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April 7, 2024

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# RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.

— JOHN 20:22 —

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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~Weddings-Baptisms-Funerals~

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*The gospel from the second Sunday of Easter is about the appearance of the risen Christ to His disciples in a locked room. When they tell the absent Thomas they saw Jesus alive in the flesh he wouldn't believe them unless he saw for himself and actually placed his hands into the nail marks and open side of the man he believed to be still dead. When he actually saw Jesus he finally proclaimed "My Lord and my God ." It wasn't until he actually saw for himself before he would believe.*

*Many times we encounter those who feel the same way. They won't believe unless they see for themselves but Jesus said blessed are they who believe without seeing. That is us. We are people who believe what the Bible tells us. We are the people who believe what the disciples have described in the gospels and letters of Paul and others. Though we have not seen we still believe and the proof of our belief is through our actions. The saying goes "They will know you are Christian by your love."*

*Jesus gave His life for us to save us from our sins that we will be able to spend eternity with Him in heaven. Let's make sure our actions show others we truly believe what we profess.*

*God Bless,  
Deacon Joe*



† Altar wine at **Sacred Heart** for the month of **April** has been sponsored at the request of **Tony & Lorrie Stellato**.

† Altar hosts at **Sacred Heart** for the month of **April** have been sponsored at the request of **Tony & Lorrie Stellato**.

† Altar wine at **Saint Cecilia** for the month of **April** has been donated *in memory of Jack & Peggy Brookhiser* at the request of **Ann & John Mahon**.

† Altar hosts at **Saint Cecilia** for the month of **April** have been donated *in memory of Ann E. Mahon* at the request of **Ann & John Mahon**.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Sat. Apr 6, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.)** † For the repose of the soul of **Eleanor English**, requested by **Gary & Noreen Brownell**.  
**2.)** † In memory of **Leo Perry**, requested by **Loretto Thum, Rona Batcher** and their families.

**Sun. Apr 7, 9:00 am (SC)**- For the sick, homebound and bereaved of **St. Cecilia's**, requested by **Christian Services**.

**Tue. Apr. 9 thru Sun. Apr. 14, 2024**

**Tue. Apr 9, 8:00 am (SH)** - For the people of the parish.

**Wed. Apr 10, 8:00 am (SC)** - For the people of the parish.

**Thurs. Apr 11, 6:30 pm (SH)** - May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit, and perseverance in good works

**Fri. Apr 12, 8:00 am (SC)** - † In loving memory of **Angelina Carbone**, requested by her son **Salvatore**.

**Sat. Apr 13, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.)** † In memory of **William & Myrtle Quinn**, requested by the **Quinn family**.

**2.)** † For the repose of the soul of **Patricia Slezak**, requested by **Barbara Krawiecki**.

**Sun. Apr 14, 9:00 am (SC)**- **1.)** † For the repose of the soul of **Timothy J. Diamond**, requested by **Pat & George Galeazza**.

**2.)** † For the repose of the soul of **Leo Perry**, requested by **Ann & John Mahon**.

**Mass Intentions:** Mass Intentions are needed for both parishes. Having a Mass celebrated for a person or a specific request has a long history in the Catholic Church. Requesting a Mass is not only a sign of your own faith and flourishing, but of your heart for those who these Masses are intended.



## Diocesan Appeal

### DIOCESAN APPEAL 2023-2024 CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE

PARISH:	SH	SC
ASSESSMENT	7923.00	5000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	6612.00	2665.00
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>1311.00</b>	<b>2335.00</b>

### COLLECTIONS TOTALS

MAR 28 - 31, 2024—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1156.00	1466.00
OTHER	4080.00	115.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>5236.00</b>	<b>1581.00</b>

**Time Change for Mass/Faith Formation**  
**Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia will move to 9:00am with Faith Formation classes to follow beginning April 7**

### Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Apr 6 (SH)</b>	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	<b>Apr 13 (SH)</b>	Chris Caffrey Theresa Kovian
<b>Apr 7 (SC)</b>	Kathy Marcais Michele Furnare Andrea Moran Kathy Marcais	<b>Apr 14 (SC)</b>	Dianne Kierpiec Bill Quinn Ken Stuff

### Counters Schedule

<b>Apr 8 (SH)</b>	Katherine Downing Wendy Hall	<b>Apr 15 (SH)</b>	Barb Bilinn Kathy Avery
<b>Apr 8 (SC)</b>	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	<b>Apr 15 (SC)</b>	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton

### Food Pantry



<b>Apr 24 (SC)</b>	Flo Stanton Marjorie Savoie Lori Simonds
<b>May 1 (SH)</b>	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

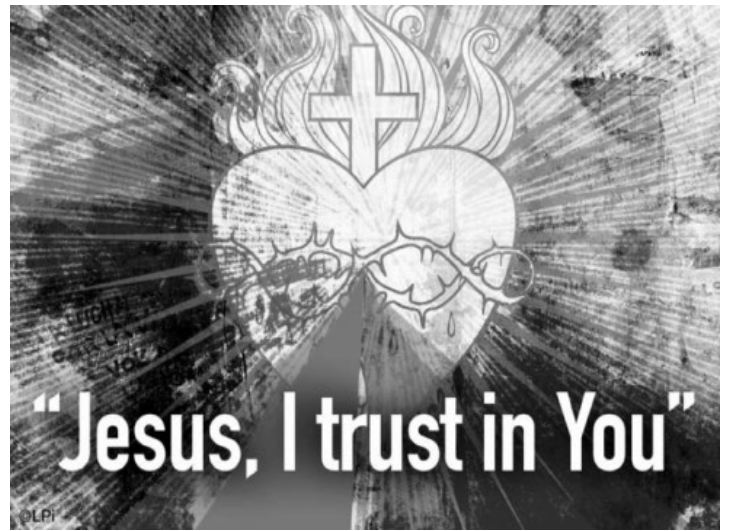
**Who's Ready For Delicious Pie?:** Beginning next weekend (April 13) Sacred Heart will have our delicious pie raffle, with a parishioner donating a pie each week. Please sign up to show off your baking prowess with a pie donation, but please buy a ticket to the raffle as the proceeds are solely for the *restoration of our church hall.*

**St Cecilia Chicken 'n Biscuit Dinner:** We will host this "Church Restoration Fund Dinner" at the Winner's Circle, 3293 NY5, Fonda on April 24 from 4:00-8:00pm. The cost is \$15 per dinner, dine-in or take-out. You can also order children's meals from their menu. For take-out call the Winner's Circle ahead at 518-853-3094. Presale tickets will be available before and after the 9:00AM Mass in the church foyer, before and after Faith Formation in the Parish Hall or at the Winner's Circle.

**Healing Mass:** The First Thursday of each month we invite you at Sacred Heart's Church at 630 PM for a Healing Mass, Short Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Anointing with Sacred Oil & Rosary prayer, a Potluck Refreshment and a chance to meet parishioners. Please bring your family & friends!

**A Mini-Retreat:** SAVE THE DATE! Join St. Stephen's Church on **Sunday May 5, 2024 at 9:00AM** (after the 8:00AM Mass) for the Mini-Retreat, "*Discovering the Heart of Jesus*" with reflections on the Miracle of the Eucharist. Meet in the Church Hall, 5 Pawling Ave, Hagaman. There is no cost to attend. However, registration is appreciated. Also please feel free to invite a friend. For more information or to register, call **Jeanne Pitkin at (518)842-0972** or **Josie Spurduto at (518)843-2907** by Wednesday May 1st.

**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
April 28—Cemetery Support (SC)  
May 4/5 - Repair/Maintenance



### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**April 7, 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do *you* get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

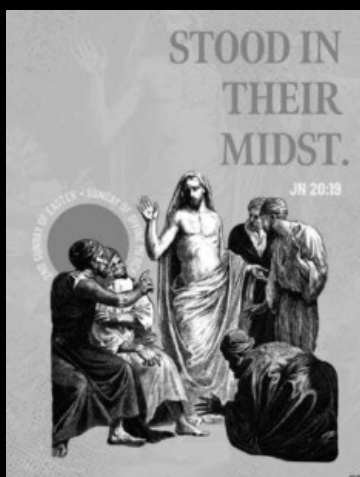
The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying His wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

-Father John Muir

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