Announced Mass Intentions for The Week of June 22nd, 2025

Monday, June 23rd
8:00 ✝ **Frank Bua**
r/b Family

Tuesday, June 24th
8:00 ✝ **Jack & Mary Lou Linden**
r/b Valerie & Joe Gembecki

Wednesday, June 25th
8:00 ✝ **Eddie Mendoza**
r/b The D'Esposito Family

Thursday, June 26th
8:00 ✝ **Ernestina Figliozzi**
r/b Family

Friday, June 27th
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:00 ✝ **Given Intention**

Saturday, June 28th
8:00 ✝ **Jackie O'Grady**
r/b Pat Hackett

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

✝ **Carmel & Edward Caracciolo**
r/b Andrea Caracciolo

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

Sunday, June 29th
8:00 ✝ **People of the Parish**

10:00 ✝ **Richard Felice**
r/b Ryder Family

✝ **Jeanne Drankwater Gagan**
r/b Mary Beth Ferrante

✝ **Giovanni & Antoinette Marino**
r/b Rae Marino

12:15 ✝ **Barbara & George Sladich**
r/b Pat Hackett

✝ **Salvatore Amendolia**
r/b Maria Iacobellis

✝ **Christopher Treglia**
r/b Phil & Lori Treglia

Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
Sunday, June 22, 2025

The Catechism teaches that "by sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange" (221). "The complete Trinity dwells in us" (R.P. Philippon). By worshiping the Trinity, we realize the full truth of ourselves. "In the communion of grace with the Trinity, man's 'living area' is broadened and raised up to the supernatural level of divine life. Man, lives in God and by God" (St. John Paul II).

"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!

Feast Days Celebrated this week:

June 22nd ***The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)***

June 24th **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

June 27th **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

June 28th **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, & Doctor of the Church

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

REMINDER: On **Friday, June 27th** is the **FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**.

"The Term 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person…. Devotion to the Sacred Heart…calls for a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to Christ and his saving work" (Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy 166, 172). "The essential nucleus of Christianity is expressed in the Heart of Jesus; in Christ the whole of the revolutionary newness of the Gospel was revealed and given to us: the Love that saves us and already makes us live in God's eternity. Even our shortcomings, our limitations, and our weaknesses must lead us back to the Heart of Jesus. His divine Heart calls to our hearts, inviting us to come out of ourselves, to abandon our human certainties to trust in him and, following his example, to make of ourselves a gift of love without reserve." (Pope Benedict XVI).

Bishop John O. Barres has declared **the Month of June** in the Diocese of Rockville Centre as

THE MONTH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS,

proclaiming to the world that

"GOD IS LOVE."

Please join us in a **Pilgrimage to St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre** (***we will meet at the side entrance nearest Clinton Avenue at 7 PM***) to **celebrate:**

The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

on Friday, June 27th. Mass is at 7:30 PM

Celebrated by

Bishop John O. Barres

Help us make A good showing of Sacred Heart Parish by being there in honor of the Patron of our Parish!

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

(Saturday following the Second Sunday after Pentecost:
June 28, 2025 – 8 a.m. Mass)

"Conquests and empires not founded on justice cannot be blessed by God… Nothing is lost by war," wrote Pope Pius XII on August 24, 1939. A week later Adolph Hitler unleased his army and opened fire on Poland. The Second World War had begun. On the radio, by letter and in person, the pope pleaded for peace. Nation after nation entered the war, and thousands were killed in battle daily.

It seemed the world needed someone whose heart could bear the sorrow of the Church and the world and bring comfort. Who other than Mary? The Mother of God possesses such a heart of charity that she wishes all people to love her Son and be saved. It was at this time in 1942 that Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and recommended this devotion. But this devotion is not just for times of war; it is for all times.

Mary's heart is a symbol of her love and her holiness. By honoring the heart of Mary, we honor her and ultimately God.

Mary loves each person, and when we dedicate ourselves to her Immaculate Heart, she will help each of us deepen our friendship with God. By coming to know the love of Mary, we will come to know better the overwhelming love of God. Today let us dedicate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and confide to her all those intentions we have that most need her love and care.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

[Source: EWTN 2019]

From the Pastor's Desk

Sacred Heart Parish is most grateful to the Paccione family for donating the St. Anthony's bread. $503.36 was collected in donation for the bread and that money will, as is our tradition, be given to our Franciscan Friars of the Renewal for the feeding of the poor.
St. Anthony is pleased.

Heart of Jesus,
Son of the Eternal Father
Almighty and eternal God,
may we never cease to
love and serve You.

Feast of Corpus Christi

This weekend is the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).** On **Sunday, June 22nd, after the 12:15 PM Mass** is the **Procession** followed by **Exposition** of the **Blessed Sacrament until 2PM**

Peter's Pence Collection

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John…." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "[Y]et the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "I need to be baptized by you" (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John's idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus' answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

Reflection

John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity - total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation. Yet the least in the kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil - all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation Class of 2025 - 7th Grade

Students, please bring in your Essay on Our Lady of Fatima AND your Confirmation Packets, they are past due!

Please bring these items to the Religious Ed Office, Monday through Friday, 10:30 AM to 5 PM

Part 4 of the Retreat

Friday, June 27th

Pilgrimage for Confirmand & Family to St. Agnes Cathedral

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

*Students, please arrive at **6:45 PM to Sign In**.*

We will be inside the Church in the front, right pews

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

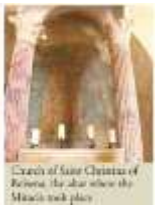
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

55TH ANNUAL SAN GENNARO'S FEAST 2025

Thursday, September 4th through Sunday September 7th

AMAZING EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

In 1263 a German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena while on a pilgrimage to Rome. He was celebrating Mass in the Basilica of Bolsena, and when the moment of consecration arrived, the Host was transformed into Flesh. This miracle strengthened the wavering belief of the priest in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Sacred Body was inspected by Urban Pope IV and by St. Thomas Aquinas. This miracle helped convince the Pope to extend the feast of Corpus Christi to the universal Church so that everyone could recognize the love God has for those who love and worship him.



***T**he Eucharistic miracle of Bolsena, depicted by Raphael in a well-known fresco in the Vatican Palace, took place in 1263. A German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena while on a pilgrimage to Rome. He was pious, but he found it difficult to accept that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. While celebrating Holy Mass above the tomb of St. Christina (located in the church named for this martyr), he spoke the words of consecration and immediately Blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands and onto the altar. At first the priest tried to hide the Blood, but eventually he interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken to the neighboring city of Orvieto, where Pope Urban IV resided The Pope sent emissaries to investigate. When the facts were ascertained, he ordered the bishop of the diocese to bring the Host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of Blood to him. He had the relics placed in the cathedral. The linen bearing the spots of Blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto.*

***Pope Urban IV** was prompted by this miracle to commission St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Office for the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours to celebrate the Most Holy Body of the Lord (Corpus Christi). One year after the miracle, in August of 1264, Pope Urban IV introduced the Aquinus's composition, and by means of a papal bull instituted the feast of Corpus Christi.*

The Procession over the Ricchiaio Bridge, (artist : Ugolino d'Illario), Orvieto Cathedral

NYS Catholic Conference

Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. **The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto – and she needs to hear from you.**

This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

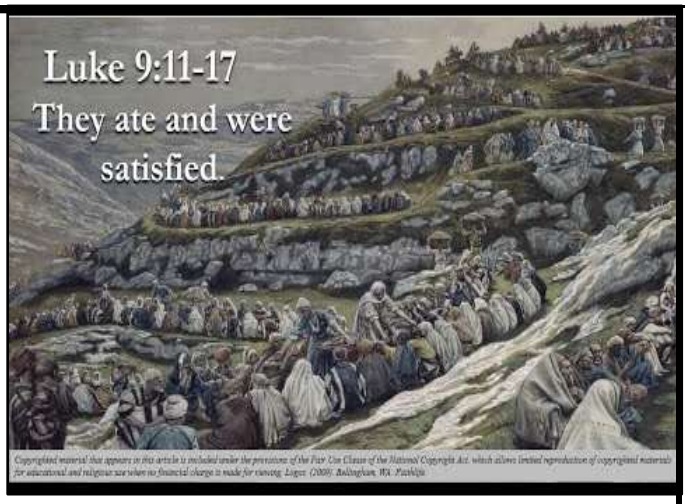
We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path – one we must not go down.

Take Action!

Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit **bit.ly/veto-pas** or use the QR code.

The New York State Catholic Conference represents the Bishops of New York State in public policy matters.
www.nyscatholic.org • 518-434-6195 • info@nyscatholic.org

Gospel Activities
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Luke 9:11b-17



Family Activity Page

Do you know what "Corpus Christi" means? It is Latin for "The Body of Christ." This is precisely what we celebrate today: Christ truly present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the Eucharist. It certainly looks like bread, tastes like bread, and smells like bread. It even crumbles like bread! How can we say that It is truly Jesus, Who is God? We can say that with great certainty because Jesus Himself told us so. In John 6, Jesus tells the people that He is the bread of life. At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. This special Sacrament requires us to have faith, to believe Christ is present in the Eucharist, even though our senses cannot perceive this sacred reality.

Activities:

- Take advantage of any special parish events happening today, whether a Corpus Christi procession or Eucharistic Adoration.
- Make a fancy type of bread, one that your family doesn't eat on a regular basis, and reflect on the Eucharist, the Bread from Heaven.
- As a family, pray this in reparation for the outrages committed against Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament: ***"May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment in all the tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time. Amen."***

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Visit CatholicMom.com for more resources for you and your family
"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together." - Venerable Patrick Peyton

TABOR HOUSE RETREAT CENTER
at St. Anthony's Church Oceanside
announces

Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Shrines of France

with Fr. Matthew Roche, S.J.

October 27 - November 6, 2025

We invite you to join with Catholics across Long Island to explore France's historic Catholic Shrines with Fr. Matt Roche on an 11-day cross-country pilgrimage.

Tour highlights include visits to Lourdes (the Grotto of Massabielle), Paris (Sacre Coeur Basilica and the recently reopened Notre Dame de Paris Cathedral). Other sites include: Nevers, Paray-le-Monial, La Salette, Ars and Lyon.

Tour price: $6,984 per person* (double occupancy) departing from New York (JFK International airport) is based on the registration a minimum of 20 pilgrims.

*** If 20 or more travelers are confirmed for this tour, each member of the group will be eligible to receive a 10% discount ($698).**

The price includes round-trip airfare, first-class hotels, breakfast & dinner daily, motor coach transportation, tour guides, admission fees and luggage handling.

For complete details, please download the Pilgrimage prospectus from St. Anthony's Parish website - https://sacli.org/news

For other questions, please email: st.anthonys.taborhouse@gmail.com

This Pilgrimage is being arranged and will be conducted by 206 Tours, 750 Old Hickory Boulevard, Suite 270, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

50/50 RAFFLES

Available after all the Masses.

1 Ticket = $5
3 Tickets = $10

SMILE CORNER

A customer sat down at a table in an upscale restaurant and tied a napkin around his neck. Horrified, the manager called a waiter and instructed him, *"Try to make him understand – as tactfully as possible – that that's not done here."*

The waiter made his way over to the table and said, *"Pardon me, sir. Shave or haircut?*

"Every family needs a father – a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children and offers them firm guidance and love."

- Pope Francis

Every day, people in our community are helped because of support from funds raised through the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Today, consider a dad like Paul. Paul saw information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal at his local parish, and he knew he had to turn to the Church for help since he had nowhere else to go. Paul had been gainfully employed for more than 10 years when he began to fall ill. Soon his medical issues made it impossible for him to keep working and he was forced to go out on disability.

After paying the co-pays on his medications, his family's rent and utilities bills, Paul had very little left to purchase food and other necessities for his family.

It was hard for him to ask for help, but with nowhere else to turn, he did. Catholic Charities found him a specialist who assessed the family's needs and directed them to appropriate resources in their community. He went to his Parish Outreach, where his family received food that allowed them to make it through the month. Paul and his family received the help they so desperately needed.

Today, Paul is back to work and the family is doing well. *"I am so thankful that I know there is somewhere I can turn, where there are people that care, people I can talk to, if I am ever in such a situation again,"* shared Paul.

Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in the lives of others.

Make checks payable to: *Catholic Ministries Appeal*

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To make a donation, you can also visit https://www.drvc.org/CMA/ or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

THANK YOU!

RELIGION AND ROCK

Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is **Nature**, don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock go to www.ReligionandRock.com or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES.

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