Sacred Heart Church

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Monsignor John J. Tutoné, Pastor

Parish Office 516-432-0655
Ms. Diana Maza, Secretary
Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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 Week of September 20th, 2026

Monday, September 21st
8:00 ✝ **Roxanne Cox**
r/b Tom & Renee Gubelli

Tuesday, September 22nd
8:00 ✝ **James Hughes**
r/b Kathleen Hughes

Wednesday, September 23rd
8:00 ✝ **Maria Arroyo**
r/b Diana Maza & Family

Thursday, September 24th
8:00 ✝ **Elizabeth & Joseph Sladich**
r/b Pat Hackett

Friday, September 25th
8:00 ✝ **Given Intention**

Saturday, September 26th
8:00 ✝ **Gus Ruscio**
r/b Denise & Steve Ruscio

5:00 ✝ **Patricia Dooley**
r/b Donna Rees
✝ **Mildred A. Risolo**
r/b Lucy Volpe
✝ **Frank Bua**
r/b Bua-Moran Family

Sunday, September 27th
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 ✝ **Veronica Farcasiu**
r/b James & Molly Frullo
✝ **Marcelina Mendoza**
r/b The Cassieri Family
✝ **Lorraine DiResto Moore**
r/b Constance Mohr & Family

12:15 ✝ **Michael Forzano**
r/b Family
✝ **Joseph Driver**
r/b Dorothy Donaghy
✝ **Rosemarie Ripi**
r/b Maria Iacobellis

12:15 ✝ **People of the Parish**

*"If men only **appreciated the value of the holy Mass,** they would need traffic officers at church doors every day to keep the crowds in order."*
– 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**.*

Daily Rosary

The **Rosary** is recited **in the Church** Monday through Saturday mornings at **7:25 AM.**
All are welcome to come and pray!

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church

Saturday's at 3:00 p.m.

Feast Days Celebrated this Week:

Sept. 21st **St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
Sept. 23rd **St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**
Sept 26th **Sts. Cosmas and Damien, Martyrs**

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

San Gennaro Feast 50/50 Raffle Winner

Congratulations to ***Kevin Griffin of Baldwin, NY,*** who won **$3,605** and **donated it back to *Sacred Heart Church*! *God bless his generosity!***

Thank you to **all** who supported this fundraiser!

From the Pastor's Desk

On behalf of all the parishioners at Sacred Heart Church, I would like to offer a special public word of thanks to the **local merchants** who so patiently cooperate with our San Gennaro Feast each year. Aware that the preparation and Feast is not without some inconvenience to them, these good neighbors go out of their way to support, work at, and in every way encourage this major parish fund-raising event. As has been our custom, we are giving these good friends four weeks of advertising and recommendation for any inconvenience caused during the four days of the Feast:

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS OF 2026/2027

Our new program is referred to as a Hybrid Program which means classes are **still at the Parish Center on designated dates** and the **other dates are at HOME with the parent.**

All lessons are already planned and prepared. **The child does the lesson. Classes begin the week of October 5th, 2026**

Visit: Religious Education – Sacred Heart Church (https://www.sacredheartislandpark.com/religious-education/)

Complete Forms and return them to the office via Email to:

missaSHC301@yahoo.com

along with your Payments in Person. Acceptable forms of Payment: Cash or Check. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church-Religious Ed

Any questions, please call the **Religious Ed Office** at **(516) 431-7877**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Miss Andrea Caracciolo, Religious Ed Coordinator
Thank you

SGF LEFTOVER FOODS DONATED TO LOCAL PANTRIES

Thank you to Mary Ann, of St. Mary of the Isle Outreach and Larry, from Long Beach Soup Kitchen *for picking up the leftover trays of food and also sharing it with another local soup kitchens in long beach called* ***La Crusada. St. Paul's AME, of Rockville Centre, also received donations delivered by Larry. Praise be to God!***

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Dear Parishioners,

We want to start by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards our church. Your contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our community.

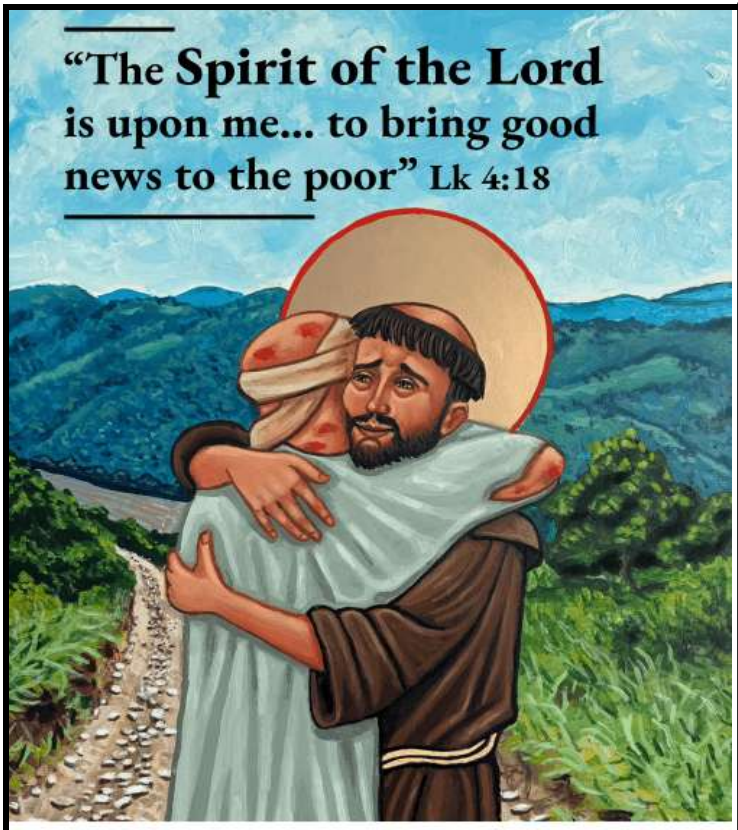
We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

The link is available on our website, (**www.sacredheartislandpark.com**) under the **GIVE** tab. **Please create an account on Vanco before contributing.** This way you will create a transaction history for your tax receipt.

Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

Thank you again for all that you do.
Blessings,

Fr. John Tutoné, Pastor



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

This year, the Church will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday on Sept. 20, 2026**. Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry at the **12:15 PM Mass**. Please keep them in your prayers.

2ND BANNS

Carlos A. Palomo (St. Monica's Church Brooklyn, NY)
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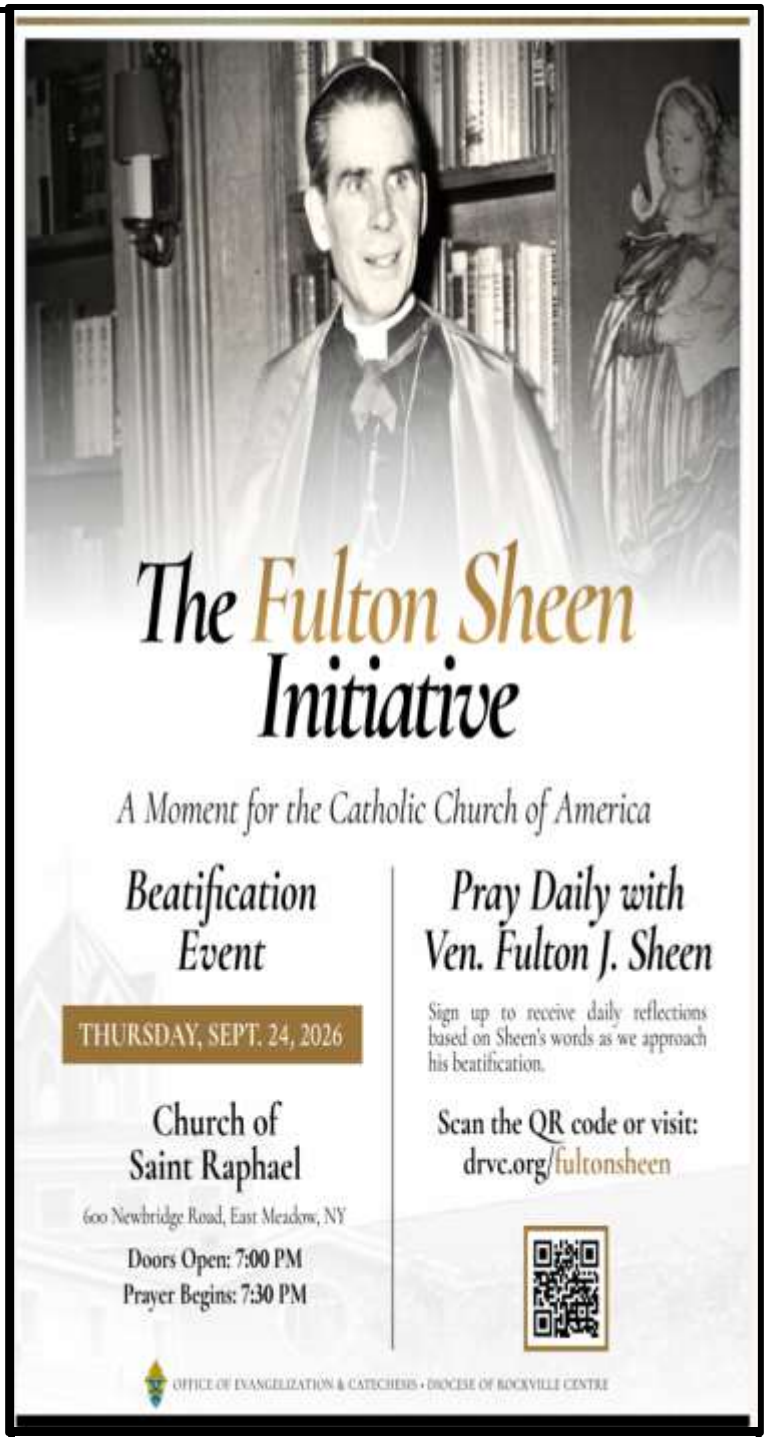

SMILE CORNER

"Life is short.
If you can't laugh at yourself,
Call me, I will."

Sacred Heart Religious Ed Fundraiser

October Food Fest of Island Park

Sunday, October 4, 2026

6 PM – Ends When Food Runs Out

***SAMPLE** the many foods our community restaurants & food establishments have to offer at Sacred Heart RC Church!*

Limited Seating – Advance Registration Required.

Go to our website to download registration form at www.sacredheartislandpark.com

Tickets on sale at the Parish Center
301 Long Beach Road, Island Park, NY 11558 (516-431-7877)
Cash or Check only! Deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 30th.

$25 per Adult; Children under 10 years Old = $5

Registration Form:

Name:_____ Telephone Number:_____

Name:_____

Name:_____ Total Amount Paid: $_____

Name:_____

Name:_____ Date Received:_____ By:_____

Please Drop off at Parish Center, Mon.-Fri. 9 AM-5 PM

Sacred Heart Rosary Society

Invites you to a

50/50 Raffles

Date: **Saturday, October 24, 2026**

Time: 1 PM to 4 PM *(Doors Open at 12:15 PM)*

Place: ***Sacred Heart Parish Center***
301 Long Beach Road
Island Park, NY 11558
(516) 432-0655

Sale of Snacks & Beverages

Chinese Auction

Admission: **$25** (10 Games)
(3 Chances to Win on each Game Sheet)

Registration: **Advance Registration Required!**
Registration must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 16th

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Family Activity
Gospel Reflection
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
The Parable of the Workers In The Vinyard: God's Generosity
Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable (a special story that teaches us) about a landowner, a man who hires people throughout the day to work for him. When the day is over and it is time for them to be paid, the man pays everyone the same amount even though some men worked longer than others. The men who started work at the beginning of the day become upset that they didn't make extra money, even though they got paid a fair wage. In this parable, Jesus teaches us many lessons. One lesson is that God is merciful and generous. He desires all of us to be saved, even those who we think don't "deserve" it. Jesus also teaches us that we should never judge. The men got upset because they didn't think the landowner was being fair. But they shouldn't have judged the landowner. Finally, Jesus says that "the last will be first, and the first will be last." Just because people are rich or important in the eyes of the world doesn't mean that they are holy in the eyes of God. We must always seek to be holy and pleasing to God, instead of worrying about what others think of us.

Activities:

- As a family, pay attention to your conversations this week. Are you judging others or seeking to be generous towards them, as God is?
- Read the Gospel as a family. Are there any other lessons you can find from today's parable?
- God is generous and forgiving! Take time today to simply thank God for His immense generosity.

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"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together." - Venerable Patrick Peyton

St. Pio of Pietrelcino

The man who would become known as Padre Pio was born in Italy on May 25, 1887, the child of farm workers. He was baptized in the village church the next day and given the name Francesco. Even as a child he knew he wanted to become a priest. When he was 12 years old, he was confirmed and made his first Holy Communion. Three years later he entered the Capuchin Friars, a branch of the Franciscan order, and took the name *Fra Pio* (Brother Pius). In 1910 he achieved his childhood desire and was ordained a priest.

Padre Pio stayed at home with his family for the first six years after his ordination because his lungs were weak and he was in poor health. In 1916 he entered the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he spent the rest of his life.

Shortly after he celebrated his first Mass in 1918, Padre Pio began to experience unusual pains in his hands and feet – pains that corresponded to the wounds suffered by Jesus when he was nailed to the cross. Eventually wounds appeared and Pio's hand and feet began to bleed, and did so for the rest of his life. Wounds of this type are called stigmata.

Padre Pio was very devout and spent a great deal of time in prayer, particularly in preparation for celebrating Mass. Feeling that his spirituality brought them closer to God, large crowds of people flocked to attend his Masses, which often lasted as long as two hours.

Great numbers of people also wanted Padre Pio to hear their confessions, and he spent many hours each day doing so. Those who came to him for the Sacrament of Penance said they found great peace in their hearts afterwards.

Padre Pio devoted his life to loving God and helping others to do so. He showed a special concern for the poor, the suffering, and the sick. He opened a 20-bed hospital in 1925. In 1940, with the assistance of Maria Pyle, a wealthy American woman, he began planning to establish a new and much larger hospital near San Giovanni Rotondo. The project was delayed for several years during World War II, but eventually the House for the Relief of Suffering opened. It still serves the poor and suffering.
In declining health at the end of his life, Padre Pio began speaking to his followers over the radio. Despite his fame and his many admirers, he felt himself unworthy and often said, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays." His stigmata disappeared when he celebrated his last Mass, and he died on the following day, **September 23, 1968**. Padre Pio was beatified by Pope John Paul II in May 1999 and canonized in June 2002. One of his memorable sayings was:

"Pray, hope, and don't worry."

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility

"Caring for those who Cared for us"

The special collection for retired priests, living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility, will take place this weekend, **September 19th & 20th.**

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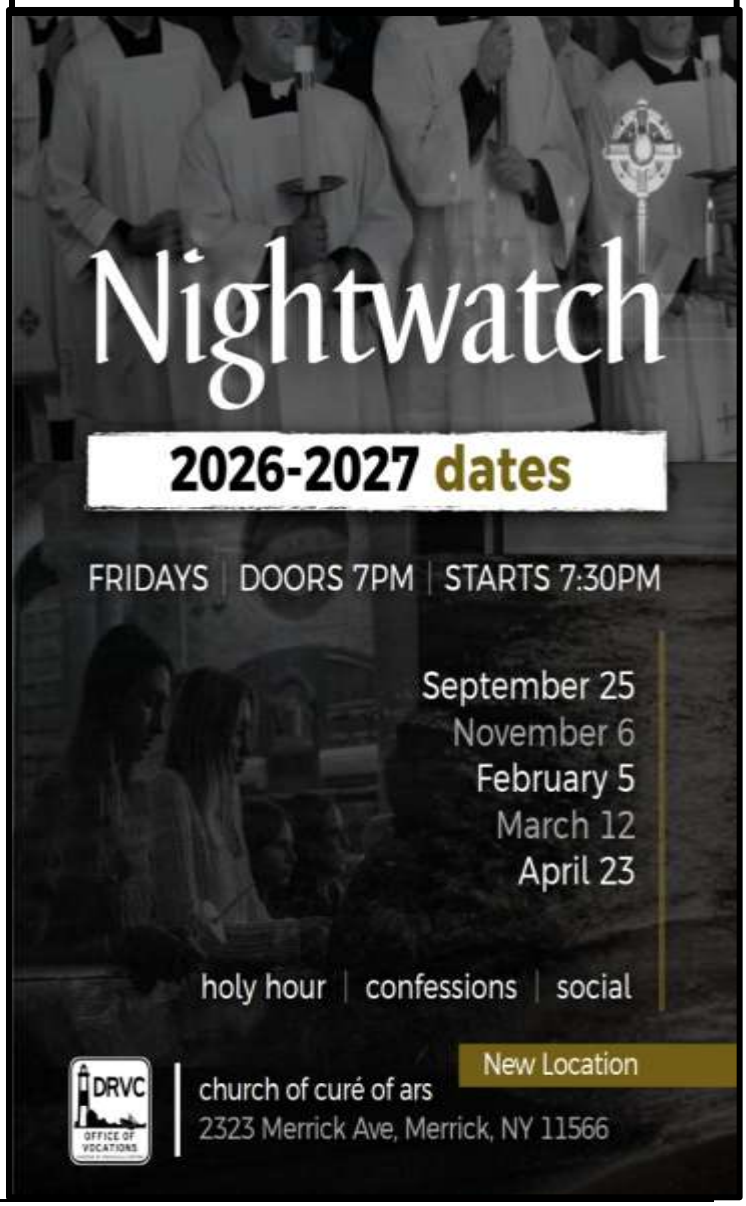

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Deacon O'Brien brings God's message of love, mercy, and hope to others.

"As a Deacon, I hope to revitalize the faith oj others. I go to nursing homes and the residents hear the Word of God and receive the Eucharist. At wake services, when people have lost a loved one, I hope to revitalize their faith so that people know that they can call on and rely on God to help them through the difficult times. In happy times such as a baptism or a wedding, God is there for them for the rest of their life."

– Deacon O' Brien

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