

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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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 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.

### Tue. Feb. 13 thru Sun. Feb. 18, 2023

**Tue. Feb 13, 8:00 am (SH)** - No intention requested.

**Wed. Feb 14, 8:00 am (SC) Ash Wednesday** - † In memory of William Connery, requested by Andrea.

**Wed. Feb 14, 6:00 pm (SH) Ash Wednesday** - For the people of the parish.

**Thurs. Feb 15, 8:00 am (SH)** -No intention requested.

**Fri. Feb 16, 8:00 am (SC)** - † In loving memory of Julia & Walter Connolly, requested by James Wray.

**Sat. Feb 17, 4:00 pm (SH)** - † In memory of Virginia Szykowski, requested by The Marion Cassidy.

**Sun. Feb 18, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.)** † Birthday remembrance for Harry Minney, requested by Pat & George Galeazza.

2.) Anniversary blessings for Timmy & Jess Moran, requested by Mom.



The Sanctuary Lamp at Saint Cecilia will burn this week in memory of Barbara Twigg, rest in peace my friend.



Stations OF THE CROSS

### Fridays of Lenten Season

- Friday, Feb. 16 - Saint Cecilia - 7:00pm
- Friday, Feb. 23 - Sacred Heart - 7:00pm
- Friday, Mar. 1 - St. Cecilia - 7:00pm
- Friday, Mar. 8 - Sacred Heart - 7:00pm
- Friday, Mar. 15 - St. Cecilia - 7:00pm
- Friday, Mar. 22- Sacred Heart - 7:00pm

On these Fridays of Lent, the Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed in a Sacred Monstrance before & during the Devotion to the Stations of the Cross.

Also, after the 4PM Vigil Mass on Saturdays of Lent at Sacred Heart's Church (Tribes Hill) and Sundays of the Season of Lent after the 830AM Mass at St. Cecilia's, the Lector for Saturdays & Sundays of Lent will also lead as Prayer Leader for the devotion to the Station of the Cross (on those designated days). Please join us & bring your Family members for this beautiful devotion during this Season of Lent.

### Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Feb 10 (SH)	Cathy Parry Theresa Kovian Katherine Downing John Rajter	Feb 17 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Lisa & Rick Newland Katherine Downing
Feb 11 (SC)	Fourth Grade Michele Furnare Andrea Moran Kathy Marcais	Feb 18 (SC)	Ann Mahon Bill Quinn Ken Stuff

### Counters Schedule

Feb 12 (SH)	Barb Bilins Katherine Downing	Feb 19 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Kathy Avery
Feb 12 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Feb 20 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton

### Food Pantry

Feb 28 (SC)	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare
Mar 6 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro



**ASH WEDNESDAY AND VALENTINE'S DAY IN CONJUNCTION!**

14th February 2024 Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day this year. Do I still have to fast?  
From Fr. Anthony Barratt's beautiful answer.

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on the 14th February, the same day, of course, as Valentine's Day. Ash Wednesday is one of the few days in the Catholic calendar designated as a special day of fasting and abstinence. So what should we do, especially if we were thinking of going out for dinner that night?

There are several things we can recall. For (Latin Rite) Catholics, the rules of fasting are obligatory for those between the ages of 18 and 59, although many would still wish to observe this precept whatever their age. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for those over the age of 14. Fasting is defined as having two small meals or snacks during the day plus one main meal. So, it might be possible still to go out for that dinner. (For more details on the rationale and benefits of fasting, abstinence and other penitential practices, see the USCCB documents: "Penitential Practices for Catholics", <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/lent/penitential-practices-for-todays-catholics>, and "Information on Lenten Fasting and Abstinence" <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/lent/catholic-information-on-lenten-fast-and-abstinence>.)

However, perhaps all this might be looking at things from just one perspective, or in a rather narrow way. We can, for example, remember the reason behind fasting. Fasting above all is very much associated with our ongoing journey of conversion and our need for penance. As the Catechism (n. 1434) summarizes, "fasting expresses conversion in relation to oneself, to God and to others." Saint Augustine points out that fasting "purifies the soul, it lifts up the mind and it brings the body into subjection to the spirit. It makes the heart humble and contrite and enkindles the true light of charity."

Pope Francis too has spoken about fasting on a number of occasions: "Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him." Fasting should, he continued, "exercise the heart...it is a sign of becoming aware of and taking responsibility for injustice and oppression, especially of the poor and the least, and is a sign of the trust we place in God and his providence." So, fasting can help us to refresh and to purify our relationships with God, others and self. It also reminds us that we ultimately depend on God and that all we have and are is gift. It can be a living sign of our solidarity with those who have to fast each and every day not by choice, but by necessity.

We might summarize all this by saying that the very nature of true love and authentic love is sacrificial. After all, St. Valentine was an early Christian martyr and gave up his life in witness to his faith and love of Christ. So, perhaps this Valentine's Day, we might volunteer that evening to help those in need, or to donate the money that we would have spent on a dinner out to some charity or to someone we know who is in need. That way, we can show our love for each other and for God, by showing our love for another, remembering that that "another" is, in fact, Christ (cf. Matthew 25: 31-46).

**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 out 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 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!!!**



**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.

**Brooks BBQ—Tribes Hill Fire Dept:** The Tribes Hill Fire Dept. will have Brooks BBQ this Sunday (Feb 11) from 1-5pm (or until sold out). This is drive-thru only.  
Chicken Dinner - \$15 (chicken only \$10)  
Rib Dinner - \$20 (rack of ribs only \$15)



**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
**Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday**  
**Feb 17/18 - Blk/Nat-Lat Am Mission**

**COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**  
*FEB 3 & 4, 2024—WEEKEND TOTALS:*

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	647.00	870.00
EVANGELIST	89.00	249.00
OTHER	272.00	205.00
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