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† Altar wine at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *January* has been donated in loving memory of *Louie & Ann Stellato* at the request of *Tony & Lorrie Stellato*.

† 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 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*.

Tue. Jan. 23 thru Sun. Jan. 28, 2023

Tue. Jan 23, 8:00 am (SH) - † In memory of *Virginia Szykowski*, requested by *Cathy, Ron, John and Samantha*.

Wed. Jan 24, 8:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of *Arylene Minney*, requested by *Pat & George Galeazza*.

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

Fri. Jan 26, 8:00 am (SC) - † 77th birthday remembrance of *Sal Furnare*, requested by *Michele*

Sat. Jan 27, 4:00 pm (SH) - † For the repose of the soul of *John Gunther*, requested by *Katherine & Jason Downing*.

Sun. Jan 28, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) † For the repose of the soul of *Clara Gray*, requested by *Michele Furnare*.

2.) † Heavenly birthday blessings for *Bailey Alexandria Field*, requested by *Mom, Dad and Sammy*.

3.) † In loving memory of *Bill Tollner*, requested by *Kim & Pete Knapik and family*.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 21, 2024 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It’s understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It’s amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I’m faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: “Repent!” We tend to think it means “stop doing bad things” but it doesn’t. It literally means “go beyond the mind you have.” Think in a new way. It’s painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, “I’m done lying,” and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that’s why at Mass we together proclaim, “I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words...” Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn’t being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

~Father John Muir

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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

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| Jan 20 (SH) | Chris Caffrey Tony Stellato Katherine Downing Theresa Kovian | Jan 27 (SH) | Theresa Kovian Cathy Parry Lorrie Stellato Katherine Downing |
| Jan 21 (SC) | James Wray Bill Quinn Ken Stuff | Jan 28 (SC) | Kathy Marcais Dave Marcais Michele Furnare |

Counters Schedule

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| Jan 22 (SH) | Noreen Brownell Kathy Avery | Jan 29 (SH) | Barb Bilins Kathy Avery |
| Jan 22 (SC) | Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton | Jan 29 (SC) | Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais |

Food Pantry

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



January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children":

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daily Mass at St. Cecilia: Beginning January 24, 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).

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

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 Hagaman and St. Mary's, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. Stanislaus' from Amsterdam.

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).

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Jan 27/26 - Repair/Maintenance
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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

COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

JAN 13 & 14, 2024—WEEKEND TOTALS:

| COLLECTIONS: | SH | SC |
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| WEEKLY COLLECTION | 907.00 | 1609.00 |
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