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 January 4th, 2026

Monday, January 5th

8:00 ✝ **Barbara Boulton**
r/b Denise & Steve Ruscio

Tuesday, January 6th

8:00 ✝ **Walter & Raymonde Wesley**
r/b Kathryn Silliman

Wednesday, January 7th

8:00 ✝ **Robert Volpe**
r/b Barbara Ried

Thursday, January 8th

8:00 ✝ **Peter Mohr**
r/b The Mohr Family

Friday, January 9th

8:00 ✝ **Given Intention**

Saturday, January 10th

8:00 ✝ **Christopher Crawford**
r/b John Moravcik

5:00 ✝ **Peter Correale**
r/b Barbara Ried
✝ **Barbara Boulton**
r/b Reichel Family
✝ **Daniel T. Yacovelli**
r/b Rae Marino

Sunday, January 11th
The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 ✝ **Michael Frullo**
r/b James & Molly Frullo
✝ **Gus Ruscio**
r/b Denise & Steve Ruscio
✝ **Margaret Biersack**
r/b The Corvo Family

10:00 ✝ **People of the Parish**

12:15 ✝ **Josephine Amendolia**
r/b Maria Iacobellis
✝ **Mark Mendoza**
r/b Joseph Errico, Jr.
✝ **Ivonne Marie Torres**
r/b Diana Maza & Family

"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:

January 4th	**The Epiphany of the Lord**
January 5th	St. John Neumann, Bishop
January 6th	St. André Bessette, Religious
January 7th	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
January 3rd	**The Baptism of the Lord**

2nd Banns

Eric M. Gorton
(Sacred Heart Church, Island Park, NY)

Catherine L. Morreale
(Sacred Heart Church, Island Park, NY)

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is considered to be one of the oldest feasts of Christianity. It was celebrated as far back as the second century in the Eastern Church. In the East the feast meant the adoration of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the miracle at Cana. At each of these events, there was some manifestation of Christ's divinity. The word *epiphany* means "manifestation" or "revelation." On this feast the Eastern Church blesses holy water.

In the West the feast came to mean the visit of the Magi. Here it refers to God being made known in the person of Jesus to the Magi, who represents all nations. Matthew records the event in his Gospel. Some astrologers – advisors to Eastern kings – traveled to Jerusalem from the east. They followed a star that they believed would lead them to an infant who would be King of the Jews. When they found the child with his mother, they fell on their knees and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Fathers of the Church later interpreted these gifts as symbolic of the royalty (gold), divinity (incense), and suffering (myrrh) of Christ.

The readings for the feast emphasize the universality of God's power, love, and presence to all people Jesus is Light of the Nations – all nations. Jesus has come for all because there are no limits to his love, and he will bring all people to his Father.

The feast reminds us that we are responsible for sharing the Church's gifts, especially the gift of Christ to the world. We are to have an ecumenical outlook. We are to reach out in prayer, sacrifice, and active charity with the vision that God's kingdom is for everyone.

Religious Education

(Meet in Parish Center)

Grade 1 –
Monday, Jan. 5th,
4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 2 –
Wednesday, Jan. 7th,
4 PM to 5 PM – **Meet in Church**

Grade 3 –
Tuesday, Jan. 6th,
4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 4 –
Tuesday, Jan. 6th,
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Grade 5 –
Wednesday, Jan. 7th,
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Grade 6 –
Monday, Jan. 5th,
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Confirmation Class of 2025-2026

7th Grade Confirmation Registration
Is Friday, January 16th at 7 PM

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

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

Thankful & Grateful

Girls Scout Troop 2104 of Oceanside, generously donated close to ***$2,500 worth of groceries*** for the Sacred Heart Food Pantry.

May God bless them and their families, always!

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.

WHITE ELEPHANT TAG SALE

We are temporarily closed

for the holidays

and setting up for **2026.**

Stay tuned to:

www.sacredheartislandpark.com

We will **Re-Open**

on Wednesday, January 21st, 2026.

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

<u>Regarding Furniture Donations</u> (No Pickups):

The following items **<u>can not</u>** 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!"*

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

SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES

The next gathering is **Saturday, January 10**, starting at **7:00 PM**. This Gathering we are proud to present a live music performance.

The location is **St. Aidan Parish, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY, 11596**. Ages 40+; $10.00 donation - snacks, pizza and beverages will be served. Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994 or spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com

If possible, please bring a can or box of food for the **St. Aidan Food bank**. Thank you.

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

SMILE CORNER

not every day is amazing

but God always is

Saint André Bessette
(1845-1937)

The most unexpected people can be saints. André was sickly all his life. He failed at every job he tried. He could barely read or write. Yet he became famous and well-loved for his holiness.

André, the eighth of twelve children, was born near Montreal, Canada, and baptized Alfred. His parents, who were French-Canadian, died early. André was adopted when he was 12 years old and became a farmhand. Later he tried being a shoemaker, a baker, and a blacksmith, but he was unsuccessful. Then André joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross, but at the end of a year, he was told to leave because of his bad health. However, a wise bishop convinced the community to allow André to remain. Brother André became the doorkeeper at the College of Notre Dame and served in that position for 40 years.

André had a statue of Saint Joseph on the windowsill in his room. André spent many hours praying during the night. Soon it was discovered that André had healing powers. He would visit the sick, pray with them, rub them with oil, and they would be cured. Before long, throngs of people were coming to him for healing and spiritual direction. André would say, "It is Saint Joseph who cures. I am just his little dog." André ministered to people eight to ten hours a day. In the meantime, four secretaries were kept busy handling the 80,000 letters André received each year.

The Holy Cross community had tried for many years to buy a piece of land nearby. André buried a medal of Saint Joseph on the property, and suddenly the owners sold the land. Then André raised money to build first a small chapel there and then a church. For years he cut students' hair for five cents and saved the money. At the church he received visitors. Cured people left behind their crutches and canes. It took 50 years to build Saint Joseph's Oratory, which is probably the world's main shrine to Saint Joseph. More than 2 million people visit the oratory every year.

André let God work through his weakness to accomplish great things. He became known as "the Miracle Man of Montreal." He was beatified in 1982 and canonized in 2010.

(To see a virtual tour of the Shrine visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=faHEo6ZrqKY

2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Dear Friends:

At the beginning of this new year, 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 and make a donation to the 2026 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised by this fund helps support more than 60 programs and services that the people of our Faith as well as all of the people on Long Island have come to rely on.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans, as well as 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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Please make checks payable to: *Catholic Ministries Appeal*.

Parish _____ Total Pledge: $_____

Name _____ Down payment: $_____

Address_____ Balance: $_____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____Date: _____

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