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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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† Altar hosts at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *January* has been donated in loving memory of *Peter & Virginia Szykowski* at the request of *Lorrie & Tony Stellato*.

† Altar wine at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *January* has been donated in loving memory of *Sal Furnare* at the request of *Michele and family*.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan 13, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † In loving memory of *Ann "Pat" Stellato, 7 yrs passed, requested by Tony & Lorrie Stellato*

2.) † In loving memory of our friend *John Simeone, requested by Mary Lynn & John Walcensky.*

Sun. Jan 14, 8:30 am (SC) - † In memory of *George Spannbauer, requested by Joey Ford & family.*

Tue. Jan. 16 thru Sun. Jan. 21, 2023

Tue. Jan 16, 8:00 am (SH) - † In memory of *Virginia Szykowski, requested by Cathy, Ron, Doug and Emily.*

Wed. Jan 17, 8:00 am (SC) - † Birthday remembrance for *Mary Galeazza, requested by George & Pat Galeazza.*

Thurs. Jan 18, 8:00 am (SH) - Birthday blessing for *Annalee Secore, requested by The Healy family.*

Fri. Jan 19, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Sat. Jan 20, 4:00 pm (SH) - † In memory of *Virginia Szykowski, requested by Noreen & Gary Brownell.*

Sun. Jan 21, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) † In memory of *Barbara James, requested by Joey Ford & family.*
2.) † In loving memory of *Frances Knowlton, requested by Evelyn Knowlton.*

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 14, 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

~Father John Muir

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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Jan 13 (SH)	Cathy Parry Katherine Downing Theresa Kovian Lorrie Stellato	Jan 20 (SH)	Chris Caffrey Tony Stellato Katherine Downing Theresa Kovian
Jan 14 (SC)	Ann Mahon Michele Furnare Andrea Moran Kathy Marcais	Jan 21 (SC)	James Wray Bill Quinn Ken Stuff

Counters Schedule

Jan 16 (SH)	Katherine Downing Barb Bilins	Jan 22 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Kathy Avery
Jan 16 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Jan 22 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton

Food Pantry

Jan 24 (SC)	Florence Stanton Marjorie Savoie
Feb 7 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall



Saint Agnes - January 21 (d.c. 258) - Patron Saint of Girls, Girl Scouts

Almost nothing is known of this saint except that she was very young—12 or 13—when she was martyred in the last half of the third century. Various modes of death have been suggested—beheading, burning, strangling.

Legend has it that Agnes was a beautiful girl whom many young men wanted to marry. Among those she refused, one reported her to the authorities for being a Christian. She was arrested and confined to a house of prostitution. The legend continues that a man who looked upon her lustfully lost his sight and had it restored by her prayer. Agnes was condemned, executed, and buried near Rome in a catacomb that eventually was named after her. The daughter of Constantine built a basilica in her honor.

Like that of Maria Goretti in the 20th century, the martyrdom of a virginal young girl made a deep impression on a society enslaved to a materialistic outlook. Also like Agatha, who died in similar circumstances, Agnes is a symbol that holiness does not depend on length of years, experience, or human effort. It is a gift God offers to all.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacred Heart Winter Gather: Saturday Feb.3, after Mass, we will gather in the hall at Sacred Heart for Fellowship and comfort food. Please make plans to join us and feel free to bless us with one of your favorite comfort dishes (soup, chili, mac-n-cheese).

The Music Ministry of Historic St Mary's Church is excited to announce the start of a Church Children's choir! Any children from first to eighth grade are encouraged to join. Projected date for first rehearsal is early February 2024. More information will be forthcoming to all churches in the next few weeks. Please contact Michela Riccio, Music Director of St Mary's Church, with any questions 518-705-9468 michelaalbertariccio@gmail.com

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: To acknowledge the need for the future as a network of parishes in the Amsterdam area, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated each Saturday at St. Mary's Church in Amsterdam with Fr. Juanito, Fr. Nate and Fr. Bob available to hear confessions. Confessions will be heard from 3:00pm to 3:30pm each Saturday and all the parishioners are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity. The network includes St. Cecilia's from Fonda, Sacred Heart from Tribes Hill, St. Stephen's from Haganan and St. Mary's, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. Stanislaus' from Amsterdam.

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

Saint Cecilia Parish Council: Our Parish Council meeting is the Tuesday (Jan. 16)

Sacred Heart Parish Council: Our Parish Council meeting is the Wednesday (Jan. 17) . There will be a brief meeting prior (5:30pm) to discuss the upcoming spaghetti dinner. Please attend, we need volunteers to make this fundraiser the success it has always been.

Upcoming Second Collections:
Jan 27/26 - Repair/Maintenance
Feb 3/4 - Evangelist

COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE
 JAN 6 & 7, 2024—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1648.00	*194.00
FUEL/HEAT	501.00	*169.00
FUNDRAISING	380.00	450.00
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