October 9, 2016

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Sister Lynn Caton, CSJ/Outreach  19

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Parish Mission Statement
Sacred Heart is a community rooted in Jesus, striving to be a holy, caring, compassionate people. To fulfill our mission we are called to grow individually and communally as we teach, celebrate, evangelize, support and empower each other.

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday  5 PM
Sunday  8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon, 5 PM

Weekdays
Monday - Friday 9 AM (Novena Prayers on Monday)

Holy Day Masses
The schedule of Masses for a Holy Day will be announced in the Bulletin the Sunday before the Holy day

Pastoral Center Office Hours
Monday ~ Friday 9 AM - 5 PM
Closed 1 PM - 2 PM
Saturday & Sunday 9 AM - 12 Noon
PARISH MEMBERSHIP
We hope that all new residents of the Merricks and surrounding communities will feel at home at Sacred Heart and will
tell us of their presence by registering at the Parish Center. By completing the registration form, we will be better able to
serve you when you need letters to be a sponsor for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, along with other situations
requiring character references. Your use of the parish envelopes in making contributions will enable us to provide you
with verification for your tax purposes. Please, come into the Parish Center for a Registration form and let us give you a
warm welcome to our faith community.

ADULT CHRISTIAN INITIATION
If you are interested in exploring the Catholic faith or completing your initiation into the Church through the reception of
the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please call the Parish Center.

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION
Sacred Heart celebrates the sacrament of Baptism on the first and third Sundays of the month at 2:00 PM. Please call the
Parish Center (X 20) at least three months before the intended date of Baptism, to begin the Preparation Process.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
Please contact the Parish Center at least a year in advance of the intended date of the wedding. A priest of the parish
will interview you, set the wedding date and help you register for the required marriage preparation program (Pre-Cana).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
A priest is available to welcome you to Confession each Saturday at 4:00 P.M. in the Church. Please never hesitate to
call a priest at the Parish Center for an appointment for Confession at another time.

SACRAMENTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND
If you or a family member are not able to attend Mass due to temporary or chronic illness, and would like to receive the
Sacraments of Communion, Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call to arrange for reception at home.
Arrangements may also be made for a friendly phone call from our Social Ministry Volunteers. Please let us know of a
parishioner in a local hospital or medical facility who would like a visit from our pastoral staff. Please call Sister Lynn,
C.S.J. 516-379-1356 ext. 19 for more information.

CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM
All adults volunteering as liturgical ministers and in other ministries, events and programs connected with children are
required to have a Background Check which is done at Sacred Heart, and attend a three hour Virtus Training Program
either at Sacred Heart or another diocesan site. To attend a session you must register on line at www.drvc.org, go to
the tab: PROTECTING CHILDREN and click on the link for VIRTUS TRAINING CALENDAR.

SACRED HEART PARISH

❤ SEMI-ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE
FRIDAY OCTOBER 14, 2016
2:00 PM – 8:00 PM
To Schedule an appointment, please e-mail
Maureen at
mofergie13@gmail.com

SACRED HEART SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
730 MERRICK AVENUE
NORTH MERRICK, N.Y. 11566
(USE ENTRANCE IN THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL)
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK…

Dear Parishioners,

At a conference day I attended late last spring, the presenter stated: “If you don’t have a website, you don’t exist!” As you know, Sacred Heart has had a website for many years. Thanks to Randy Shannon it was “state of the art” when it began and he kept it going for quite a while. Randy has since moved down south and so for the past several months we have been setting up a “modern, new and improved” website...I am happy to announce that we will soon be ready to launch.

When you enter our new website, I hope you will find it very easy to navigate. Links to basic information such as Mass times, Sacraments, directions, contact points, weekly bulletins and parish news will be easy to find. Now parents will be able to register for our “Faith Formation Program” directly “on line”. The website will also allow for a safe way to make regular contribution and/or donations to the parish. I encourage you to go to the new Sacred Heart website at:

www.sacredheartnm.org

All Souls Day is quickly approaching. Extra envelopes are found in the Church. To remember your family members and friends simply fill in their names and return the envelope in the collection basket, or to the Pastoral Center. All names written will be remembered in our Novena of Masses (November 2 - 10).

On the weekend of October 24th we will mark Mission Sunday. As one who is baptized, we all are responsible for spreading the Word and goodness of God...to our family, neighbors and around the world. Your contribution helps the Church to bring the Good News of Jesus to all the corners of the world.

I received a note from Father Regan who would like to extend an invitation to all Sacred Heart Parishioners...to come to his installation Mass at St. Gertrude’s (Bayville) next Sunday at 11:30 AM. Please note it is the day of the Oyster Bay Festival so traffic needs to be considered.

Fr. Joe

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Join the Sacred Heart

**CHOIR**

Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!

The **Sacred Heart Choir** is open to all parishioners! If you have a love of singing, of making new friends and of leading songful prayer to God, please join us! We welcome your membership! I, myself, am thrilled to join the Choir and share in this season of joyful and sacred music. Together, we will raise the hearts of the faithful and rejoice in God! If you are willing to share your talents, please join us:

**Where:** Sacred Heart Church  
**Rehearsals:** Every Tuesday at 7:30PM, beginning on October 18, 2016.

*Blessings, Fr. Thompson

You’ll Be Glad You Did!*

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**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

We are looking forward to starting up another group of adults who are looking to learn more about their faith with the idea that many of them will prepare to celebrate any combination of the Sacraments—**Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion**.

Sessions will begin in the Fall (late September/early October). Each session will be geared to help participants understand the basic beliefs of our Catholic Faith, gain experiences of prayer and the practice of our Faith, and grow in their relationship with God, the Church and our brothers and sisters. For anyone over age 16 looking to receive the above Sacraments and for those who have inquiring minds, questions and a desire to learn more about what we believe and why…or why we do what we do…please feel free to call the Pastoral Center 379-1356 or speak to Father Joe Nixon (frjnixon@sacredheartnm.org).

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**The Blessing of the Animals, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi**

On Sunday, October 9th, we will be celebrating the Blessing of the Animals, in memory of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology.

If you would like to have your family pets blessed, please bring your furry, feathery or scaly friends to the Church of the Sacred Heart. Kindly park your car in the school parking lot and then meet on the lawn of the Church outside of the main entrance. At 2:00 PM, weather permitting, Fr. Kevin will begin a short prayer service and then perform individual blessings of pets and their families.

Feel free to take many pictures!

Please Note: All animals must be on a leash or in a suitable animal carrier. No animals will be permitted to run loose (except the occasional squirrel).

See you then!

**Day:** Sunday, October 9, 2016  
**Time:** 2:00 PM (weather permitting)  
**Where:** R.C. Church of the Sacred Heart, North Merrick, NY

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**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**

“**You Can’t Afford to Miss it**”

This six-hour course is presented by the National Safety Council-certified instructors, who offer a new approach to learning accident prevention skills. You will receive a course guide to use in class and to keep for future reference. This course is great for new and experienced drivers as well.

Upon completion, you become eligible for a motor vehicle insurance discount for **a full three years**. A 10% discount on Collision AND Liability premiums, and / or up to **four (4) points** deduction from your driving record. This classroom course will be offered here at Sacred Heart School Teacher’s Lounge, on **Saturday, October 29, 2016, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**. The cost will be $45.00 a person - payable to: Martin Hirschfield, send to: Driver Ed Dept. P.O. Box 314, Dept. Z, Lake Grove, NY 11755.

For reg. and info. call (631) 360-9720, Monday - Friday, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

At the completion of the course a donation will be made to Sacred Heart Church based upon the number of paying students attending the class.
This directory offers a brief overview of the many parish and national ministries/organizations sponsored or hosted here at Sacred Heart Parish. Each contributes greatly to the heart of our parish. Please keep it as a guide should you have a need from one of our ministries or for source of ways to best use your gifts within our parish.

Liturgical:
All of the Baptized are called to use their gifts for the good of others. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist everyone has a role in our communal prayer. To allow each of us to pray well, specific ministries call for the members of the assembly to a more active participation:

**Usher:**
*Jim Costello, frontdesk@sacredheartnm.org.*

**Music Ministry:**
*Parish Center, 516-379-1356 x 10, frontdesk@sacredheartnm.org.*

**Lector:**
*Fr. Kevin Thompson, 516-379-1356 x 24, frkthompson@sacredheartnm.org.*
The Lector proclaims the Word of God to the assembly. Lectors will workshop with Fr. Kevin several times per year to improve public proclamation skills, to develop their relationship with the Lord, and to try to convey His meaning when they speak His Word.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion EMHC's:**
*Fr. Joe Nixon, 516-379-1356 x 20, frjnixon@sacredheartnm.org,* EMHC's serve Sacred Heart Parish by distributing Holy Communion at Mass and/or bringing the Sacrament to the homebound.

**Altar Server:**
*Fr. Kevin Thompson, 516-379-1356 x 24, frkthompson@sacredheartnm.org.*
Altar Servers assist the priest in the service of Holy Mass. The Church recognizes and applauds the dedication of these boys and girls as they serve God. Altar Server preparation includes a training period, followed by periodic workshops with Fr. Kevin to improve skills and ask any questions.

Faith Formation

**Religious Education Office Help:**
*Maryann Specht, Director, 516-379-1356 x 27, dre@sacredheartnm.org.* During faith formation class time you will help with office work, answering phones, filing, and organization.
Faith Formation

Religious Education Hall Monitor:
Maryann Specht, Director, 516-379-1356 x 27, dre@sacredheartnm.org.
Monitors will sit in the hallway at a designated location to oversee the bathroom and the student’s behavior, along with collecting the attendance folders from each catechist.

Religious Education Catechist:
Maryann Specht, Director, 516-379-1356 x 27, dresacredheartnm.org. Teaching and helping the students learn and grow in their faith. Helping them develop their relationship with Jesus and learning to be a good Catholic. Program covers grades 1-8.

Parish Social Ministry:
Sr. Patricia Turley CSJ Food Pantry:
Sister Lynn Caton, CSJ, 516-379-1356 x 19, srlynn@sacredheartnm.org.
Provides food to the economically poor in our community.

The Closet at Sacred Heart
Sister Lynn Caton, CSJ, 516-379-1356 x 19, srlynn@sacredheartnm.org.
A boutique style clothing exchange where people donate or pick up new or gently used clothing.

Drivers:
Sister Lynn Caton, CSJ, 516-379-1356 x 19, srlynn@sacredheartnm.org.
Provides transportation to local medical appointments for parishioners.

Consolation Ministry:
Sister Lynn Caton, CSJ, 516-379-1356 x 19, srlynn@sacredheartnm.org. Journey with families during the time of preparation and celebration of the Funeral Liturgy

Bereavement Ministry:
Sister Lynn Caton, CSJ, 516-379-1356 x 19, srlynn@sacredheartnm.org. Offers Evening Prayer and monthly gatherings for those who have lost a loved one.

Prayer
Ministry of Praise-Prayer:
Sister Lynn Caton, CSJ, 516-379-1356 x 19, srlynn@sacredheartnm.org. Part of the Holy Father’s Worldwide Prayer Network, praying for the needs of the parish and world.
Prayer:

**Rosary Society:**
*Joanne Bivona,* President, 516-409-5365

*Frances Guercio,* Secretary, 516-378-2285, faguercio@gmail.com.
The group prays the Rosary and enjoys a variety of programs during the year and offer volunteer service to the parish.

**Prayer Shawl:**
*Marie Gandini,* 516-485-3284, 516-761-3647 mdini3@optonline.net.

**Love Lives On Prayer Group:**
*Sister Lynn Caton, CSJ,* 516-379-1356 x 19, srlynn@sacredheartnm.org. Prayer group for the bereaved. We meet in the church the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. All who have lost a loved one are welcome.

**Companions on the Journey:**
*Pat Johnson,* Facilitator, 516-623-6151.

Service:

**Virtus:**
*Rosalie Persico,* Facilitator, 516-868-9301, brpersico@yahoo.com.

**Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang:**
*Maureen Paladino,* 516-379-8128, moferie13@gmail.com. Meets every Monday in the school cafeteria to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the INN (Interfaith Nutritional Network) soup kitchen in Freeport.

**Parish Finance Committee:**
*Fr. Joe Nixon,* 516-379-1356 x 20, frjnixon@sacredheartnm.org. Members advise the Pastor with regards to financial and temporal matters of importance to the parish.

**Knights of Columbus:**
*Neil Franzese,* Grand Knight, 516-608-5082, neilftax@gmail.com.

**K of C Ladies Auxiliary:**
*Janet Castine,* 516-781-1665.

**Holy Name Society:**
*Frank Gandini,* 516-485-3284, 516-761-3647.
Service:

Sacred Heart Garden Club:
Frances Caruso, Coordinator 516-378-2637, A group of 'laborers in the field' who enhance the beauty of Sacred Heart through planting and maintaining the many flower beds around the parish grounds.

Catholic Daughters of America, Court Bishop Kellenberg:
JoAnne Brazenor, Regent, 516-546-1643, We meet once a month and do many fund raisers. We raise money for various charities. The Catholic Daughters is a National Organization.

Social:

Over 50 Club:
Mary Desantis, 516-378-1335, 516-987-5778 mgd2200@msn.com.

Youth:

CYO
Ray Murphy, CYO President and Boys' coordinator, 917-359-2502 rm1693@aol.com.

Marianne Collins, Girl' Coordinator, 516-623-6192, collinsdj30@optonline.net.

Susan Carroll, Coordinator Boys' and Girls' Track, 516-223-3651, susancarroll925@aol.com.

Cub Scout Pack 123:
Thomas Jones, 516-369-7245, doctortmj@gmail.com.

BSA Troop 123:
Chris Carrano, Scout Master, 516-221-7265, 646-290-0947 chris@adgpc.com.

BSA Troop 123:
Michael Giangregorio, Committee Chairman, 516-771-1912, gingremichal@gmail.com.

This information is current as of September 2016. Please check our website, www.sacredheartnm.org for the most current information.
MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 10 - Columbus Day
9 AM Natalie C. Nixon

Tuesday, October 11
9 AM Josephine LaGreca

Wednesday, October 12
9 AM Joseph L. Nixon

Thursday, October 13
9 AM Frank Candito

Friday, October 14
9 AM Catherine Melley

Saturday, October 15
5 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
   Kevin Collins
   Teresa Cain
   Anthony Guadagno
   Frances Segretario
   Patricia Ussia

Sunday, October 16
8 AM The Bracco Family
10 AM Fannie, Ninfa Messana
Noon Kathleen Rooney
5 PM Joseph Schwarz
   Marie Anne Ruth Orcel
   Thankamma Oommen

It is the policy of this Church and the intention of each priest that the Masses celebrated will be for the intentions listed in the Parish Mass Book.

SACRED HEART MEMORIAL SOCIETY
For an offering of $50, a deceased loved one can be enrolled in the society and will share in the spiritual benefits of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered each first Friday for one year. Appropriate Memorial Cards are available.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Let us remember all our parishioners who have been called home to our Loving God. May they rest in peace and may their families, relatives, and friends be consoled by our prayerful concern.

Patricia A. Ussia
Marie Thomas

Mon., Oct. 10 ~ Columbus Day Observed - Parish Center will be closed.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Baby Carter Brian      Josephine Lucci
Cecilia Bardwil       Christopher Lynch
Robert Boden          Patricia Massey
Mario Borgatta         Fred Matalevich
Palma Borgatta        Harriet Meyer
Richard Brazenor      Brian Mohr
Constance Buonauro    Daria Mongelli
Aurelia Calabrese     Frances Montalbano
Lillian Caraccio      Esperanza Morales
Janet Castine         Ellen Murray
Eileen Clarke         James Napolitano
Mary Fleur D.Cespedes-Cruz Jack Palamaro
John Devoti           Peter Palamaro, Jr.
Kevin Duffy           Florence Pechulis
James Forte           Frances Pravada
Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher Kitty Riepe
Betty Hindle          John Rynn
Mike Hindle           Alex Salvaggio
Donald Johnson, Sr.    Joel Scaduto
James Harry Kaiser    Frank Silverman
Baby Steven Katz      Danial Simpson
Joseph G. Kiefer      Eddie Specht
Gail Kimitis          Jean Tamburello
Lorraine Kolstein     Jack Thompson
Priscilla Landro      Leilani Vasquez
Patricia Levitt       Krista Verni
Jeanette Lucci        Richard Webster
   Edward Ziminski

Names of sick are placed in this weekly bulletin for a four week period, unless we are notified by a family member to continue having your loved one remembered in prayer. Otherwise, due to lack of space, the name will be removed.  Thank You

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend
Attention Married Couples! Fall in Love again!
This might be just what you’re looking for!
It’s time to renew your relationship.
Rediscover your love and enhance your hopes and dreams! WWME is the original and still the best!
Non-residential weekend: October 15 and 16 @ Immaculate Conception Center, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston (Queens), NY 11362
Space is limited. For more info, about this weekend or to apply call 1-877-697-9963, or visit our web site at http://www.wwme.org
**SAVE THE DATE**

Mon., Oct. 17 ~ Court Bishop Kellenberg CDA - 7:30 PM - Monthly meeting, at Teachers’ Lounge.

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES**

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education

Please feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below:

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**FRANCES BLAKE 300 CLUB**

**SEPTEMBER 2016 WINNERS**

$300 Winner
Kathleen Fausner #030

$100 Winner
Marie Yablonsky #148

$75 Winner
Fred Piscop #017

$50 Winner
S. Lynn #005

$25 Winners
Jeffrey Bogdan #131
Linda Liebler #052
Maryse Haig #022
Susan Ortega #062

$15 Winners
Anthony Cassone #059
Joan Wellstead #281
Grace M. Small #242
Jacqueline Gavigan #163
M/M Thomas DeMicco #129

The October drawing of the Frances Blake 300 Club will be on Monday, October 31.

If you have not yet paid your dues, it’s not too late!

**PARISHIONERS IN ARMED FORCES**

Several years ago, we inscribed the names of loved ones - parishioners and non-parishioners in a book placed before Our Lady of Fatima.

We continue to collect the names of PARISHIONERS who are actively serving the Armed Forces. Please send their name, rank and branch of service in writing to the Parish Center c/o Father Joe Nixon.

Sacred Heart Parish salutes and commends to prayer:

- Sgt. Richard DeTommaso, U.S. Army, Korea
- PFC Kendrick McCann, U.S. Army, Korea
- Sgt. First Class Lee Ann Gouveia, U.S. Army
- L CPL Anthony Rusciano, U.S.M.C.
- L CPL Troy Grassi, U.S.M.C., Iraq
- SSgt. Edgar C. Francisco, U.S.M.C.
- Col. James K. Lavine, U.S.M.C.
- Lt. Col. Timothy W. Schnelle, U.S.M.C.
- Pvt. Andrew Reynolds, U.S. Army
- OS2 Anthony J. Magri, U.S. Navy
- 3rd CS P.O. Joseph La Form, U.S. Navy
- L CPL Elyse Franzotta, U.S.M.C.
- L CPL Robert A. M. Bernhardt, U.S.M.C.
- L CPL Kevin P. Vaughan, U.S.M.C.
- Capt. Christopher Darconte, U.S. Air Force
- L CPL Ryan J. Baranek, U.S.M.C.
- L CPL Brandon Furia, U.S.M.C.
- PFC Matthew Macario, U.S. Army, Afghanistan

Prayer for Safety of our Service Men & Women

Almighty and Eternal God, protect these men and women as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety to all who love them. May they ever praise you for your loving care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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“Prayer”

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