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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who
believes in him might not
perish but might have
eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

MAY 27 & 28, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	608.00	711.00
OTHER	160.00	115.00
EUROPEAN COLL	101.00	237.00
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PARISH TOTAL	768.00	826.00

OTHER- E-GIVING, VIA USPS, VOTIVES

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

June 3 (SH)	Christine Caffrey Katherine Downing	June 10 (SH)	Theresa Kovian Kathy Avery
June 4 (SC)	Ann Mahon Michele Furnare	June 11 (SC)	James Wray Bill Quinn

Counters Schedule

June 6 (SH)	Barb Bilins Kathy Avery	June 13 (SH)	Katherine Downing Tony Stellato
June 5 (SC)	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes	June 12 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Linda Coyne

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat. June 3, 4:00 pm (SH) - For the deceased members of the Zalewski family, requested by George Stanwick.

Sun. June 4, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) For the deceased members of the Zannitto family, requested by Layna Maher.

2.) For the repose of the soul of Joan Joyce, requested by Ann & John Mahon.

Mon. June 5 thru Sun. June 11, 2023

Mon. June 5, 8:00 am (SC) - No Mass.

Tue. June 6, 8:00 am (SC) - No Mass.

Sat. June 10, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) Birthday remembrance for Jean Paige, requested by Norm & family.

2.) In memory of Helen Rajter, 20 yrs passed, requested by all of her children.

3.) In memory of Belinda Douglas, requested by Kandy & David Tokarowski.

Sun. June 11, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) In memory of Alex & Betty Adesse, requested by their daughters.

2.) In thanksgiving for Father Juanito on the 30th anniversary of his ordination.



Food Pantry



June 7 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall
June 28 (SC)	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 4, 2023 - The Most Holy Trinity

In my experience, one of the peculiarities of being a man is the somewhat unlikely ability to look into the mirror, no matter how out of shape he may be, and declare with full confidence: "Looking good, buddy!" Ask a man. He'll probably confirm it.

Therein lies a mystery. You might think I refer to man's ability to deceive himself or his propensity toward vainglory. But in this case, I refer to the mystery of a healthy and proper sense of self-love. We human beings (both men and women) have the utterly weird ability to look at ourselves as if we were another. Then we tend to love this "other." Then, somehow, that love becomes a bond between the two. We are three and yet one.

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. We ponder anew that God in His unity is a play of multiplicity: Lover, Beloved, and shared Love. Or, as we also proclaim, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If we allow it, this mystery heals our temptation toward self-hatred and destruction. We all know how awful it is to look into the mirror and not know the person we see, or, equally bad, to know and hate who we see. Jesus, the Son of God, draws us into the dynamics of authentic self-knowledge and self-love. Perhaps we could ask the Holy Trinity this Sunday to teach us to truly look at ourselves and to properly love who we see looking back

~Father John Muir

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Saint Ephrem the Syrian (c. 306 – June 9, 373)

Poet, teacher, orator, and defender of the faith, Ephrem is the only Syriac Christian recognized as a doctor of the Church. He took upon himself the special task of opposing the many false doctrines rampant at his time, always remaining a true and forceful defender of the Catholic Church.

Born in Nisibis, Mesopotamia, he was baptized as a young man and became famous as a teacher in his native city. When the Christian emperor had to cede Nisibis to the Persians, Ephrem fled as a refugee to Edessa, along with many other Christians. He is credited with attracting great glory to the biblical school there. He was ordained a deacon but declined becoming a priest. Ephrem was said to have avoided presbyteral consecration by feigning madness!



He had a prolific pen, and his writings best illumine his holiness. Although he was not a man of great scholarship, his works reflect deep insight and knowledge of the Scriptures. In writing about the mysteries of humanity's redemption, Ephrem reveals a realistic and humanly sympathetic spirit and a great devotion to the humanity of Jesus. It is said that his poetic account of the Last Judgment inspired Dante.

It is surprising to read that he wrote hymns against the heretics of his day. He would take the popular songs of the heretical groups and using their melodies, compose beautiful hymns embodying orthodox doctrine. Ephrem became one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship as a means of instruction for the faithful. His many hymns have earned him the title "Harp of the Holy Spirit."

Ephrem preferred a simple, austere life, living in a small cave overlooking the city of Edessa. It was here that he died around 373.

Many Catholics still find singing in church a problem, probably because of the rather individualistic piety that they inherited. Yet singing has been a tradition of both the Old and the New Testaments. It is an excellent way of expressing and creating a community spirit of unity as well as of joy. An ancient historian testifies that Ephrem's hymns "lent luster to the Christian assemblies." We need some modern Ephrems—and cooperating singers—to do the same for our Christian assemblies today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Juanito's 30th Anniversary: Everyone is invited to a joint celebration on **Sunday—June 11**, honoring Fr. Juanito on the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. A potluck breakfast will take place at St. Cecilia's Parish Hall following the 8:30 am Mass. Please bring a dish to share and join us in extending our congratulations to him.

Feast of the Sacred Heart: We will be celebrating with a potluck cookout following the Vigil Mass on Saturday, **June 17th**. Sacred Heart will provide Hamburgers/hotdogs. We ask attendees to bring sides and desserts. We are inviting musical guest, Shelby Wadsworth to entertain us.

Bottles and Cans Drop Off: Those dropping off bottles and cans at Sacred Heart can drop off at the church garage and also can now drop off at The Fultonville Redemption Center (just let them know they are for Sacred Heart).

Saint Cecilia Parking Fundraiser: Our parking fundraiser has begun. Volunteers are needed for the following dates: Sunday, **July 2** - Saturday, **July 22** - Saturday, **September 16**. Please call or text Kelly Viscosi @ 518-774-7250

Saint Cecilia Rummage Sale: The annual Rummage Sale will be held on **October 13-14, 2023**. Carry in until Oct.9, set-up throughout the week.

The Diocesan Appeal: June 30 is the deadline for the Diocesan Appeal. You can make a gift or pledge online at www.thediocesanappeal.org or set-up bill pay through your bank for recurring gifts (easier on your budget), asking the bank to make checks payable to Diocesan Appeal, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Be sure to include your name & the location of your parish.

Sacred Heart- \$8538. Assessment with a balance of **\$5,083.**

Weekly Mass: We record the 4 pm Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart. Please join us virtually for weekly Mass on Sacred Heart's YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs - FDzyfvHZZ9y8UIC4gAw?view_as=subscriber

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June 3/4—Catholic Communications

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