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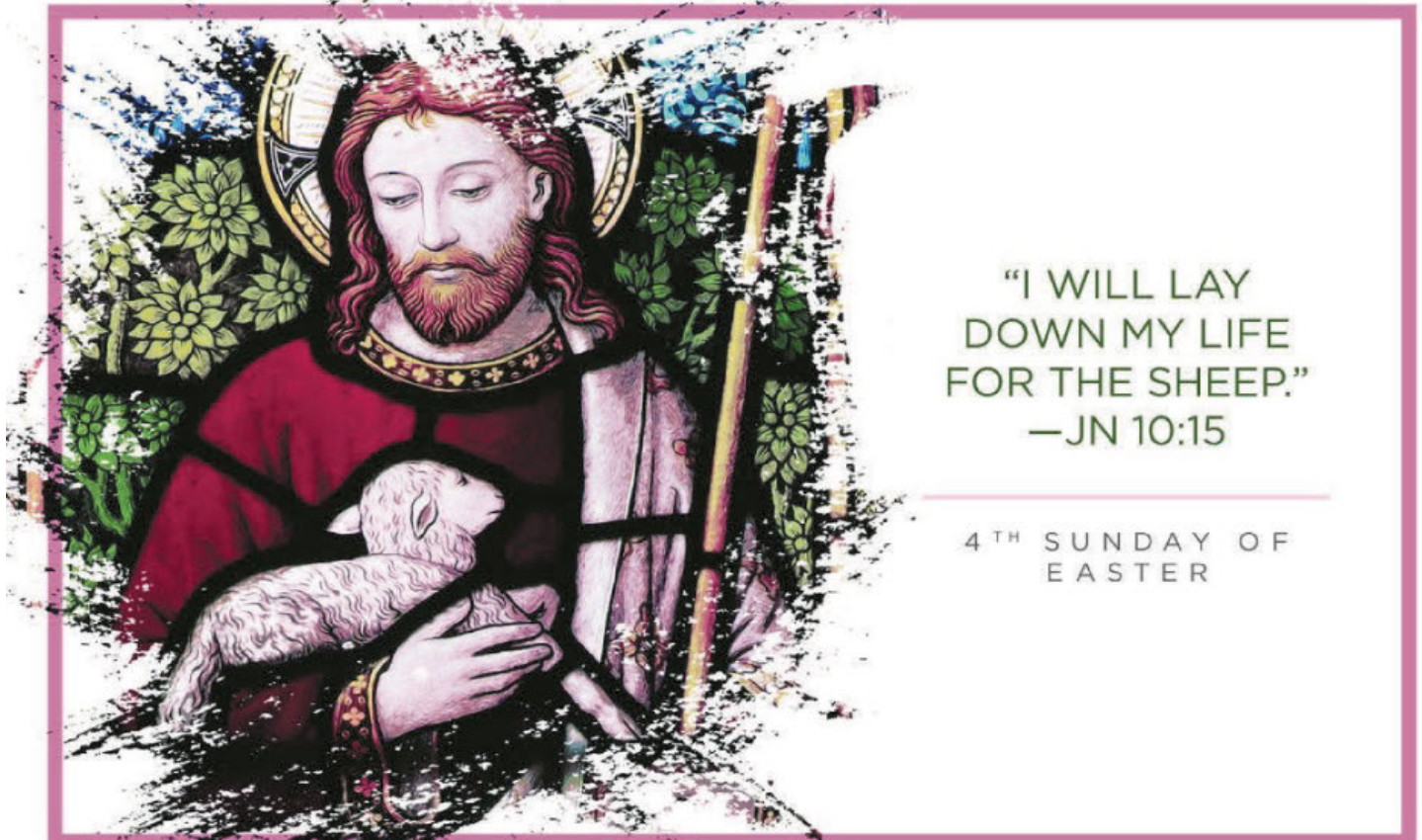
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As I read the gospel on Monday for the 3rd week of Easter it occurred to me that the words of Jesus to the crowd apply so well to many in the world today. After Jesus had fed the multitude of people with just a few loaves and fish, the next day they came looking for Him. That seems logical and you might think that a good thing to do. However, Jesus looks into their hearts and sees they are only looking for Him to get what they want for themselves and not what God wants for them. If Jesus could give them food to eat with almost nothing to feed them with then what else could they get from this miracle worker? At least they wouldn't have to worry about eating because Jesus could provide.

How often do you and I look at Jesus this way? We know God performs miracles. If we haven't seen any for ourselves there are others who have spoken or written about their experiences with them. With that belief we may want to ask God for the same kinds of miracles ourselves and when they don't occur we are disappointed or upset. Jesus was letting the crowd know that He is not a miracle vending machine to meet their physical needs, but the Messiah sent by God to save them from their sins and to share eternity in heaven with Him. Jesus tells us not to look for food or miracles to meet our physical needs for the brief time we are here on earth but for the miracles that endure for all eternity. God may continue to answer some of our earthly needs through miracles at times, but this is not the greater miracle. The greater miracle, the greater need is for us to work and pray for the food we need for eternal life.

God Bless,
Deacon Joe



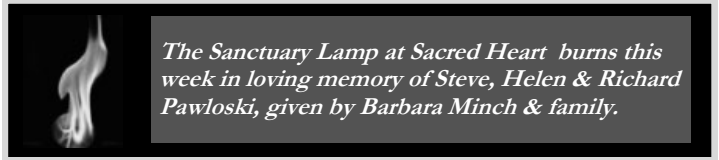


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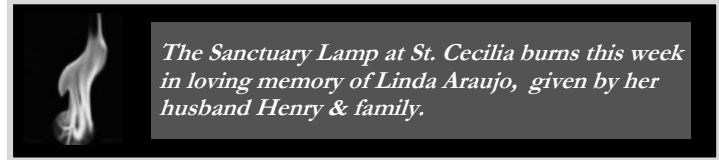
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† Altar wine at **Saint Cecilia** for the month of **April** has been donated *in memory of Jack & Peggy Brookhiser* at the request of **Ann & John Mahon**.

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The Sanctuary Lamp at Sacred Heart burns this week in loving memory of Steve, Helen & Richard Pawloski, given by Barbara Minch & family.



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Cecilia burns this week in loving memory of Linda Araujo, given by her husband Henry & family.

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

MASS SCHEDULE

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.

Tue. Apr. 23 thru Sun. Apr. 28, 2024

Tue. Apr 23, 8:00 am (SH) -† In loving memory of Kimberly Rice, requested by Tony & Lorrie Stellato.

Wed. Apr 24, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Thurs. Apr 25, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish

Fri. Apr 26, 8:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of Norbert & Verna Bicheler, requested by John & Sheila Cranker.

Sat. Apr 27, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † In loving memory of Stephen V. Bilins, requested by his wife Barbara.

2.) † In loving memory of Steve, Helen & Richard Pawloski, requested by Barb Minch & family.

3.) † For the repose of the soul of Angela Spagnola, requested by John & Rosemary Rajter.

Sun. Apr 28, 9:00 am (SC)- † In memory of Sean Thomas, requested by Kim Egan & Pete Knapik.

COLLECTIONS TOTALS
APR 13- 141, 2024—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	916.00	561.00
OTHER	345.00	250.00
PARISH TOTAL	1261.00	811.00



Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Apr 20 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Katherine Downing	Apr 27 (SH)	Cathy Parry Chris Caffrey
Apr 21 (SC)	James Wray Dave Marcais	Apr 28 (SC)	Ann Mahon Ken Stuff

Counters Schedule

Apr 22 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Katherine Downing	Apr 29 (SH)	Kathy Avery Wendy Hall
Apr 22 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Apr 29 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton

Food Pantry

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

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.

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 Vigil Mass today there will be a meeting in the hall to brainstorm ideas. All are welcome.



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.

First Holy Communion/Retreat Day: First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, June 9th. Therefore retreat day will be Saturday, June 8th from 10am—3pm. Thank you for your patience with the scheduling.

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 21, 2024 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

-Father John Muir

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