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 DECEMBER 14TH, 2025

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
8:00 ✝ **James McGinty**
r/b Mark & Jean Berotti

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
8:00 ✝ **Joseph Santacroce**
r/b Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
8:00 ✝ **Paula & Floyd Rivera, Sr.**
r/b Floyd Rivera, Jr. & Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
8:00 ✝ **Ann & John Baloga**
r/b Pat Hackett

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH
8:00 ✝ **Given Intention**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH
8:00 ✝ **John Mannix**
r/b David & Maria Kelly

5:00 ✝ **Matt & Wyn Drankwater**
r/b Mary Beth Ferrante
✝ **Nick & Agnes Volpe**
r/b Rae Marino
✝ **James Hughes**
r/b Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 ✝ **Florence Raynor**
r/b Andrea Caracciolo
✝ **Camille Walsh**
r/b Cassieri Family
✝ **James McGinty**
r/b Dorothy Donaghy

10:00 ✝ **People of the Parish**

12:15 ✝ **Armand & Dorothy Bassi**
r/b Ryder Family
✝ **Rosemarie Gibilaro**
r/b Anne Reap
✝ **Dominick Accetta**
r/b Greg & Rita Accetta

"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

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****.*

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. 14th **3rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday**

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

Contact Denise Ruscio
Call/Text: 516-852-0122
Email: deniseruscio@gmail.com

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!

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

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!

Pray for our Military

Please remember to pray for the members of our Parish serving in the Armed Forces.

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands, especially those from our parish, community and families. Pour upon us, O Lord, the spirit of brotherly kindness and peace.

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)

Grade 1 – Monday, Dec. 15th, 4 PM to 5 PM
Grade 2 – Wednesday, Dec. 17th, 4 PM to 5 PM
Grade 3 – Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 4 PM to 5 PM
Grade 4 – Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Grade 5 – Wed., Dec. 17th, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Grade 6 – Mon., Dec. 15th, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

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

Class of 2025/2026

3rd Grade

Class / Mass
December 14th, 2025
10 AM in Church.
Please arrive a few minutes early to sign-in.

Upcoming Class / Masses
4th & 5th Grade
December 21st

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

White Elephant Sale

Smaller Area – Same Great Treasures

Sacred Heart Parish Center

Wednesdays 5 PM to 7 PM

Saturdays & Sundays 12 PM to 4 PM

Sacred Heart Parish Center, 301 Long Beach Road, Island Park, NY

JUST A FEW WEEKS LEFT OF THE WHITE ELEPHANT TAG SALE

Get in your last-minute shopping for your Secret Santa at work. Or maybe you need to find that one thing to complete your Christmas décor? ***Only one week left to shop*** *until* ***we temporarily close down after the sale at 4 PM on Sunday, Dec. 21st.*** We will be closed for the holidays and set up.

We will **re-open on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.**

SMILE CORNER

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CASTING CALL

Come One, Come All

Come see the greatest story ever told!

This year's pageant will be presented on

Christmas Eve,

Wednesday, December 24th

at the 4:00 PM

Children's Mass at

Sacred Heart RC Church

282 Long Beach Road, Island Park, NY 11558

Last Call for All:

Kindergarten

1st thru 6th Graders

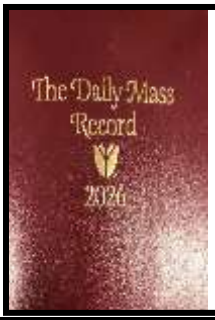
(Understand that there is always room for another angel or shepherd)

REHEARSALS IN CHURCH

Friday, Dec. 12th at 4 PM

Friday, Dec. 19th at 4 PM

For more information, please call Andrea Caracciolo at the Parish Center at (516) 432-0655.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026

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.

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

AMAZING EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

A life for the Eucharist

BLESSED MARY OF THE PASSION

ITALY, 1866-1912

On the day of her First Communion, Mary Grace was seven years old, and the Child Jesus appeared to her with wounded and bloody hands and said to her: "People inflicted these wounds on me with their sins!" From that moment Mary Grace consecrated her life to the Eucharist and the salvation of souls. "I am in the Eucharist to dispense graces and extend mercy, but I receive only ingratitude, profanity and sacrileges. The Eucharist is dishonored and nobody cares. My beloved one, you make reparation with your adoration done in my presence."

Despite the fact that she had made a vow of virginity at the age of five, her father wanted to give her in marriage to a young man by force. When everything seemed lost, Our Lady appeared to her and assured her with these words: "Say yes and then become a nun." Our Lady was not wrong. On the day of the wedding in the town hall, Mary's husband took sick and had to be rushed to the hospital. The doctors diagnosed his ailment as a case of severe tuberculosis. His agony lasted eight months. Notwithstanding that her father had forbidden Mary Grace to visit her husband because the religious ceremony had not yet been celebrated, Mary Grace was often seen at his bedside as she took care of him and taught him catechism. In fact, among her gifts, Mary Grace had the gift of bilocation.

As soon as her husband died, Mary Grace embraced the religious life with the Suore Crocifisse Adoratrici dell'Eucaristia. One day, as the priest was distributing Communion in the convent chapel, a host escaped from his hand and flew to Mary's lips. Out of love for the Lord and for sinners she constantly inflicted severe penances on herself. She had a great intimacy with the souls in Purgatory, who sometimes appeared to her to thank her for her prayers.

During the last years of her life, Mary Grace hardly ate anything and used to tell her confessor: "I receive such fullness from the Lord when I receive the Blessed Sacrament that in no way can I feel a desire for any food!" She spent many hours in adoration before the tabernacle: she was like a Eucharistic lamp that was burning and shining. Mary's passionate love had an exceptional recompense: one of the most extraordinary gifts in the history of the mystics, the change of heart. The Lord opened her breast and placed his heart in it. Like all great mystics, Mary was very much tormented by the devil because she tore the souls of sinners from him, so much so that one day, out of spite, the devil went so far as to break her arm. During a vision she experienced the terrifying pains of the crucifixion and Jesus himself pierced her heart with a lance. It was the wound of love, which bound her definitively to her Spouse. From that moment on, Mary of the Passion carried the stigmata until her death. During the last fifteen days of her life, she lived on the Eucharist alone.

Christmas Schedule

Advent Confessions Schedule:

Dec. 20 (Saturday) 4:00 PM

Dec. 22 (Monday) 2 PM to 9 PM

Dec. 23 (Tuesday) 4:00 PM

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Dec. 24, (Wednesday) ***Christmas Eve:***
No 8 AM Mass
Vigil Mass 4:00 PM
(includes Christmas Pageant)
(Midnight) 12:00 AM

Dec. 25, (Thursday) ***Christmas Day:***
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:15 PM

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

Jan. 1, (Thursday) ***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

Family Activity Page
3rd Sunday of Advent
Gaudate Sunday
Jesus' Testimony to John
Matthew 11:2-11

In today's Gospel passage, we read that John the Baptist was in prison for encouraging Herod to repent. John sent his followers to ask Jesus an important question. Jesus answered them by quoting a passage from the Old Testament that explained what would happen when the Messiah came. These were all of the miracles that Jesus had been performing, showing that He was the Messiah: the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised! Then Jesus spoke to His own followers, telling them how special John the Baptist was because he came to tell the world about Jesus' coming. John the Baptist was the special messenger promised in the Old Testament who had been sent to prepare the way for the coming of our Savior: Jesus Christ! This week we look forward to that coming with great joy as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, which means "rejoice!".

Activities:

- What can you do as a family that is special for Gaudete Sunday?
- Can you think of any miracles that you have seen or heard about? There are many beautiful stories of miracles that happen even in our own time.
- John the Baptist was Jesus' special messenger, but we are all called to be messengers of Jesus and spread the Good News. How can you be a messenger for Jesus this week?

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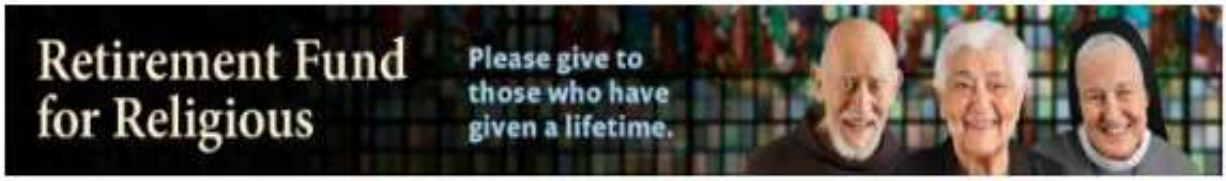

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Pope Leo XIV has called on those serving the Church to be missionary disciples, actively sharing their faith and the love of Christ and the Gospel with others.

Our retired Religious Sisters and Brothers and Religious Priests have exemplified this call.

They have served the Lord, and through their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, have witnessed to the power, beauty, and joy of the Gospel. We have seen their example and have been the beneficiaries of their service and witness within our parishes, schools, and ministries.

Our Religious Sisters and Brothers and Religious Priests have done so much for us, and now, we called to do something for them.

May I ask that you remember them in your prayers, and may I also humbly ask that you make a gift to the Religious Retirement Fund to help care for them in their time of need?

Thank you for your time, generosity, and consideration in helping to support those who have given so much to our faith community.

Sincerely in Christ,

+John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres

OUR HOLY REDEEMER INVITES YOU TO
Classical Music Christmas Fundraiser
Sunday, December 21 6:30PM
Free will offering
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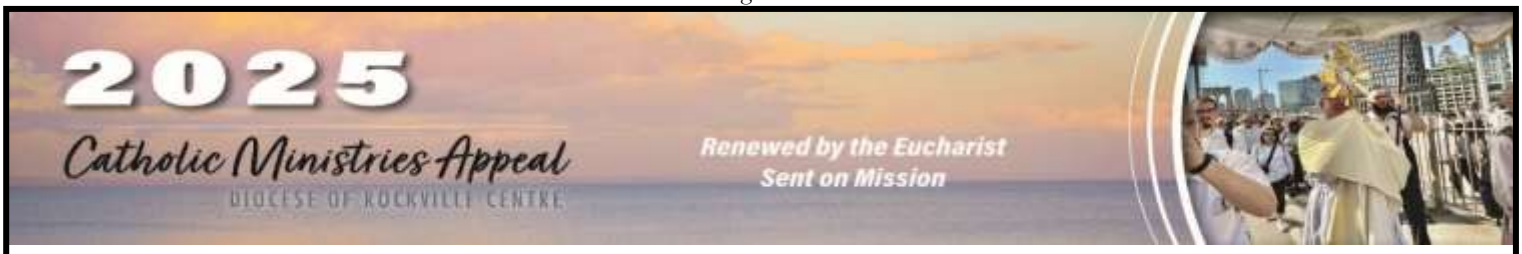

The Eucharistic Revival has enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful. Going out on Mission - for the life of the World is the most important phase, where we go out and share the love of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist to transform the world.

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.

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

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