



Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

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Devotions of our Parish

Adoration - Benediction followed by Litany & Novena to the Sacred Heart on First Friday

Our Lady of Fatima - First Saturday after Mass

Rosary - May & October after Daily Mass

Rosary for Peace every Wednesday

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Route 9W, Fort Montgomery NY 10922



Schedule of Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sacred Heart

Sunday: 8:00 am Blessed Sacrament

9:30 am Sacred Heart

11:30 am Sacred Heart

[Holy Days and Holidays as announced.](#)

Daily Mass

Monday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am Sacred Heart

Wednesday: 4:30 pm Rosary for Peace

5:00 pm Sacred Heart

Saturday: 9:00 am Sacred Heart

First Friday of the Month Mass and Adoration

9:00 am Sacred Heart Exposition until 1pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm Sacred Heart

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 5 Jan	Memorial of St. John Neumann
9:00 am	Intention Available
5:00 pm	Virginia Donnelly
Sunday, 6 Jan	Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 am	Stephanie Vanzetta
9:30 am	Sacred Heart Parishioners
11:30 am	Felix Tokarczyk
Monday, Jan 7	Memorial of St. Raymond of Penyafort
9:00 am	Joseph Ottomanelli
Wednesday, 9 Jan	
5:00 pm	Mario Vanzetta
Thursday, 10 Jan	
8:00 am	Joseph Aylward Jr.
Friday, 11 Jan	
8:00 am	Intention Available
Saturday, 12 Jan	
9:00 am	Intention Available
5:00 pm	William Kirby
Sunday, 13 Jan	Baptism of the Lord
8:00 am	C David Scott
9:30 am	Sacred Heart Parishioners
11:30 am	Living & Deceased Members of the Mollo and Borghese Family

PRESENTING THE GIFTS

If you have arranged an intention of Mass, you may want to consider presenting the gifts of bread and wine during that celebration. Please inform an usher before Mass.



The Rectory Office hours are
Monday to Friday
9:30 am - 1:30 pm

WELCOME

A warm greeting is extended to all who have come to Sacred Heart this weekend to join together in this community of worship and praise to Almighty God. Ever grateful to our faithful parishioners who are here every weekend, we also welcome our neighbors and guests who visit us occasionally and want you to know that you are always welcome. The church is opened one half hour before daily weekday Mass. The ramp door of the church is open until 1:30 pm daily - except Sunday & holidays when it is closed after the last Mass.

Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2: 1-12 Listen today for just how widely God's grace has traveled. Isaiah prophesies that the light from Jerusalem will attract caravans from across land and sea. Saint Paul calls the foreign Gentiles "coheirs" and "copartners" in the body of Christ. Matthew tells of the magi journeying from a foreign country in the East. As we sing in the psalm, the glory of the Lord has spread to every nation on earth.

Question of the Week

To whom do I pay homage? Are they worthy of my respect?

On the feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the visit of the Magi (wise men from the East) following a star to find "the newborn king of the Jews."

The word *Epiphany* means to "shine forth," suggesting that Jesus will shine for all nations. When magi from the East saw a new star appear in the sky, they accepted it as a sign that a new leader had been born. Without knowing where it would lead them, they set out on a journey to follow it. God led them to Jesus!

*How is Jesus a star in your life?
Does Jesus make a difference?*



LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low gluten host are available for Communion at all Masses on Father Joseph's line.



Last Sunday's Gifts

Collection December 23 \$ 2,740
Collection Christmas \$ 6,975
Collection Christmas Flowers \$ 345

Thanks for your generosity!

“For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.”

“A time to heal”

Eladio Acevedo, Brooklyn Aragon, Roxanne Baran, Marcella Berdon, Bravo Family, Sharon Colleluore, Dan Cronin, Nancy Denisow, Martha Donaldson, Ryan Donaldson, Olympia Estrada, Terry Favre, Dana Fortino, Marcia Graber, Jean Graber, Gavin & Hayden Huggan, Amanda Lucero, Mariana Mayorga, Elissa Nigro, Johnny Quattrocchi, Bobbi Polak, Susan Rayford, Gary Ricci, Bill & Marge Servedio, Bob Scott, Fr. Patrick Sullivan, Mark Thorn.

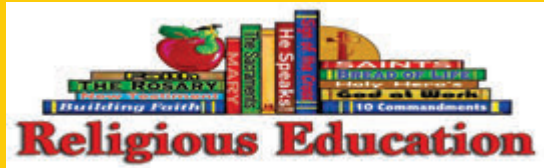
“A time for war and a time for peace”

Lord hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.

If you would like to submit the name of a love one or friend, who is presently deployed, please call the parish office at 446 4609 or email:

sacredheartchurch@twcmetrobiz.com

Religious Education



JAN 6: Christmas Pageant after the 9:30am Mass.

JAN 12: Parent and Child Penance/First Communion Meeting from 10:00am to 11:30am.

JAN 13: 3rd Grade Family Mass at 9:30am.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Washington D.C.

January 18, 2019



The Mass Book for 2019
for your Mass Intentions is open.
Please call 446-4609 or come to the
parish office during the week.

A Special Note from Father Joe

This season of Advent and Christmas has been a joy filled time to receive our Savior and reflect on the gift of His love for us. With this joy, there have been many blessings as family and friends have gathered for sharing and visiting. I would like everyone to know I feel extremely fortunate and blessed to be the recipient of so many of these blessings. I received many very special gifts and Christmas cards from my dear parish Family. In particular I received scrumptious home cooked meals, delightful cookies and candy, special “medicine” in the form of wine and spirits and also monetary gifts. I am overwhelmed with thanks for this outpouring of good will for me. I would like to thank each person individually, however, my pastoral duties will not allow time for this personal acknowledgment, so I wish for each of you to know that I am grateful from the bottom of my heart and pray that God may bless each of you and your families for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Father Joe



A very special thanks to all the volunteers who helped beautifully decorate and prepare both Sacred Heart Church and Blessed Sacrament Chapel for the Christmas Season.

Our Sacred Heart Volunteers, led by Jeannette Scott:

George & Jane Biskup, Mary Carter, Linda Ciccarelli, Mike DiSalvo, Denise Gibney, Harvey & Linda Green, Emily Green, Marilyn Jannarone, Suzanne Lewis, Jim & Margaret McDonald, Angela & John McClellan, Anthony Pelella, Larry Porter, Ken Scott, Breanna Scott, Mary Ann Wilson, and Al & Annmarie Zie Zie.

Also to Karen Willis, who led Blessed Sacrament, and to the many wonderful angels that helped her.

And thank you to The Knights of Columbus Council 515 and Trish Hetman for preparing the crèche next to Sacred Heart Church, as well as The Thrift Shop Volunteers, and Rudy Schade for donating lunch to the volunteers.

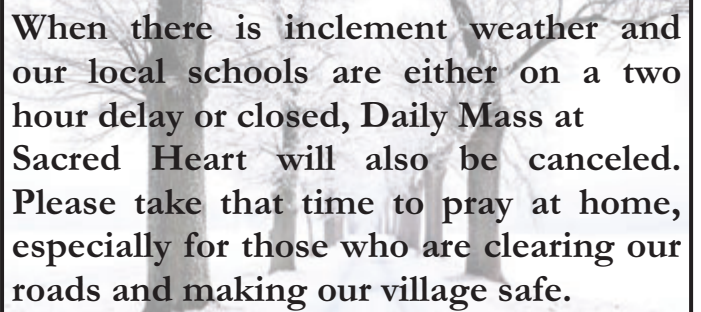
GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PRESENCE

We were very glad that you could be with us during the Christmas season. Whether you are a long-term parishioner of Sacred Heart Church, a first time visitor, or a college student home on break, we were blessed by your prayerful presence at our liturgy, and we ask God to bless you in return.

This wonderful Christmas season evokes many memories for Catholics who may be away from active participation.

Maybe you have been away for a while, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug. It's your heavenly Father reaching His arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home.

It is never too late to come home, you are always welcome here!



When there is inclement weather and our local schools are either on a two hour delay or closed, Daily Mass at Sacred Heart will also be canceled. Please take that time to pray at home, especially for those who are clearing our roads and making our village safe.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The beautiful Christmas flowers and wreaths that are filling our church's sanctuary during this holy season were donated in memory of:

*ALL THOSE LISTED
ON THE FLOWER
OFFERING ENVELOPES.*

May God bless you for your continued generosity and support!

Are You Registered?

Have you recently moved here? If you plan to be a godparent for baptism or sponsor for Confirmation that is not celebrated in this parish and need to obtain a certificate as a Catholic in good standing, you **should be an active, registered parishioner.** Also, we can only provide year-end donation statements for tax purposes to registered parishioners. Call the rectory or fill out the form below and place in the collection basket.

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EPIHANY AROUND THE WORLD

Epiphany is the time when Christians remember the Wise Men, or Three Kings, who visited Jesus. It is celebrated differently all over the world.

In Spain, Epiphany is known as *Fiesta de Los Tres Reyes Magos* (*The Festival of the Three Magic Kings*), and it is when most Catholic children receive their presents-and they are delivered by the Three Kings! On Epiphany morning, you might go to the local bakers and buy a special cake/pastry called a *Roscon*. They are normally filled with cream or chocolate and decorated on top with a paper crown.

In France, you might eat a *Galette des Rois* (*the Kings Cake*) a type of flat almond cake. It has a toy crown baked inside it and is decorated on top with a gold paper crown.

In Mexico, where Epiphany is know as *El Día de los Reyes* (*the Day of the Kings*), it's tradition to eat a special cake called *Rosca de Reyes* (*Three Kings Cake*). A figure of the Baby Jesus in their piece of cake is the 'Godparent' of Jesus for that year. It's quite an honor!

In Italy, some children get their presents on Epiphany. They believe that an old woman called "*Befana*" brings them. Children put stockings up by the fireplace for the *Befana* to fill.

In celebration of the feast of the Epiphany in Ireland, the date is marked by *Nollaig namban* or Little Women's Christmas. On this day, it is tradition for the women who worked so tirelessly during the holiday season, to get together and enjoy their own Christmas while the menfolk stay at home and handle all the chores.

Dear Lord, may we be like the Wise Men who were guided to You by a star. Give us the wisdom to seek You, light to guide us to You, courage to search until we find You and generosity to lay our gifts before You, our King and our God forever and ever. Amen.



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