. According to the document hand-written immediately after the miracle, Bertrand's first words were, "Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini!" ("Our help is in the name of the Lord!") The most authoritative document that visually describes this miracle is the painted-manuscript preserved to this day in the Cathedral of La Rochelle.

The exterior of the church where the miraculous cure occurred

Dear Friends:

During the special Holy Week, please allow me to share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven't contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with me and other members of our Parish family to make a donation to the 2025 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and ministries that serve more than 600,000 people each year, and our parish shares in the money raised to use for our own local needs.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans; respect life initiatives; and formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you!

If 100 of our parishioners who have not supported us in the recent past made a $25 contribution this year – think about how many more people we could help! If that amount is more than you can manage, consider $5 or $10. **Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others!**

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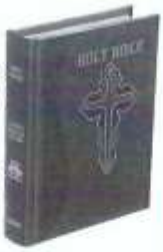

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