

JANUARY 28, 2024

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SACRED HEART CHURCH, TRIBES HILL NY

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"
- Mk 1:23-25

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† Altar wine at **Sacred Heart** for the month of **February** 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 **February** 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 **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. 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**.

Tue. Jan. 30 thru Sun. Feb. 4, 2023

Tue. Jan 30, 8:00 am (SH) - † In memory of **Lynn Roy Goodspeed**, requested by **Tony & Lorrie Stellato**.

Wed. Jan 31, 8:00 am (SC) - † 23rd Birthday remembrance for **Bailey Alexandria Field**, requested by **Mom, Dad & Sammy**.

Thurs. Feb 1, 8:00 am (SH) - † In memory of **Virginia Szykowski**, requested by **Pat & George Galeazza**.

Fri. Feb 2, 8:00 am (SC) - † In memory of **Virginia Szykowski**, requested by **Ann & John Mahon**.

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**.



The Sanctuary Lamp at Sacred Heart will burn this week in loving memory of Robert & Vivian Dylong, given by their nephew Jamie Dylong.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 28, 2024 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?” Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “Quiet! Come out of him!” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

~Father John Muir

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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

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| Jan 27 (SH) | Theresa Kovian Cathy Parry Lorrie Stellato Katherine Downing | Feb 3 (SH) | Katherine Downing Tony & Lorrie Stellato Cathy Parry |
| Jan 28 (SC) | Kathy Marcais Dave & Kathy Marcais Michele Furnare | Feb 4 (SC) | Dianne Kierpiec Ken Stuff Dianne Kierpiec Bill Quinn |

Counters Schedule

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| Jan 29 (SH) | Barb Bilins Kathy Avery | Feb 5 (SH) | Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski |
| Jan 29 (SC) | Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais | Feb 5 (SC) | Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton |

Food Pantry

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| Feb 7 (SH) | Barb Bilins Wendy Hall |
| Feb 28 (SC) | Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare |



February 2 - Presentation of the Lord

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Early references to the Roman feast dub it the feast of Saint Simeon, the old man who burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at day's end.



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

Tickets will go on sale Saturday Feb 3rd. We need everyone to sell tickets. We are also selling ad space on the placemats. Please get involved and make this the **best on yet!!!**



Sacred Heart February Fellowship Feast: Saturday Feb.3, after Mass (approx. 5pm), we will gather in the hall at Sacred Heart for a Fellowship Feast. **ALL** are welcome. Please make plans to join us and feel free to bless us with one of your favorite comfort dishes. Beverages provided.

Penance Service for Religious Ed Students: This Sunday (1/28) Fr. Juanito will continue to be available for 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.

Upcoming Second Collections:
Feb 3/4 - Evangelist

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 20 & 21, 2024—WEEKEND TOTALS:

| COLLECTIONS: | SH | SC |
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| WEEKLY COLLECTION | 580.00 | 564.00 |
| OTHER | 977.00 | 404.00 |
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