Sacred Heart Church

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Ms. Andrea Caracciolo, Coordinator
Monday through Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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 The Week of November 30th, 2025

Monday, December 1st
8:00 ✝ **Paul J. Marino**
r/b Paul Marino

Tuesday, December 2nd
8:00 ✝ **Carmel Caracciolo**
r/b Family

Wednesday, December 3rd
8:00 ✝ **James McGinty**
r/b Anne Reap

Thursday, December 4th
8:00 ✝ **Chris Leahy**
r/b David & Maria Kelly

First Friday, December 5th
No 8 AM Mass

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

Saturday, December 6th
8:00 ✝ **Gregory Hammill**
r/b Valerie & Joe Gembecki

5:00 ✝ **Loretta B. Morrone**
r/b Jeanne Morrone
✝ **Abby Anne Chimenti**
r/b Joanne Langone
✝ **Beatrice & Mario Cutrone**
r/b Maria Iacobellis

Sunday, December 7th
Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 ✝ **Joseph J. Santacroce**
r/b Deborah Motylinski
✝ **Maria Masone**
r/b Filomena Masone
✝ **Marie Muscillo**
r/b The Giovanelli Family

10:00 ✝ **Thomas Cantone**
r/b Maria Cantone Kelly
✝ **John Everett**
r/b Catherine Maier
✝ **Paul Dennis Silvio**
r/b The McGinty Family

12:15 ✝ **People of the Parish**

"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

Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
7:00 ✝ **Geraldine McGann**
r/b Barbara Ried
✝ **Agnes Volpe**
r/b Michele Sinnona
✝ **James McGinty**
r/b Diana Maza & Family

Monday, December 8th
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
8:00 ✝ **Carmel Caracciolo**
r/b Andrea Caracciolo
✝ **George Hackett, Jr.**
r/b Pat Hackett
✝ **Robert & Mary Maier**
r/b Family

7:00 ✝ **Marilyn Berotti**
r/b Maria Klein
✝ **Susan Maher**
r/b Anne Marie Reap
✝ **Helen Anne Lorenz**
r/b Valerie & Joe Gembecki

Purgatorial Society
First Friday's Purgatorial Mass for the souls enrolled in our Parish Purgatorial Society is:
December 5th, 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.

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****.*

***Advent** has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.*

*Please remember, the **Advent Wreath**, a venerable European tradition, can be a way to involve even very little children in learning about Christian*

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:

Dec. 3rd	St Francis Xavier, Priest
Dec. 4th	St. John Damascene Priest & Doctor of the Church
Dec. 6th	St. Nicholas, Bishop
Dec. 7th	**Second Sunday of Advent**

SACRED HEART FOOD PANTRY

As Christmas approaches, some of our families in Island Park benefit from **food gift cards** donated to the Pantry. The cards enable those in need to purchase **"fresh perishable" items** which we cannot stock in our pantry.

If you would wish to donate, please obtain cards from local food stores in denominations of **$25 or less**. You can drop the cards in the Sunday collection (we will know what they are there for) or drop them off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

SMILE CORNER

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

7th Grade Registration for Class year 2025-2026 will be in January with Fr. Tutoné.

Schedule of Religious Ed Classes this week:

(Meet in Parish Center – **Except 2nd Grade**)

Grade 1 – Monday, Dec. 1st, 4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 2 – Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, 4 PM to 5 PM – **Meet in Church**

Grade 3 – Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, 4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 4 – Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Grade 5 – Wed., Dec. 3rd, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Grade 6 – Mon., Dec. 1st, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Any questions, please contact: ***Ms. Andrea*** at (516) 431-7877.

Class of 2025/2026

1st & 6th Grade
Class / Mass
December 7th, 2025
10 AM in Church.
Please arrive a few minutes early to sign-in.

Parents, please plan to attend with your child. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Looking for Volunteers for 2026 San Gennaro Feast

The **56th Annual San Gennaro Feast** is **September 10-13, 2026**.

- **Volunteers:** Ages 15 and Up
- Flexible Scheduling Around your Availability

- Before the Feast – Set up, Cooking
- During the Feast – Work in Booths
- After the Feast – Clean Up

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Call/Text: 516-852-0122
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Saturdays & Sundays 12 PM to 4 PM

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The Saint Nicholas Society

In past years, your participation in this effort provided gifts for those who would otherwise have received nothing for Christmas. **The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal** run St. Anthony Shelter for Renewal which is dedicated to the ongoing work of renewal of the whole person. The Shelter is a safe haven for single men over 18 who are homeless in the New York metropolitan area and who are personally committed to taking the necessary steps for healing and recovery.

They have asked **only for Men's sweat pants, sizes: small, medium, large and extra-large.**

Please bring the gift, and if possible wrapped and labeled, to the Parish Center by **Wednesday, December 17th**.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

St. Nicholas of Myra

(Mar. 15, 270-Dec. 6, 343)

The feast of St. Nicholas is celebrated in many countries around the world. He is the national patron of Greece, Sicily, and Russia. His image appears in stained glass windows, frescoes, and carvings, and about 400 churches in England alone are named for him. Parents name their children Nicole, Nicolette, Nikki, Nick, Claus, and Cole in his honor. He is one of the most popular saints in the Church.

Yet we actually know very little about Saint Nicholas. He was a fourth-century bishop in Lycia, which was southeast of Turkey. How did he become so popular for so many years in so many different countries? Good questions!

The answer is that many stories have been told about Saint Nicholas. In them he is always generous in helping the poor and reaching out to those in need, as Jesus did. People love good stories, and people loved hearing about Bishop Nicholas.

In one story Nicholas frees three unjustly imprisoned officers, and in another saves three innocent boys from death. One of the best know stories concerns a poor man who was unable to provide the usual dowries for his three unmarried daughters. Knowing they might be forced into prostitution, Nicholas devised a plan to save the girls. One night he took a bag of gold and tossed it through an open window into the room where the man was sleeping – perhaps it landed in the man's shoe! Then Nicholas hurried away so that no one would know who had given the gold. Not long after this, Nicholas heard that the eldest daughter had gotten married. Twice after that, Nicholas repeated his secret gift, and each time one of the daughters was able to marry. But the last time that he threw a bag of gold into the window, the poor father was waiting for him and thanked him over and over.

In the Netherlands, Germany, and Switzerland, children put out their empty shoes on the eve of Saint Nicholas's feast, hoping that they will receive presents. In America and England, the legend of Saint Nicholas has evolved into the modern-day Santa Claus, who brings presents on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Pageant Casting Call

This year's Pageant will be presented **on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th, at the 4 PM Children's Mass.**

Calling all Kindergarten, 1st through 6th Graders

(Understand that there is always room for another angel or shepherd) **Rehearsals in the Church**

1st Rehearsal: Friday, Dec. 5th at 4 PM

To Sign Up or For more information, please call Ms. Andrea at the Parish Center at (516) 431-7877

Family Activity Page

1st Sunday of Advent

The Unknown Day and Hour

Matthew 24:37-44

Today is the beginning of the Advent season and the start of a new liturgical year! Happy New Year! In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples to stay awake. We never know when Jesus will return in glory, so we use Advent as a special time to prepare. We prepare both for His Second Coming and His coming as the Christ Child at Christmas. We want to use these next four weeks to prepare our hearts and to live as Jesus teaches us. We want to be ready to celebrate what is truly important about Christmas. We pray for the strength to live according to God's commandments so that we will be ready to joyfully welcome Jesus when He returns in glory!

Activities:

● Light the first candle on your family's Advent Wreath today! If you don't have one, make one out of construction paper or find a free template online.

● Think of something unique and special you can do to prepare your heart for Christ's birth. Perhaps you could volunteer at a local charity or visit an elderly neighbor.

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AWAKE	HOUSE	MASTER	REJOICE
DISCIPLES	JESUS	NIGHT	SON OF
FLOOD	LIGHT	NOAH	MAN
HOUR	LORD	PREPARE	

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

Preparing for Advent

1. Sit quietly for 5 minutes each day.
2. Reading the daily gospel reading. (You can sign up at USCCB.org)
3. Get an Advent Wreath. Say a prayer each time you light it at night.
4. Pray a decade of the rosary before bed.
5. Read the opening chapters of St. Luke's Gospel (the detailed account of Mary's fiat and the birth of Christ.)

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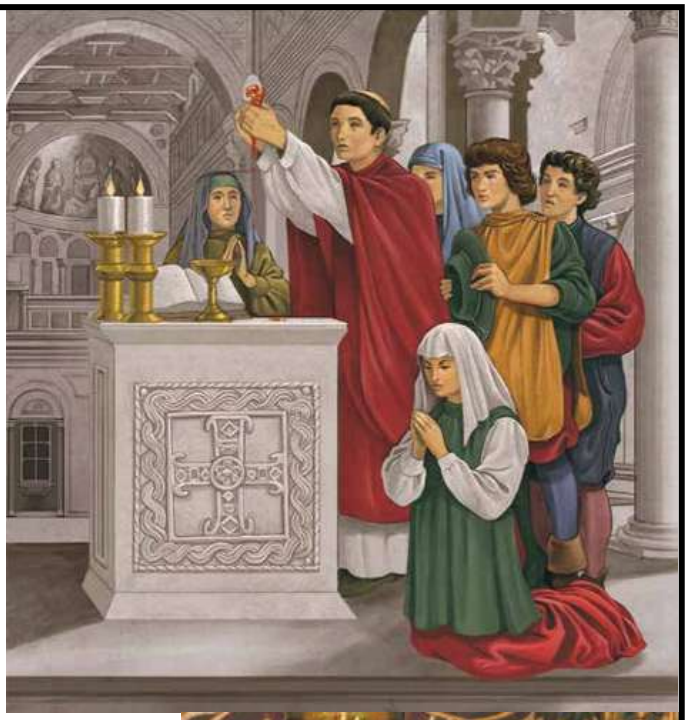

In the year 1370, the pastor of Cimballa was assaulted with strong doubt during the Mass about the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Host then transformed into flesh and from it began to flow blood onto the altar-linens. The episode reenforced the wavering faith of the priest who penitently retired to a monastery dedicating himself to a life of penance and prayer. Every year, the 12th of September, the memory of the miracle in the parish church is celebrated where even now the Relic of the corporal soaked in the Blood is kept.

Most Holy Doubtful Mystery" is what they call in Cimballa the Eucharist Miracle that took place in 1370 in the church of the Purification of Our Lady. The pastor of the church, Don Tommaso, had been for many months plagued by doubt concerning the true presence of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist. During the celebration of Holy Mass on Sunday, after having pronounced the words of consecration, Don Tommaso saw the Host transformed into flesh and the blood began to flow from it, so much as to soak the altar-linens.

The penitent priest began to weep from remorse. The faithful, seeing how he was troubled, quickly looked to the altar and saw the miracle. The relic was then taken in procession and the news spread everywhere. There were many miracles attributed the "Most Holy Doubtful Mystery" and since then has always been a great object of devotion on the part of the faithful. The relic of the altar-linen soaked in the blood has been exposed the 12th of September of every year on the day of the anniversary of the feast of the blood Miracle.

Portion of the relic of the Blood-stained corporal

Church of Santa Maria in Cimballa

Large relic of the Blood-soaked corporal

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ADVENT REVIVAL NIGHT

with adoration, a talk, live music & candlelight procession

at

Saint Joseph Church
130 5th Street, Garden City, NY 11530

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

7:30pm Holy Hour
with a reflection by
Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

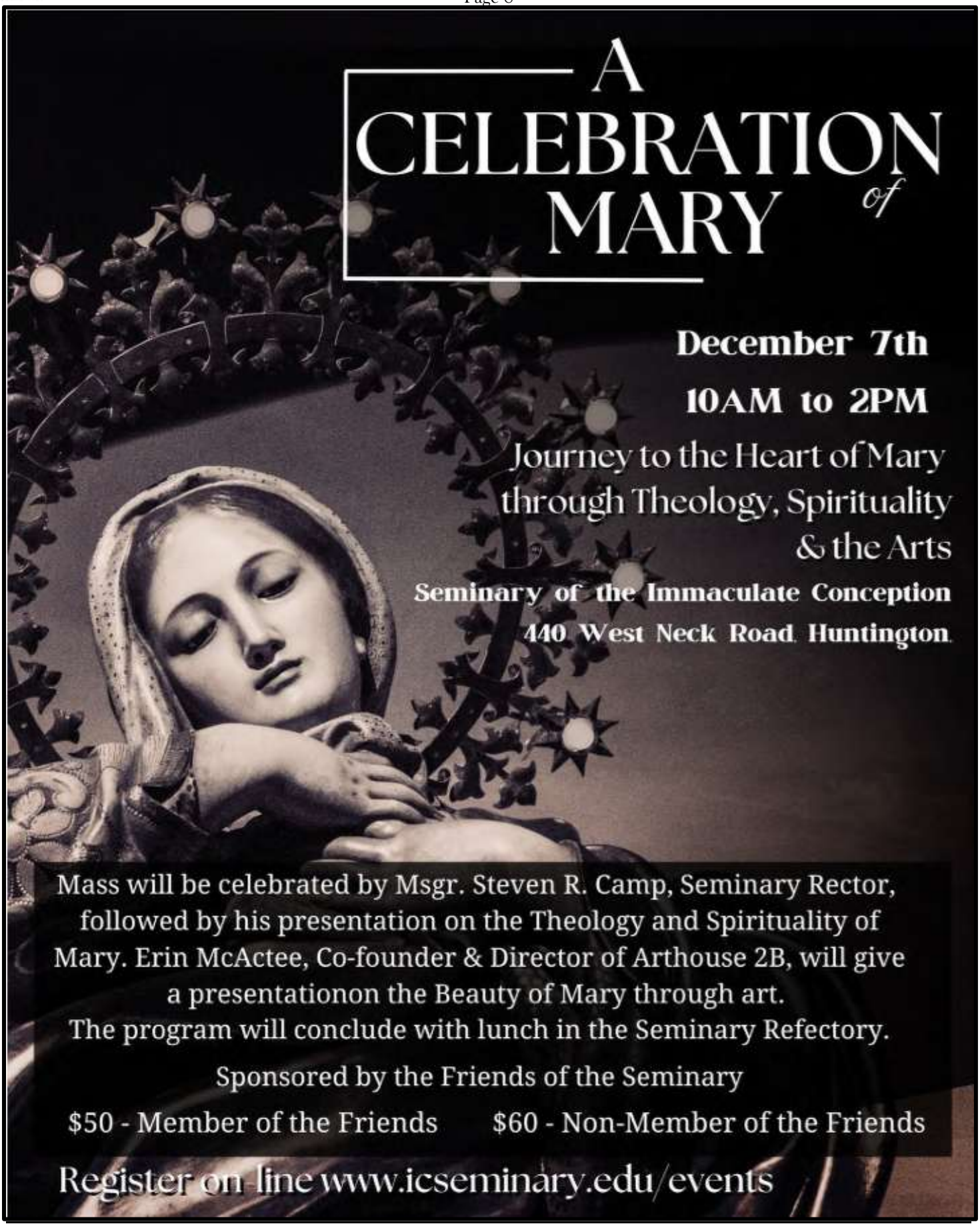
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available in the church until midnight.

Upcoming Revival Nights

Monday, December 8 (en español)
Saint John of God Church, Central Islip

Monday, December 15
Saint Thérèse of Lisieux Church, Montauk

Monday, December 22
Saint Ignatius Loyola Church, Hicksville


A CELEBRATION of MARY
December 7th
10AM to 2PM
Journey to the Heart of Mary through Theology, Spirituality & the Arts
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road Huntington
Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Steven R. Camp, Seminary Rector, followed by his presentation on the Theology and Spirituality of Mary. Erin McActee, Co-founder & Director of Arthouse 2B, will give a presentationon the Beauty of Mary through art.
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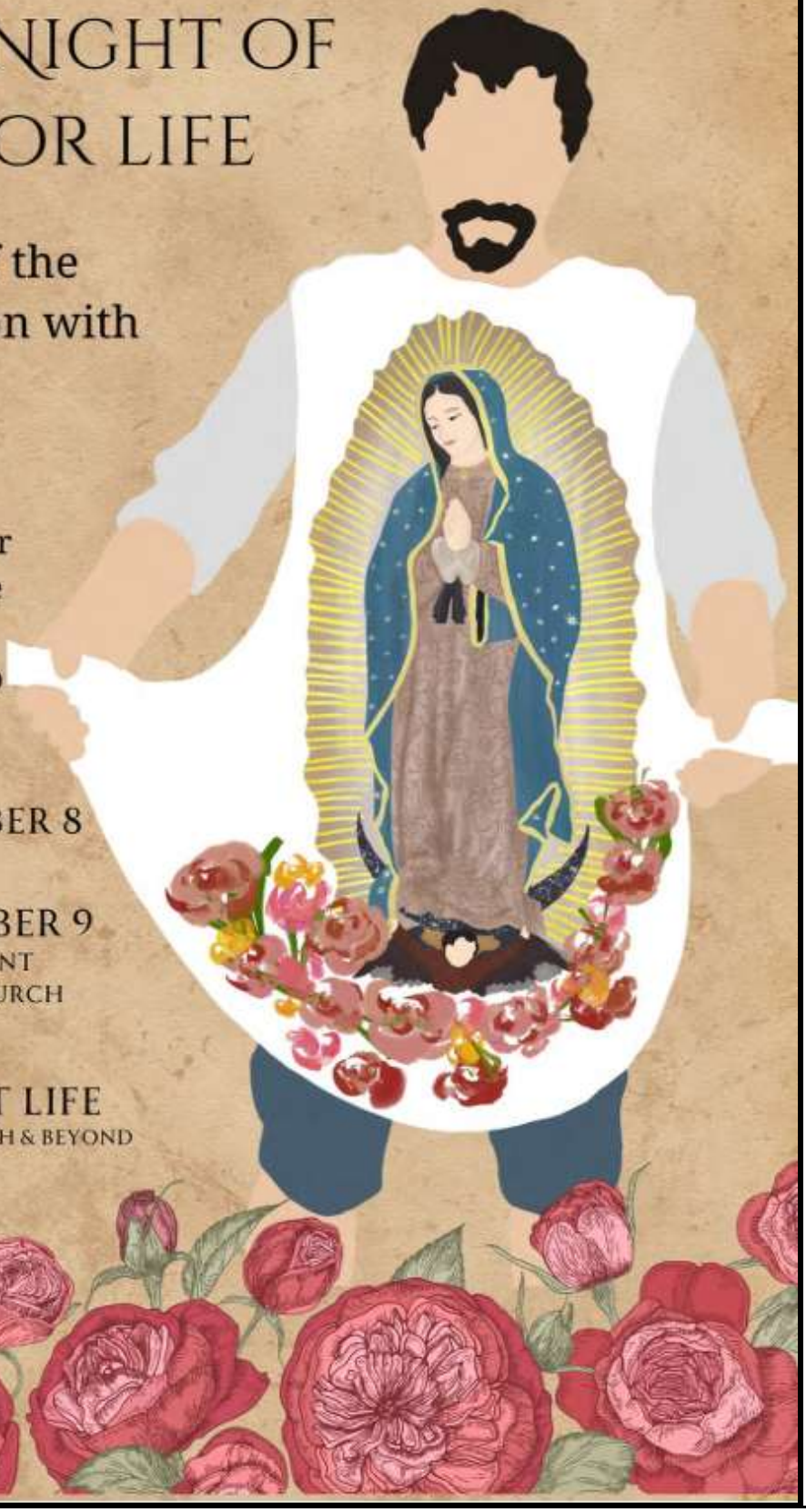

Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego

Join us in a night of prayer including adoration of the blessed sacrament, the Holy Rosary, prayer to St. Michael & hymns

9PM MONDAY, DECEMBER 8
TO
1AM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9
FOLLOWED BY OVERNIGHT SILENT ADORATION AT NOTRE DAME CHURCH

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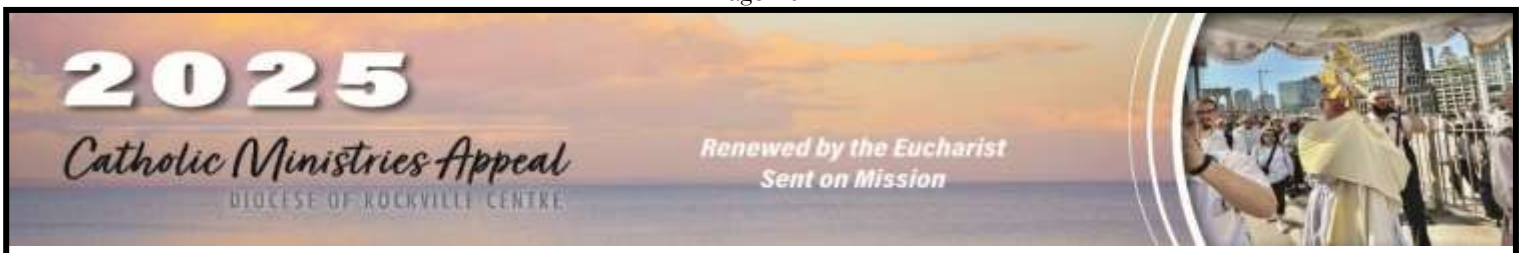
BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE IN OUR PARISH & BEYOND



The Eucharistic Revival has enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful. Going out on Mission - for the life of the World is the most important phase, where we go out and share the love of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist to transform the world.

Faith is alive in our parishes and schools, soup kitchens and housing programs, on street corners and in churches. It is lived through people of all backgrounds, from every neighborhood. People everywhere come together to support one another.

It is in this spirit that the Catholic Ministries Appeal exists: to bring support and build strong communities through faith and your generosity. Every year, the annual Catholic Appeal provides us an opportunity to realize the difference we can make when we act together in God's love.

Please consider joining us again this year by making a gift to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

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All pledges must be received by December 31st and final payment is due January 31, 2026.

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