

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH, FONDA NY  
SACRED HEART CHURCH, TRIBES HILL NY

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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† Altar wine at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *February* has been donated in of *Rose E. Harr* at the request of *Tony & Lorrie Stellato*.

† Altar hosts at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *February* has been donated in loving memory of *William & Margaret Patterson* at the request of *Lorrie & Tony Stellato*.

† Altar wine at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *February* has been donated in loving memory of *Harry & Arylene Minney* at the request of *Pat & George Galeazza*.

† Altar hosts at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *February* has been donated in loving memory of *Mary & Nicholas Galeazza* at the request of *Pat & George Galeazza*.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Sat. Feb 3, 4:00 pm (SH)** - † In memory of Virginia Szykowski, requested by The Healy Family.

**Sun. Feb 4, 8:30 am (SC)** - † For the repose of the soul of Eugene Fitzpatrick, requested by Michele Furnare & family.

### Tue. Feb. 6 thru Sun. Feb. 11, 2023

**Tue. Feb 6, 8:00 am (SH)** - † In memory of Virginia Szykowski, requested by Eric & Tanya.

**Wed. Feb 7, 8:00 am (SC)** - † In loving memory of Linda & Walter Connolly, requested by James Wray.

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

**Fri. Feb 9, 8:00 am (SC)** - † In loving memory of Susan & Brian Thornton, requested by James Wray.

**Sat. Feb 10, 4:00 pm (SH)** - † In memory of Randa Berry, requested by The Healy Family.

**Sun. Feb 11, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.)** † In loving memory of Milton MacPherson, requested by James Wray.

**2.)** Birthday blessings for Jane Collins, requested by Andrea.

**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



*The Sanctuary Lamp at Sacred Heart will burn this week with Special Intention.*

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 4, 2024 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

~Father John Muir

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### Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Feb 3 (SH)</b>	Katherine Downing Tony & Lorrie Stellato Cathy Parry	<b>Feb 10 (SH)</b>	Cathy Parry Theresa Kovian Katherine Downing John Rajter
<b>Feb 4 (SC)</b>	Dianne Kierpiec Ken Stuff Dianne Kierpiec Bill Quinn	<b>Feb 11 (SC)</b>	Fourth Grade Michele Furnare Andrea Moran Kathy Marcais

### Counters Schedule

<b>Feb 5 (SH)</b>	Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski	<b>Feb 12 (SH)</b>	Barb Bilins Katherine Downing
<b>Feb 5 (SC)</b>	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton	<b>Feb 12 (SC)</b>	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

### Food Pantry

<b>Feb 7 (SH)</b>	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall
<b>Feb 28 (SC)</b>	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare



## God Wants You to Attend Church

Sometimes, we let life become too busy and too complicated. It becomes difficult to make time for God and the Church. Things like family functions, schoolwork, kid's activities can become overwhelming and overshadow your need to attend Church. While these are all good, valuable life activities, it's

important you don't let them take away from church attendance. Remember, what God says is important. Going to Church isn't just about feeling like you've done what God wants, though. There is no gold star for attendance. Church is not just a place to go, it is a living body God wants you to be a part of forever. There is an incredible amount of value in choosing to do life together with the body of Christ.

**To Hear God's Holy Word** - When you choose to attend church to hear the Word of God, you experience Christ in a different way than you would sitting home and watching the Gospel on television. God never instructed His followers to "entertain" the troops. He commanded they preach the Truth. In preaching, the Word of God can transform lives, call sinners to repentance, encourage the lost, and inspire the Lord's people to love and serve Christ. Sitting within the body of Christ and listening to the great word is much more powerful.

**Use Your Gift** - The day we were born, God equipped His children with gifts to serve Christ. From preaching to encouraging, hospitality to administration, God wants us to exercise His gifts. According to surveys, in most churches, about 20 percent of the people do 80 percent of the work. More people should be inspired to get involved with their church. Luke 10:2 reminds us, **"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.'"**

**To Bear Burdens** - **"Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ."** (Galatians 6:2) When life gets hard, the easy thing to do is go into hiding and forget you are needed. Those who are a part of a church family understand how valuable going to church during life's most difficult times can be. They never have to feel alone. Going to church can help you receive affirmation of others, and receive blessings, support and prayers.

**To Teach Kids to Love the Church** - It's becoming too common for parents to drop their children off at church and leave. It's likely these people grew up in the church but left after becoming an adult. Now, their own children are in need of the Word of God. If you want to teach your children to love God, truly, they need to see that you love God. They will learn to love God's people, when they observe you loving God's people. **"No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher."** (Luke 6:40)

**It Is What God Wants** - **"We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another, and this all the more as you see the day drawing near."** (Hebrews 10:25). God only wants what is best for you. The reason God wants you to regularly attend church is because it is good for you. He wants all His people to learn to exhort one another as the days become darker and Christ's return approaches.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Daily Mass at St. Cecilia:** Wednesday and Friday 8:00am Holy Mass at St. Cecilia will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart of Jesus' Basement Chapel of the parish rectory (with the exception of any religious Solemnity, which will be in the church). Join us also after the 8am Healing Mass every First Friday (except Good Friday) at the Chapel. In response to the 2023 Eucharistic Congress call to Re-Ignite our Devotion to the Holy Eucharist, Fr. Juanito will expose the Blessed Sacrament for personal & community's Adoration & Devotion until 6pm. Be aware that the chapel's door will be open from 7:30am until 6pm on regular Mondays thru Fridays.

**Daily Mass at Sacred Heart:** We invite and remind you to join us at our Tuesday & Thursday 8am Holy Mass at Sacred Heart in Tribes Hill. Beginning this Feb 1st and all First Thursdays of each month (except Holy Thursday) at 6:30pm, will be our Healing Mass with special prayer & Anointing with Blessed Oil for the sick/infirm and those needing spiritual strengthening. There will also be a devotion to the Divine Mercy, a Rosary Prayer & Potluck snacks.

**Sacred Heart February Fellowship Feast:** Please join us after Mass today to gather in the hall at Sacred Heart for a Fellowship Feast. ALL are welcome. Please make plans to join us!!

**Sacred Heart Annual Spaghetti Dinner:** Our annual spaghetti dinner will be held on **March 3rd from 12-4.**

Tickets are on sale now. There is so much you can do to prove this fundraiser to be a winner every year. Whether you sell tickets, know someone with a business that may want to sponsor an ad on our placemat. **We will need desserts and also basket donations for the basket raffle.**

Please get involved and make this the **best year yet!!!**



**St Cecilia Food Pantry Volunteer:** A volunteer is needed for one of our food pantry teams. The commitment means working from 3-5pm on a Wednesday, about 4 times per year. If you would like to help, please contact Ann Mahon @ 518-853-3553. Thank you for considering this important position.



**Penance Service for Religious Ed Students:** Fr. Juanito will continue to be available to hear the Confessions of our Religious Education Students after the 8:30am Holy Mass at St Cecilia. This is a beautiful preparation for Lent & Easter Season. Volunteer Catechists & parents, please relay this message to your concerned children; assist them to have a better examination of conscience before going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** Our Parishes will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring campaign by collecting cash and food items next weekend. By donating, you will choose your football team and if your team wins the big game, you will be entered into our raffle for a prize. All of our donations will go directly to our Tackle Hungry Charity of choice: **The FFCS Backpack Program.**

### Upcoming Second Collections:

**Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday**

**Feb 17/18 - Blk/Nat-Lat Am Mission**

### COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

JAN 27 & 28, 2024—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	726.00	952.00
REPAIR/MAINT	369.00	471.00
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