



# Sacred Heart Church

## Island Park, New York

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### **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

Sat. Eve. 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00, 10:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.  
Mon. – Sat. 8:00 a.m.  
Holy days 7:30 p.m. evening before  
8:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m. of Holy day

### **Confession**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and as posted

### **Baptism**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays (some exceptions) 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**

Miraculous Medal Novena  
Holy Hour and Benediction  
Sacred Heart (Mass)  
Eucharistic Adoration

Mon. 7:30 p.m.

Mon. 7:45 p.m.

First Friday 7:30 p.m.

First Friday 8-10 p.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, CYO Sports, Choir, Folk Group, Lectors, Fatima Prayer Group, Right to Life, Rosary Society, San Gennaro Feast Committee, Ushers, Boy Scouts, Assistance Program, Youth 2000, Youth Group, Al-Anon Tue. 8:10 p.m., A.A. (Tue. 7 p.m., Wed. 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m., Sat 7 p.m.)



February 22, 2012 is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at: 8:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Ash Wednesday (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) 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 everyday, turn off the car radio and say it with the mysteries in mind (but keep your eyes on the road, O.K.?). 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 stand-bys 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.

Just in case you're not sure about the Lenten regulations:

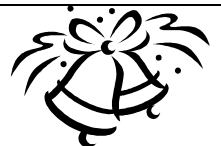
Fast and Abstinence:

All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

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**Wedding Banns**



First Time

Salvatore A. DelGrosso

Sacred Heart  
North Merrick  
Sacred Heart

Krystle P. Bronzin

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**Announced Masses for the Week of  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 † Armond M. D'Amato  
r/b Joanne Fantozzi

Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>  
8:00 † George Gravina  
r/b John Herbert

Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
8:00 † William Quick  
r/b Judy & Louie DeSilvio

Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
8:00 † Juana Hevia  
r/b Paul & Rita Schifilliti

Friday † February 24<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 Given Intention

Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 † Juana Hevia  
r/b Agnes Volpe

5:00 † Ethel Ried  
r/b William & Mary O'Neill

Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 † August & Dora Merone  
r/b Emilie DeStefani  
† Sebastiana Schifilliti  
r/b Joe & Fortunata Anzalone  
† Ethel Ried  
r/b Jeanette & Tony Prisco

10:00 † Rose & Fred Rispoli  
r/b Diana & Ed Caracciolo  
† Andrew Donaghy, Sr.  
r/b Donaghy family  
† Antoinette Martone  
r/b Jeanette & Tony Prisco

12:15 People of the Parish

**Office of Religious Education**

Winter Recess

No Classes February 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Extraordinary Ministers**

Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 p.m. Judy Garfield

Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. Bill Krause  
10:00 a.m. John Roache  
12:15 p.m. Rosemarie Ripi

**Lectors**

Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 p.m. Karen Kuhlman

Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. Darlene Leis  
10:00 a.m. Michael Forzano  
12:15 p.m. Matthew Paccione

**Altar Servers**

Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 p.m. Stephen Nurnberger  
David Treglia

Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. Molly Donovan  
Lily Hornung  
10:00 a.m. Paul Comuniello  
Raffaele Pupa  
12:15 p.m. Justin Hugues  
Alfonse Murphy

**Pray For Our Military**

Please join us in prayer as we ask for God's guidance and protection of our troops serving in Afghanistan, and other combat areas of the world.

*"Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands, especially those from our parish, community and families."*

**Upcoming Feast Days**

Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> St. Peter Damian  
Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday  
Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> Saint Polycarp

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

If you have not yet picked up your pledge card, or have misplaced it, you may pick up a pledge envelope in the rear of the Church.

Please place your completed pledge in any weekly collection basket in an envelope marked CMA. You may also drop off your pledge at the parish office any week day between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

To date only 178 parishioners have returned their pledges for the 2012 appeal. Parishioner participation is important to the success of our efforts. Every pledge counts, no matter how large or small. If you have not yet made a pledge, you may place your gift in any Sunday Collection and mark the envelope CMA and be sure to include your name and address.

Thank you for your participation.

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## Food for the Needy

Food for the needy will be collected at all masses. Your help in supported our Outreach program is greatly appreciated.

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## Rosary for Life

A Rosary for Life will be prayed for the respect of all human life and reparation for life destroyed on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Church. Please join us for this special prayer.

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## Hope House Ministries

In honor of the Hope House Ministries Endowment Fund, Fr. Francis Pizzarelli, SMM and the entire Hope House Ministries family extend to you a very special invitation to attend The Tenth Annual Endowment Fund Event. This exciting event will be held on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook. Please call Anne Hudlow (540) 241-3577 for information.

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## Taking up the Cross

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. In this regard Jesus' invitation to each one of us Christians to take up our "cross" and follow him with humility and trust (see Mt 16: 24) is particularly pressing. Although the "cross" may be heavy it is not synonymous with misfortunate, with disgrace, to be avoided on all accounts; rather it is an opportunity to follow Jesus and thereby to acquire strength in the fight against sin and evil. Thus, 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.

Pope Benedict XVI

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*When you fast,  
Anoint your head and wash your face,  
so that you may not appear to be fasting,  
except to your Father who is hidden.  
And your Father who sees what is hidden  
will repay you.*

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