Sacred Heart Church

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Religious Education 516-431-7877
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 February 15th , 2026

Monday, February 16th
President's Day

8:00 ✝ **Thomas McCreight**
r/b Jeanne Morrone

Tuesday, February 17th

8:00 ✝ **Floyd Rivera, Jr.**
r/b Ernesto & Luvinia Soberano

Wednesday, February 18th
Ash Wednesday

8:00 ✝ **Thomas M. McCreight**
r/b Kathryn Silliman & Team

Prayer Services and Distribution of Ashes

12:00 PM, 3:30 PM and 7 PM

Thursday, February 19th

8:00 ✝ **Wilmer Candanedo**
r/b Alfredo Calderon Borbon

Friday, February 20th

8:00 ✝ **Given Intention**

7:00 ✝ **Stations of the Cross & Exposition**

Saturday, February 21st

8:00 ✝ **Mario Ferran Cote**
r/b Alfredo Calderon Borbon

5:00 ✝ **Barbara Boulton**
r/b Friends

✝ **Maria Elena Flores**
r/b Anthony DeFalco

✝ **Floyd Rivera, Jr.**
r/b Fran & Lenny Macaluso

Sunday, February 22nd
1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 ✝ **Jose Rafael De Jesus Miranda**
r/b Alfredo Calderon Borbon

✝ **Mamiliano Nana**
r/b Corazon N. Garcia

✝ **Rosie Wong**
r/b Warren & Susan Ong

10:00 ✝ **People of the Parish**

12:15 ✝ **Rosemarie Ripi**
r/b Maria Iacobellis

✝ **Ann & John Baloga**
r/b Pat Hackett

✝ **Ronald T. Nurnberger, Sr.**
r/b Sherrill Nurnberger

"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:

Feb. 17th — **The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

Feb. 18th — **Ash Wednesday**

Feb. 21st — **St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

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

Religious Education

WINTER BREAK

NO CLASSES this week:

February 16th thru February 20th

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All Students, Grades 1-7	***Come to Church with Parents*** ***For* Ash Wednesday, February 18th, at 3:30 PM**

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

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

Stations of the Cross

On Friday, **February 20th**, we have the **Stations of the Cross** at **7 PM** followed by **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

This will continue on Fridays during the season of Lent

February 18th

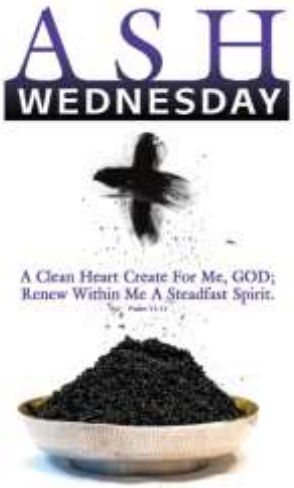
Ashes will be distributed at
SACRED HEART R.C. CHURCH
282 Long Beach Road
After the 8:00 AM Mass
And
Following the Prayer Services at:
12:00 PM
3:30 PM
7:00 PM

2025 Year-End Tax Statements

Please note, in an effort to contain expenses, year-end statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained upon request from the Parish Office.

Please call **516-432-0655** to request your statement or email your name, address, phone number and envelope number to ship282@verizon.net.

In observance of **President's Day,** the **Parish Center** will be **CLOSED on Monday, February 16th.**



February 18th begins the **Penitential Season of Lent** when the Church directs our prayers and thoughts toward a deeper understanding of Christ's redemptive love. For all eternity He loved us even as we sinned and rejected that love. In the passage of St. John's gospel that is read at every midnight Mass, we hear the haunting words, ***"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."*** By His choice we are baptized and are "His own" in every sense of the word. By our sins of pride, anger, lust, jealousy, gluttony, greed and laziness, we personally and collectively reenact the tragedy of ***". . . and His own received Him not."***

During Lent, we express sorrow for our sins and the offense they give to Almighty God and the pain they cause those closest to us. Every true Lent must end with a good confession. Throughout the forty days that we meditate on the result of sin in our lives and the world, we perform acts of reparation. Acts of reparation show our sorrow beyond the word "sorry" which is so easy to say. Isn't the need to "make it up" to someone we have hurt a sure sign of a healthy conscience?

If you want to do something positive, then you might make the sacrifice of denying yourself extra sleep and coming to daily Mass. Maybe you could say the Rosary every day, turn off the car radio and say it with the mysteries in mind. You could promise Our Lord to spend five minutes each day reading the gospels. Go in your room and close the door, the time is God's, and you want to give Him a chance to speak to you. The old standbys of giving something up for Lent: sugar in your coffee, candy, dessert, a second helping of anything is still a valuable mortification that teaches us to control the body's appetites. *"Father, I have no patience with . . ."* is something I hear again and again. Control is only learned by mortification. And there's that wonderful value of reminding ourselves every time we are about to eat of who we are, what we are, and why we are not eating this or that.

What does "entering Lent" mean?

It means we enter a season of special commitment in the spiritual battle to oppose the evil present in the world, in each one of us, and around us. It means looking evil in the face and being ready to fight its effects and especially its causes, even its primary cause which is Satan. It means not off-loading the problem of evil on to others, on to society, or on to God but rather recognizing one's own responsibility and assuming it with awareness.

Entering Lent means renewing the personal and community decision to face evil together with Christ. The way of the cross is in fact the only way that leads to the victory of love over hatred, of sharing over selfishness, of peace over violence. Seen in this light, Lent is truly an opportunity for a strong ascetic and spiritual commitment based on Christ's grace.

Lenten Devotions at Sacred Heart

Morning Mass
Daily at 8:00 a.m.

Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
and Benediction
Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

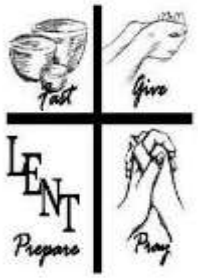
Stations of the Cross
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
and Benediction
Begins Friday, **February 20th** at 7:00 p.m.

The Season of Lent – Fast and Abstinence

All Catholics who have reached their **14th year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent**. All Catholics between the **ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

Please carefully choose what you will sacrifice for Lent; and whatever it is, do it with a generous and joyful heart. It's our way of saying we are sorry for our sins and that we understand and appreciate the sacrifices Christ endured for love of us. Like everything this side of heaven, we'll only get out of Lent what we put into it.

Lenten Prayer



As I make my Lenten journey with You, send me Your Spirit, help me to give of myself, help me to turn away from sin, and help me to fast and pray, so that I may know You and serve You better

Meditation on the Stations of the Cross

We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

First Station
Pilate
Condemns
Jesus to Die

Second
Station
Jesus Accepts
His Cross

Third Station
Jesus Falls
the First
Time

Fourth Station
Jesus Meets
His Sorrowful
Mother

Fifth Station
Simon Helps
Jesus Carry
His Cross

Sixth Station
Veronica
Offers her
Veil to Jesus

Seventh
Station
Jesus Falls the
Second Time

Eighth Station
Jesus Speaks
to the Women

Ninth Station
Jesus Falls
the Third
Time

Tenth Station
Jesus is
Stripped of
His Garments

Eleventh
Station
Jesus is
Nailed to the
Cross

Twelfth
Station
Jesus Dies on
the Cross

Thirteenth
Station
Jesus is Taken
Down from
the Cross

Fourteenth
Station
Jesus is
Placed in the
Tomb

Fifteenth
Station
The Glorious
Resurrection
of Jesus

Closing Prayer: My Good Jesus, as I kneel before You looking at Your Wounds, I ask You to help me believe in You, hope in You, and love You. Help me to be sorry for my sins which caused You so much pain.

-Adapted from the work of St. Alphonsus Liguori

Eucharistic Miracle of ST. PETER DAMIAN

ITALY, ELEVENTH CENTURY

St. Peter Damian

A sorceress asked a woman to bring her a consecrated Host. The woman went to Mass and during Communion she managed to hide a Host in her handkerchief. The priest noticed what happened and ran after the woman and ordered her to show him what she was hiding. The woman opened the handkerchief, and to their surprise they saw that half of the stolen Particle had been transformed into Flesh and the other half looked like the Host.

In his Opuscul. XXXIV; Patrol. Lat., tom. CXLV. col. 573, St. Peter Damian, a Doctor of the Church, describes an important Eucharistic miracle of which he was a direct witness. We present the Italian translation of the episode as the Saint himself describes it: "This is a Eucharistic event of great importance. It took place in 1050. Giving in to a horrible temptation, a woman was about to take the Eucharistic Bread home to use the Sacred Species for sorcery. But a priest noticed what she had done and ran after her, taking away from her the Host she had sacrilegiously stolen. Then he unfolded the white linen cloth in which the sacred Host had been wrapped and found that the Host had been trans formed in such a way that Half had become visibly the Body of Christ, while the other Half preserved the normal look of a Host. With such a clear testimony, God wanted to win over unbelievers and heretics who refused to accept the Real Presence of the Eucharistic mystery: in one half of the consecrated bread the Body of Christ was visible, while in the other the natural form, thus highlighting the reality of the sacramental transubstantiation taking place at the Consecration."

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1ST BANNS

Jesse C. Blovin
(Holy Name Church, Valley Stream, NY)
Taylor A. Martinelli
(Sacred Heart Church, Island Park, NY)

Chair of Saint Peter

Whenever the pope, the Bishop of Rome, speaks out on an issue or delivers a teaching, his words are recorded, printed, and meditated upon. Whenever the pope cautions world leaders, pleads for peace, or condemns discrimination and social injustice, people listen. The pope travels where other leaders dare not go; he speaks freely about issues that others fear to discuss. What makes the world stop and listen to this particular shepherd of Christ's flock?

The answer lies both in Scripture and in tradition. In the New Testament, Peter is names first among the apostles of Jesus: he was often their spokesman and leader; he was the first to preach after Pentecost, the leader in defending Christ and his message to rulers who opposed him. Peter was at the Transfiguration and in the garden. Peter proclaimed, "You are the Christ," and Christ in turn signed out Peter, calling him *Cephas*, which, like Peter, means rock:

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16: 18-19)

Jesus gave Peter a threefold commission of love and ministry:

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me? He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." (John 21:15-17)

From the first the "primacy" of Peter has been recognized. It is a sign of Christ's love for his Church and his presence and protection.

On the feast of the Chair of Peter, **(February 22nd)** we celebrate our unity as a Church. The title of the feast refers to the chair from which a bishop presided and gave homilies, a symbol of his authority. When the title refers to St. Peter, it recalls the supreme teaching power of the Prince of the Apostles and his successors. It is from the chair that the pope teaches, guides, and shepherds the flock of Christ. On this feast let us pray for the Church and especially for our pope, that God may protect him and give him the strength, courage, and wisdom he needs to guide us.

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Family Activity Page

Matthew 5:17-37

In this week's Gospel, Jesus continues to teach his disciples. Many people—including the disciples—were confused by the miracles of Jesus and His preaching. Jesus assures them that He has come not to abolish (a fancy word for getting rid of something) the laws of their faith, but to fulfill the promise made by God to his people. Jesus further instructs his disciples about how they are to conduct themselves. He tells his followers that they are to hold themselves to an even higher standard than the high priests and Pharisees (the religious leaders of Jesus' day) in how they treat one another. It isn't just our actions which make us holy or sinful, but also our thoughts and our words. Jesus also reminds us that we must love others through the words we say and the way we behave toward them. In this way, we love God.

Activities:

- Read this Gospel out loud. What do you think Jesus means by "let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No'"?
- This week, talk at home about what it means to live as a Christian today in the world. How should followers of Christ behave?
- There are many distractions in our world today that can take us away from our family, friends, and faith. Decide on one thing you can do this week to make room for your Heavenly Father and Jesus each day.

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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

The Members of the
Sacred Heart Rosary Society
Are inviting you to our
Valentine's Day Weekend Bake Sale

Date & Time: Saturday, February 14th
12 PM to 6 PM

& Sunday February 15th
8:30 AM to 4 PM

Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center
301 Long Beach Road
Island Park, NY 11558

SMILE CORNER

Winter could be worse!

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Our seven Fathers were born and grew up in the city of Florence. Drawn together by friendship and devotion to the Blessed Virgin, they gave themselves to common prayer and works of charity. Their desire to serve God eventually led them to leave their homes and their businesses, and to form a community outside the city walls. About the year 1245 they moved to Monte Senario where, for a time, they followed a life of prayerful seclusion. As others came to join them, they laid the foundations for the Servite Order, whose members would be committed to the service of the Lord and others. They promised to follow Christ and witness his gospel; they took the Blessed Virgin as their Lady; and they lived communal life according to the Rule of St. Augustine. Pope Leo XIII canonized them as the Seven Founders of the Servite Order in 1888.

Suicide Prevention Resources

Suicide is a major public health problem and a leading cause of death in the United States. The effects of suicide go beyond the person who acts to take his or her life: it can have a lasting effect on family, friends and communities. If you are thinking about suicide, are worried about a friend or loved one, or would like emotional support, the Lifeline network is available 24/7 across the United States.
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
1-800-273-TALK (8255) or Crisis Text Line:
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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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