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 11th, 2026

Monday, January 12th
8:00 ✝ **Dhananjay K. Rai**
r/b John Moravcik

Tuesday, January 13th
8:00 ✝ **Peter Adamo**
r/b Denise & Steve Ruscio

Wednesday, January 14th
8:00 ✝ **Fran McGinty**
r/b Jeanne & Michael McGinty

Thursday, January 15th
8:00 ✝ **Josephine Forzano**
r/b Family

Friday, January 16th
8:00 ✝ **Given Intention**

Saturday, January 17th
8:00 ✝ **Holy Souls in Purgatory**
r/b Diana Maza & Family

5:00 ✝ **Barbara Boulton**
r/b Nikki Rose Kane
✝ **Marie Collins**
r/b Marie Ryder
✝ **Carmen L. Hernandez**
r/b The Oliver Family

Sunday, January 18th
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 ✝ **Danny Yacovelli**
r/b Donna & Jeff Ruocco
✝ **Joyce Lo Frisco Heldt**
r/b Friends
✝ **Steve Ried**
r/b Diana Maza & Family

10:00 ✝ **Josephine Forzano**
r/b Family
✝ **Joseph & Jean Russo**
r/b Family
✝ **Holy Souls in Purgatory**
r/b Joan & Pete McCloskey

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

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.**
The next **Rosary Society** meeting is
Saturday, January 17th at 11 AM
All are welcome to come and pray!

Feast Days Celebrated this week:

January 11th **The Baptism of the Lord**
January 13th St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
January 17th St. Anthony, Abbot

3rd Banns

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Have you ever attended an inauguration or watched an inauguration ceremony on television? When a president of the United States has been newly elected, he participates in a formal ceremony of inauguration and presents an inaugural address. In this speech he explains his role in leading the country, and shares his hopes and his plans for the future. Jesus' baptism was similar to an inauguration.

One day Jesus was standing in a crowd listening to John the Baptist. John always challenged his listeners to turn their backs on their sinful way of life and turn to God. A sign that a person really wanted to live according to God's way was his or her public baptism by John. When a person stood beside John in the water, everyone in the crowd expected that person to change for the better. After all the people had come forward that day to be baptized, Jesus came forward. This was confusing to John the Baptist. He knew that Jesus did not need to change the way he was living. But the Gospel records that when Jesus was baptized, a very important thing happened – some signs showed that the Father and the Spirit were in intimate connection with Jesus.

Jesus was anointed for his mission just as Isaiah had written: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon to me, because the Lord has anointed me" (Isaiah 61:1), Jesus quoted the rest of that passage to explain his mission when he spoke to his neighbors at Nazareth:

He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Luke 4:18-19)

Jesus, who did the Father's work, was always one with the power of the Father and the Holy Spirit. After rising from the dead, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon his disciples at Pentecost. Then their work of spreading the Good News of Jesus began.

Jesus' baptism by John was his inauguration for his mission to save all people from their sings. This mission would result in Jesus' Passion and death on the cross, to be followed by his Resurrection from the dead. The Gospel records that on his way to Jerusalem, he spoke about his Passion and death as a baptism. "I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!" (Luke 12:50).

The source of grace received in Christian Baptism is the death and Resurrection of Christ Jesus. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been baptized into Christ's death (the death that saved us) and have become God the Father's adopted children. As baptized members of the Christian community, we also have a mission – to spread the Good News of Jesus by the way we speak and act. When we celebrate the feast of Jesus' baptism, we can also celebrate our own initiation, our own Baptism.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Meet in Parish Center)

Grade 1 – Monday, Jan. 12th,
4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 2 – Wednesday, Jan. 14th,
4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 3 – Tuesday, Jan. 13th,
4 PM to 5 PM

Grade 4 – Tuesday, Jan. 13th,
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Grade 5 – Wednesday, Jan. 14th,
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Grade 6 – Monday, Jan. 12th,
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2025-2026

7th Grade Confirmandi & Parents
Meeting with Fr. John J. Tutoné
For Orientation & Registration
Scheduled for Friday, January 16th at 7 PM
In the Parish Center

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.**

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

HUGE TAG SALE

Re-Opens: January 21, 2026

Wednesdays	5 PM to 7 PM
Saturdays Sundays	12 PM to 4 PM

Sacred Heart Parish Center
301 Long Beach Road, Island Park

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

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

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Roe v Wade Memorial Face the Truth Pro-Life Event

With so many distractions in our lives and revolving issues confronting us in daily news cycles, it can be easy to forget a tragic constant taking place right here on Long Island – the killing of innocent defenseless preborn babies through abortion. Because those children cannot speak up for themselves, pro-lifers must do so. The overturning of Roe v Wade has not ended abortion.

Pro-lifers are invited to call for the protection of preborn children by joining the Roe v. Wade Memorial Face the Truth pro-life event **on Sunday, January 25, 2026, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm** This peaceful public outreach will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow). Signs provided (no political signs). Rain or shine. Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.

GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Catholic Mom
HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2025
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
MATTHEW 3:13-17

FAMILY ACTIVITY PAGE:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, an important moment in Jesus' public ministry. John the Baptist knows that his role is to prepare others for Jesus, to prepare the way for the Way! He knows that He is unworthy to baptize Jesus. But Jesus tells him that he must do it. After Jesus is baptized, the heavens open and the Spirit descends, comes down over Jesus, in the shape of a dove. A voice comes down from Heaven, saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This was the voice of God the Father talking about God the Son!

ACTIVITIES:

- Take the time this week to talk to your family about your Baptism. Who was there? Who are your godparents and why? If you can find your baptismal candle, light it and read this Gospel together!
- When we are baptized, we become a part of the Church, the Body of Christ, here on earth. How can you be Jesus' hands and feet, heart and ears, in the world today?
- Is God "well pleased" with you? Why or why not? What can you do to be more pleasing to God?

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OF GOD VOICE
WATER

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

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*.

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