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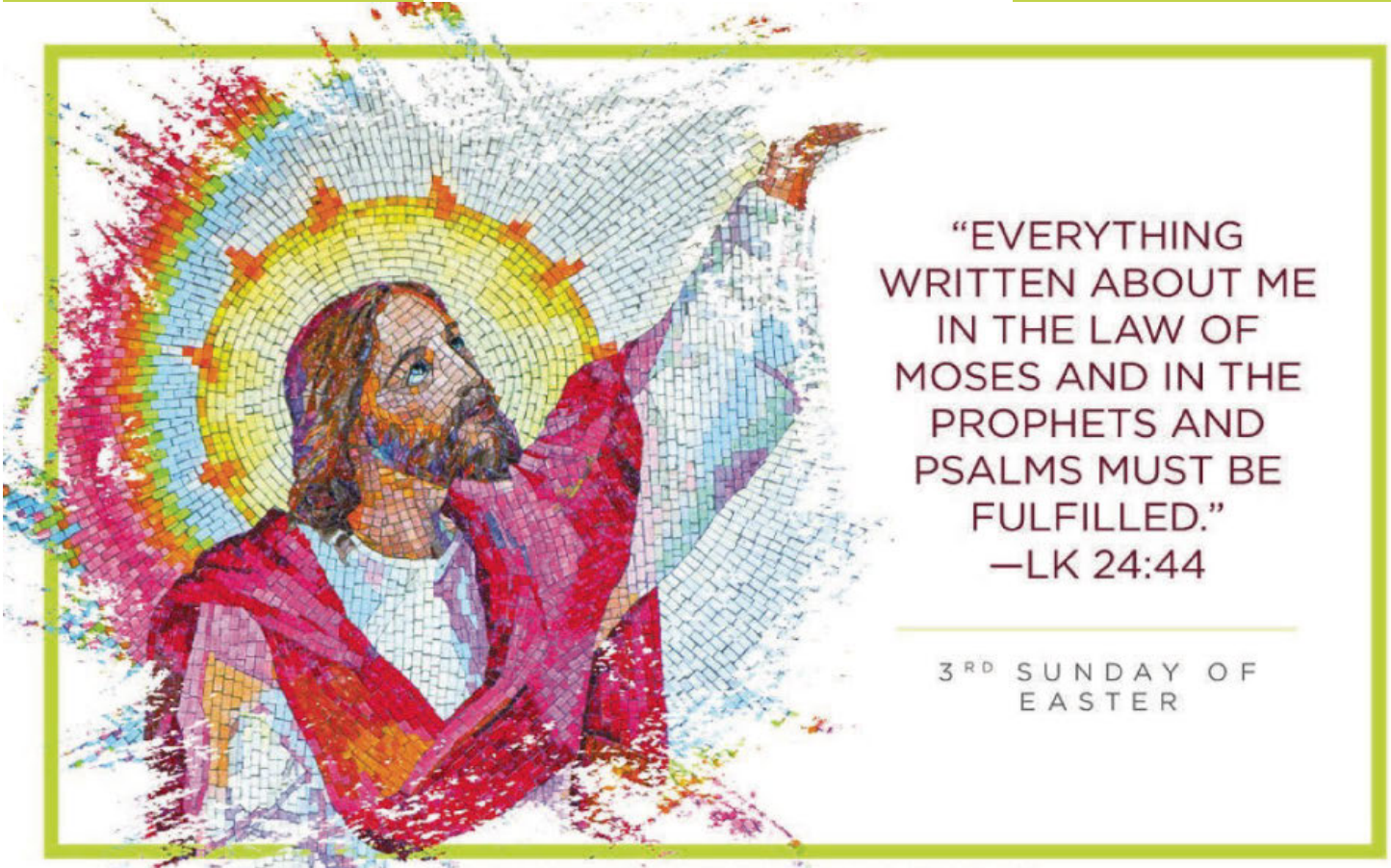
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This weekend's gospel takes place on Easter Sunday when the disciples still didn't understand God's plan for His Son. They couldn't believe that anyone could suffer a death as Jesus did and come back to life. It was unheard of and so very hard to believe. Then, without warning, without coming through the door, He stood there with them. Shock, surprise, fear. It had to be a ghost. They had never experienced anything like it. No wonder Jesus' first words are "Peace be with you". Even so, how could they experience peace through their fear? But that is what Jesus offered them. Peace after 3 days of fear and confusion, after disappointment and sadness, after broken hearts when their expectations of a ruling Messiah were crushed.

That's what Jesus offers us. Peace despite disappoints, fears and crushed expectations. Many times we have heard that our ways are not always God's ways and yet we still seem to want everything our way. That is almost certain to bring disappointment when we are not open to what God has in mind for us. We are told to pray for what we seek but to let God decide how He will answer our prayers. We know this is how He works but still want the results we expect instead of what God wants for us. We need to change our way of thinking as Jesus showed his disciples. We tend to forget that God has a plan for us that we may not quite understand and in the end it is a greater plan than we could ever imagine. Let's keep that in mind the next time our plans don't work out as we want. Remember the consoling words of Jesus to his disciples "Peace be with you".

God Bless,
Deacon Joe





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

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† 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**.

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MASS SCHEDULE

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.*

Tue. Apr. 16 thru Sun. Apr. 21, 2024

Tue. Apr 16, 8:00 am (SH) - † *Birthday remembrance for Kimberly Rice, requested by Tony & Lorrie Stellato*

Wed. Apr 17, 8:00 am (SC) - *For the people of the parish.*

Thurs. Apr 18, 8:00 am (SH) - *For the people of the parish*

Fri. Apr 19, 8:00 am (SC) - *No intention requested*

Sat. Apr 20, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † *In loving memory of Frank DeRosa, requested by his children.*

2.) † *In loving memory of Claudia Rokitowski, requested by Deb Swarczewski.*

3.) † *In memory of Belinda Douglas, requested by George Stanwick..*

Sun. Apr 21, 9:00 am (SC) - † *In loving memory of Bailey Alexandria Field, requested by Mom, Dad & Sammy.*

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.



The Sanctuary Lamp at Sacred Heart burns this week with special intention & for those suffering from ALS, given by Tony & Lorrie Stellato.

DIOCESAN APPEAL 2023-2024 CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE

PARISH:	SH	SC
ASSESSMENT	7923.00	5000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	6832.00	2665.00
BALANCE	1091.00	2335.00

COLLECTIONS TOTALS

APR 6 - 7, 2024—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1209.00	866.00
OTHER	490.00	273.00
PARISH TOTAL	1699.00	1139.00

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

Apr 13 (SH)	Chris Caffrey Theresa Kovian	Apr 20 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Katherine Downing
Apr 14 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Bill Quinn Ken Stuff	Apr 21 (SC)	James Wray Dave Marcais Kathy Marcais

Counters Schedule

Apr 15 (SH)	Barb Bilins Kathy Avery	Apr 15 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Katherine Downing
Apr 15 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton	Apr 22 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry



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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Who's Ready For Delicious Pie?: Our Pie raffle at Sacred Heart is **BACK!!**, with a parishioner donating a pie each week. Please sign up to show off your baking prowess with a pie donation, and 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. You can also pick up a ticket at Sacred Heart Mass or in the office.



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!

St. Cecilia's Church Restoration Fund: If you would like to remember or honor a loved one, please consider making a contribution to St. Cecilia's Church Restoration Fund. All donations will be used to preserve our beautiful church property. Thank you for your generosity.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY SACRED HEART: In 2025 Sacred Heart will have its 150 yr anniversary. We would like ideas for how we should celebrate this significant milestone. After the April 20 4pm Vigil Mass there will be a meeting in the hall to brainstorm ideas. All are welcome. There will be pizza and salad. Please feel free to bring a dish or dessert to share.



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
3rd Sunday of Easter

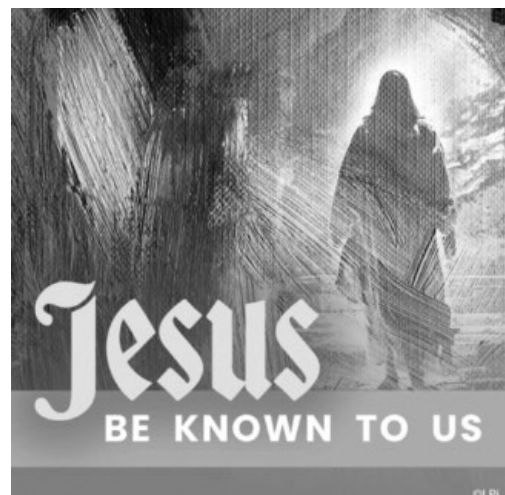
When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word *so that* we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

-Father John Muir

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