March 20, 2016

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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.

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**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

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**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.

Parish Social Ministry
Pantry Sunday March 27

Next weekend, as we celebrate the great Feast of Easter, please help to spread the Good News by remembering the economically poor in our community with a donation of food to our Pantry. Here are some suggested items that may be left in the back of the church during all Masses:

- Tuna
- Toiletries
- Cereal
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Goods
- Canned/prepared meals

We are always in need of milk, eggs, butter, produce or meat. The Pantry does have a refrigerator. If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to the Outreach during our regular hours, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, or to the parish center Monday – Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Thank you,
Sister Lynn
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK...

Dear Parishioners,

Once again the Church offers us the incredible gift of Holy Week. As Catholic Christians there is no better time than this to enter into the life, death and resurrection Jesus. It is a time when these special days speak directly to our hearts and allow us time to pray...to be in the presence of our Lord, Jesus...and to participate in the Sacraments and Liturgies that make this special time, a time of grace. Let us remember that Jesus came to show us the power of God’s love. Let us respond as true disciples. Be sure to discover the gift of God’s mercy and healing love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (Note the special times of Reconciliation Services throughout this week.)

Let us connect ourselves to Jesus, the Bread of Life, in the Eucharist. Let us gather together and journey with Jesus, so that we can experience the fullness of joy that Easter promises.

Remember: as a Church we gather in Rockville Centre to celebrate the Chrism Mass (Holy Thursday, 11:00 AM, St. Agnes Cathedral); and here at Sacred Heart to celebrate: the Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Thursday, 7:30 PM), The Passion of the Lord (Good Friday, 3:00 PM) and the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday, 8:00 PM). If you have never prayed these liturgies before, now is an excellent time to come...all are invited! These “once a year” liturgies are chock full of some of the best and most basic symbols of our faith. What better way to grow closer to Jesus, than to “meet with Him” in some of His most important moments?

Lent is drawing quickly to a close, don’t lose the opportunity to make a pledge to the Catholic Ministries Appeal as part of your Lenten sacrifice. The results of your fasting, in the form of a pledge, will directly help our brothers and sisters in need of food, shelter and clothing...for those who yearn to learn more about Jesus...for those who are studying to become priests, deacons and parish leaders...and for those who are preparing for the Sacraments. It’s up to each one of us to prayerfully consider making a pledge! Remember every donation, no matter how large or small, truly makes a difference and continues the great work of helping others!

Lastly, may I ask you to be especially mindful of our family and parish family members who have fallen away from the practice of our faith? Perhaps this would be an ideal time to plant a seed of welcoming back???

Fr. Joe

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**HOLY WEEK**

**Monday** Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

**Tuesday** Isaiah 49:1-6, John 13:21:33, 36-38

**Wednesday** - Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

**Holy Thursday** Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14,
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

**Good Friday** Isaiah 52:13-53:12.
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

**Saturday** –Easter Vigil Genesis 1:1—2:2,
Genesis 22:1-18, Exodus 14:15-15:1,
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28, Romans 6:3-11;
Luke 24:1-12

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Sunday** Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 3743,
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

**MARCH 19 - 20, 2016**

1 1/2% of the tithe will go to **ANTHONY HOUSE**

Established in 1983 as a joint venture between the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Anthony’s Guild, Anthony House is a halfway house for men who are homeless and in neet.

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!”

We enter into the Passion and the Glory of the Lord!
THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE
For the week of March 27 are for:
Gerald Henry
offered by:
The Closet Dwellers

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SACRED HEART’S 300 CLUB
Imagine every month having 13 chances
to win some money! Prizes (over the year)
range from $1,000 to $15.
Joining costs only $30 for 6 months—and
gives you almost 80 chances to win.
March 28th will be the next drawing.
To participate, call the Pastoral Center
and get your application.
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Happy Anniversary to:
The Closet at
Sacred Heart

Can you believe it’s been 2 years since we opened the
doors of “The Closet” at Sacred Heart?!?
If you haven’t had a chance to visit, come by
Tuesday – Friday 10:00AM -1:00PM and wish our
ladies of the closet a happy anniversary! If you’ve
already visited, be sure to come back often and see all
the new items we have.
Come check out our new, or like new, “spring line”. Remember, we keep the Closet very much like a boutique so we’re happy to accept new, or laundered, like new, seasonal, moderate sized donations (please no more than 2 small bags).
Thank you,
Sister Lynn, CSJ

Registration and Re-Registration are now in progress for the 2016-2017 Faith Formation Program (Religious Ed). Please bring your completed registration form to the Parish Center or Faith Formation office in the school, during Religious Ed. classes, before April 21st, for the early bird special.

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HE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(A Lecture Series) - 7:00 - 8:30 PM
(516) 379-1356 - frdaveregan@yahoo.com
Mondays March 28 - April 4, 11, 18.
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Call or email Fr. Dave Regan
for location of the next Lectures

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HOLY LAND COLLECTION
MARCH 25, 2016
On Good Friday, our parish will take up the
annual Collection for the Holy Land.
Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and
instability plaguing the Middle East. However, we
rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community
there, a community that struggles to remain in the
land of Christ’s birth, death and resurrection. Please
help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy
Land by giving to the Good Friday Collection.
This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and
others to continue caring for Christianity’s holiest
sites and for God’s people in the Holy Land.
Please be generous.
Masses for the Holy Week

Monday, March 21
9 AM
3 PM - 9 PM Confessions in Church

Tuesday, March 22
9 AM James M. Hoare
7:30 PM Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 23
9 AM Ralph Pelo

Thursday, March 24 - Holy Thursday
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Friday, March 25 - Good Friday
3 PM Passion of the Lord
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 26 - Easter Vigil
8 PM Easter Vigil
10 AM - 11 AM Confessions

Sunday, March 27 — Easter Sunday
8 AM Palmira Brun and Christina Jones
9:30 AM Daniel L. Didden
11 AM Fred Peruggia
12:30 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Danny, Margaret and Terry McGrory
Vito Mazzara
Judy Ann Martin

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.

Jane E. Daniels

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Cecilia Bardwil Patricia Massey
Robert Boden Maryann Majorana
Lillian Caraccio Fred Matalevich
Eileen Clarke John McInerney
Clare Cook Harriet Meyer
Romona Cracolici Brian Mohr
Jane Daniels Daria Mongelli
John Devoti Frances Montalbano
Kevin Duffy Lillian Mortara
James Forte Ellen Murray
Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher Jack Palamaro
Michael Gallo Peter Palamaro, Jr.
Donald Johnson, Sr. Kitty Riepe
James Harry Kaiser Matthew Rosen
Joseph G. Kiefer Alex Salvaggio
Gail Kimitis Joel Scaduto
Richard Kimitis Santina Sztabnik
Lorraine Kolstein Jack Thompson
Priscilla Landro Kristi Verni
Vivian Lorentzen Richard Webster
Christopher Lynch 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

This Week at Sacred Heart

Court Bishop Kellenberg Catholic Daughters of America will have their monthly meeting on
Monday, March 28th at 7:30 PM in
the Teachers’ Lounge in Sacred Heart School.

Join Us!
Fri., Apr. 1 ~ Semi-Annual Blood Drive - Sacred Heart School Auditorium, 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM. For more info. or to schedule an appointment, please call: Richard Brazenor (516) 546-1643. (Use entrance in the back of the School)

Fri., Apr. 1 ~ Fill Our Freezer Friday - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you cannot make it those hours, please contact Sister Lynn to arrange for another time.

Sun., April 17 ~ Family Social - Please join us for coffee, tea and sweets after the 10:00 AM Mass.

We want to congratulate our winners from the Keep Christ in Christmas Project, organized by the Knights of Columbus!

1st Place - Allison Penna
2nd Place - Mathew Sansano
3rd Place - Gianna Latsko

Congratulations!

LEAVING A LEGACY OF FAITH

“Throughout my life I have worked to strengthen our Church community by sharing the gifts that God has blessed me with, and by sharing His message of Love. Leaving a gift to my Parish in my will, is yet another way for me to demonstrate my devotion to Him, by helping to ensure that future generations will experience faith-filled lives.” —Ann

For more information, or to receive a copy of an informational brochure about Wills and Bequests, please call 516-379-5210 ext. 229 or email bkilarjian@drvc.org.

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
- L CPL Elyse Franzitta, 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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